



2024-2025 Girls Volleyball Terms and Conditions

Changes and items of clarification from last school year to this school year are highlighted. Some sections have been reorganized/renumbered.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

- A. The classification of each school participating in the IESA Volleyball state series will be determined by enrollment.
- Seventh and eighth grade enrollment from the previous school year as reported by the member school shall determine the classification of each school after a tabulation of entries in each sport.
 - Volleyball will be split into four (4) classes each containing 25% of the participating schools.
 - The highest 25% of the schools entered in the activity is 4A, the next 25% of the schools entered in the activity is 3A, the next 25% of the schools entered in the activity is Class 2A, and the lowest 25% is 1A.
- B. Each of the state tournaments is organized separately by geographical areas so there may be different schools in each regional tournament at each grade level.

II. VOLLEYBALL SEASON CALENDAR

	7 th Grade Girls Volleyball	8 th Grade Girls Volleyball
Entry Deadline	October 7, 2024	October 7, 2024
Final Entry Deadline	October 20, 2024	October 20, 2024
Cooperative Agreement Due	December 1, 2024	December 1, 2024
Practice/Tryouts May Begin	December 2, 2024	December 2, 2024
Season Schedule Due	January 6, 2025	January 6, 2025
Matches May Begin	January 6, 2025	January 6, 2025
Online Roster/Record Deadline	February 18, 2025	February 25, 2025
Online Ranking	February 20, 2025	February 27, 2025
Rosters Closed	February 28, 2025 @ 4:00 pm	March 7, 2025 @ 4:00 pm
Regionals	March 1, 3-6, 2025	March 8, 11 -13, 2025
Sectionals	March 10, 2025	March 17, 2025
State Finals	March 14, 2025 (quarterfinals) March 15, 2025 (semifinals, third place and championship)	March 21, 2025 (quarterfinals) March 22, 2025 (semifinals, third place and championship)
Season Must End	April 2, 2025	April 2, 2025

III. ENTRY FEES AND WITHDRAWAL FROM VOLLEYBALL

A. Entry Fees

- Schools must pay an entry fee of \$65 by the initial entry deadline.
- Schools may enter the activity after the initial entry deadline but must do so prior to the final entry deadline and the school may be subject to paying double fees.
 - Late entry fees will be waived for schools designated as new members, or for current member schools entering an activity for the first time, which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline.
- Entry fees will be refunded only upon written request prior to the initial entry deadline.

B. Withdrawal Fees

- The penalty fee assessed to a school which does not participate in an athletic activity for which it is registered without notifying the IESA office or withdraws from the state series after the online ranking deadline for a given activity shall pay a \$50.00 penalty, the cost of the officials for the contest which they forfeited, and that school's share for one contest for any deficit, and any other penalties (including monetary) as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director. The \$50.00 penalty fee shall be paid directly to the host school.

IV. STUDENT AND COACH ELIGIBILITY

- A. A student must be eligible under all of the eligibility rules and conditions of competition of the IESA. These rules and conditions are outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the IESA Handbook and include but are not limited to:
1. Scholastic Standing - IESA By-Law 2.040
 2. Residence and Transfer - IESA By-Laws 2.050 and 2.060
 3. Participation Limitations - IESA By-Law 3.040
 4. Age Qualifications - IESA By-Law 3.050
 5. Physical Examination - IESA By-Law 3.060
 6. Amateurism - IESA By-Law 3.070
 7. Participating Under an Assumed Name - IESA By-Law 3.080
 8. All-Star Participation - IESA By-Law 3.100
- B. To serve as a head coach, assistant coach, unpaid volunteer coach, and/or serve in any coaching capacity, the individual must meet the IESA requirements outlined in IESA By-Law 2.110.

