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## **“FIRST EVER” Minnesota Boys’ High School Volleyball State Tournament**

SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA. --- The State Boys’ Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for May 18 & 19 at Shakopee High School -Shakopee, MN

### **Here is a look at the tournament:**

**The schedule:** All quarterfinals will be played on Saturday, May 18th. Matches are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Championship and consolation semifinals will follow at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, May. 19. the 7<sup>th</sup> place & consolation final for 5<sup>th</sup> place are scheduled for 9 a.m. The third-place match is scheduled for 11 a.m. The FIRST EVER Boys State Championship Match is scheduled for 1 p.m. Award Ceremony & All-Tournament Team Selection to follow the 1pm match on Sunday. For a complete schedule, see the MN Boys High School Volleyball Association’s website at [www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com](http://www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com)

**Webcast:** No matches will be webcast. All are invited to come see the FIRST EVER BOYS’ STATE TOURNAMENT IN PERSON!

**Tickets:** Daily Rate \$12 for adults and \$8 for students & seniors

**Official ball & volleyball organization:** Baden Mens VCOR & JVA-Junior Volleyball Assoc.

**Detailed team record and school team information:** Details available on the League website, on the 2019 League page, [www.MNBoysHighschoolvolleyball.com](http://www.MNBoysHighschoolvolleyball.com)

**Doors open:** 8 a.m. each day.

**Game results:** Posted on the League’s website at [www.mnhighschoolvolleyball.com](http://www.mnhighschoolvolleyball.com)

**Social media:** Follow the tournament on the League’s Facebook page and on Twitter at @MNBoysHSVB

**Hosted by:** Shakopee Boys High School Volleyball Club & Shakopee High School Volleyball Booster Club

**Location Address & Google Map:** Shakopee High School 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Shakopee MN  
<https://goo.gl/maps/hVEHGj5bEjtajep8A>

**Parking & Access to Venue:** Park on the WEST side of the school. Enter in the ACTIVITIES entrance, near the tennis courts, on the WEST side of the school on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave & Koeper Ave.

**Press Conferences/Interviews:** There will be an opportunity for a press conference after each match and a mandatory “cooling-off” period. A media assistant will assist you in contacting any players or coaches you wish to interview. All media planning to attend should contact Jenny Kilkelly or Krista Flemming to place your name on the Media Pass list.

**Team participants:** The 2019 Champion of each Conference will receive a bid to participate in the FIRST EVER State Tournament. 6 Conferences are located in the Northwest, North, South, East, & West areas of the metro. 2 more conferences are located in Northern MN & Southern MN.

**MN Boys HS VB Association Details:** The MN Boys HS VB Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was formed in January of 2018. It was created with the purpose of providing boys an opportunity to connect and identify with their high schools while playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular sport for men in the world - volleyball. MN Boys HS VB Association entity responsible for implementing club Boys Volleyball Teams in Minnesota High Schools. This effort and initiative was started and continues to be lead by Walt Weaver along with the MN Boys High School VB Associations support. Walt Weaver, Hugh McCutcheon & The MN Boys HS VB Association continue advocating for Boys High School Volleyball at all levels with USA Volleyball, JVA - Junior Volleyball Association, Motor MVB, & most noted the Minnesota State High School League. Even after seeing tremendous growth and acknowledging this enormous opportunity for boys to play volleyball in their high school communities, the MSHSL denied acceptance of sanctioning the sport a second time in April of 2019. Currently the association is working on a third proposal requesting the MSHSL accept Boys HS Volleyball into their organization as another sanctioned high school sport.

There is strong interest and commitment building the sport for boys. In Spring of 2018 twenty two schools competed in the “FIRST EVER” boys high school volleyball season! This included 38 Varsity & Junior Varsity teams with over 400 boys playing high school club volleyball! The 2019 high school club season has doubled to 800 boys representing 50 Minnesota high schools. It has grown from 2 to 8 conferences. This year the conference champion receives an invitation to participate in the “FIRST EVER” 2019 Minnesota Boys High School Volleyball State Tournament. This State Tournament will be one of the historical events for MN Boys High School Volleyball as it explodes onto the MN High School Sports scene!!!

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