V. LIMITATIONS

A. Season Limitations

1. No member school participating in the girls' volleyball state tournament series shall organize, hold try-outs, or practice prior to Monday of Week 22 in the IESA standardized calendar.
2. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in volleyball no earlier than Monday of Week 27 and its last interscholastic contest in volleyball no later than Saturday of Week 39 in the IESA standardized calendar.
3. **Only schools which have an established school team which has played at least three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the online roster and record deadline in that sport during the current season may participate in team competition in Association-sponsored meets or tournaments.**

B. Individual Limitations

1. **For regular season contests as well as regular season tournaments, students shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) matches per day.** Participation in a match shall mean that a student competes (regardless of the length of time) in any set during a match.
2. Students may participate in either or both grade levels of the IESA state tournaments for which they are qualified; however, per the age qualifications, eighth graders are never permitted to play on seventh grade teams.
3. Students in 5th or 6th grade who play on the school's seventh and/or eighth grade teams must abide by all IESA rules and regulations.
4. In addition to automatic forfeiture of the contest, should a student exceed the individual limitations listed, the coach of the team shall be ineligible to coach for the next two interscholastic contests at the level where the violation occurred and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

C. Team Limitations

1. **No girls' volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season and exclusive of the IESA series, participate in more than 24 matches.** A team can enter any combination of regular season matches and tournaments in a given season as long as the total number of matches does not exceed 24. A team could also choose to enter no tournaments and simply play 24 matches. Any combination of matches and tournaments will be allowed as long as the total number of matches played prior to the start of regional play does not exceed 24.
2. All interscholastic competition shall be considered a match.

D. State Tournament Team Limitations

1. **Each tournament team shall consist of a maximum of 15 uniformed girls whose names appear on the Regional Entry Form.** Schools may make changes to the Regional Entry Form until the "Roster Closed" deadline date as detailed in the Activity Calendar that is posted on the IESA website. After the Roster Closed deadline, no changes will be permitted on the Regional Entry Form.
2. Volleyball warm-up periods shall be 2-6-6 for all regular season matches and IESA state series tournaments. For regular season tournaments, the host school may shorten, but not lengthen the 2-6-6 warm-up format.

3. All tournament play shall be single elimination with the winning team advancing from regional to sectional and from sectional to state level competition. If an opponent incurs a violation in the state series that requires a contest or contests to be forfeited, the following policy will be followed:
 - If the violation affects only one round of competition, the opponent within that round will be advanced on to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
 - If the violation affects more than one round of competition, no opponent from the preceding rounds of competition shall be advanced to the next round of competition within the state tournament series.
 - The advancement of opponents shall be determined by the IESA office.
4. The host school shall have the court set-up and ready for the first match 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match. The host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the competing teams prior to this set-up time.
5. **In regional, sectional, and the state final matches, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the coin toss and timed warm-up. Teams are permitted to stretch on the court prior to the timed warm-up.**
6. During the IESA state series, teams may play in no more than two matches per day.

VI. RULES OF PLAY AND IESA POLICIES

A. Authority

1. By authority of the IESA Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall interpret and enforce the IESA Volleyball Terms and Conditions.
2. IESA Volleyball follows the National Federation of State High School Associations Volleyball Rules Book with the IESA Exceptions to NFHS Rules as noted in Section VIII of these Terms and Conditions.

B. Facilities and Bench Personnel

1. The playing court shall be set up and ready for play 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the first match and the host school shall not make its gymnasium available to the competition teams for practice sessions prior to the warm-up.
2. In regional, sectional, and state final tournament play, the host school shall not make its gymnasium or playing fields available to the visiting teams for practice sessions.
3. If the libero position is used, a libero tracker must be used and per NFHS rule, this individual must be separate from the official scorer. In regular season play, the host school will provide the libero tracker. For IESA state series play, the host school will provide the libero tracker and this individual must be at least 17 years old.
4. In the state series, the individual assigned by the host school to keep the official scorebook must be a minimum of 17 years old.
5. No cell phones or electronic devices are permitted at the scorer's table during a match by bench personnel.

C. Team Personnel and Warm-up Procedures

1. Team personnel are defined as those individuals listed on the regional entry form.
 - a. No team will be allowed more than 15 players in uniform and those individuals' names must appear on the regional entry form to be considered team personnel.
 - b. These individuals are allowed on the court during warm-ups and introductions, and they are allowed on the team bench during the state series matches.
 - c. Members of a school's seventh grade team are not permitted to sit on the bench during the eighth-grade state series. Likewise, members of a school's eighth grade team are not permitted to sit on the bench during the seventh-grade state series.
 - d. Only team personnel listed on the regional entry form are permitted in the playing area (on the court, on the competition floor).
 - e. **Non-team personnel may be present on the court when properly equipped, not in uniform to help shag balls during the warm-up. (No feather boas, tutus, sunglasses, pom poms, or other paraphernalia are allowed on the team personnel)**
2. When taking the floor for a contest, teams should take the shortest path to their own side of the court and not run through the area occupied by the opposing team, where the opponents are warming up, or split into two lines and circle their opponents.
3. When and where possible, teams should only enter, jog or warm up on their own half of the court.

4. Ball handling prior to the coin toss during the state series is as follows:
 - **In regional, sectional, and the state final matches, ball handling will not be permitted prior to the coin toss and timed warm-up. Teams are permitted to stretch on the court prior to the timed warm-up.**
5. Volleyball warm-up periods shall be 2-6-6.
 - a. The first 2 minutes are shared, the home team is given 6 minutes to have the entire court and then the visiting team is given 6 minutes to have the entire court.
 - b. When teams are off the court, ball handling is allowed as space allows.
 - c. If space is limited teams shall be restricted to ball handling behind the end line.
 - d. After the conclusion of shared warm-up time, practice jerseys or warm-ups with or without numbers should be removed.

D. Special Awareness Night Policy

1. The following guidelines give each member schools guidance when wishing to hold a special awareness night in the activity of volleyball:
 - a. All uniforms worn during the special awareness match must meet the standard uniform regulations:
 - i. This includes having the number on the front and back of the shirt/jersey.
 - ii. Headband colors are not required to be the same for team members.
 - iii. A school may put their school's name on the shirt/jersey as they would any other uniform.
 - iv. There can be no logo endorsement on the shirt other than that of the uniform manufacturer.
 - v. There can only be a single manufacturer's logo on the uniform and undergarment. A commemorative patch may be worn but must adhere to NFHS rules.
 - b. Any equipment that in the judgement of the first referee increases a player's advantage or presents a safety concern is prohibited.
 - c. Officials may wear colored tops for any special awareness match.
 - d. A colored ball may be used for this match as long as it meets the NFHS guidelines for such volleyball. All panels of the ball shall be a maximum combination of three colors, with each panel being a solid color, and if which at least one-third of the panels shall be solid white.

E. Varsity and Non-Varsity Contests Policy

1. Both Varsity and Non-Varsity
 - a. Designation of Contest - The level of competition for a contest is regularly specified on the contract which schools enter into for a given contest. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the principals/official representatives of all competing schools prior to the contest, the level of competition specified on the contract designates the level of the competition.
 - b. Season, Team, and Individual Limitations and Eligibility Standards - The school season ends for varsity athletes and non-varsity athletes on the date of the school's last contest at their level in the particular sport. Team limitations apply to varsity and non-varsity teams. Individual player limitations apply to both varsity and non-varsity teams (per day limitations). Eligibility standards and requirements apply to both varsity and non-varsity athletes.
2. Varsity Only
 - a. A varsity contest may be played only if the required number of licensed officials can be obtained.
 - b. Only varsity contests count toward a teams required minimum and maximum number of contests. The varsity team is identified by the school at the start of the season and that team fulfills a schedule of contests arranged for the varsity team. This team is considered to be the team that comprises the most skilled competitors in the sport and is the team which is the school's representative at its highest level of competition, including the state series.
3. Non-Varsity Only
 - a. A non-varsity contest may be officiated by members of the coaching staff, faculty and/or administrative staff from any of the competing schools if the contracted official does not show or the school could not obtain a licensed official for the contest.
 - b. By agreement of the participating schools, the format of the contest may be altered.

F. Volleyballs

1. Mikasa VQ2000 Plus must be used at the regional, sectional, and state final level of play.
 - a. Each regional and sectional host will receive one (1) Mikasa VQ2000 Plus to be used in the contest.
 - b. Each state finals host will receive two (2) Mikasa VQ2000 Plus volleyballs to be used in competition.
 - c. State series host schools (regionals, sectionals, and state finals) shall provide two (2) ball carts and a minimum of 15 balls per cart. If a host school cannot provide this requirement, they shall notify the schools attending their site in advance.

G. Ticket Gate Admission Prices

1. Limits on free passes to the state series shall only include those individuals listed on the school's regional entry form as of the "Roster Closed" deadline.
2. The IESA pass cards are intended for use by the school administration (superintendent, principal, assistant principal, athletic director). School administrators who wish to have a guest accompany them at the state finals must present the IESA pass card at the ticket gate to allow the guest free entry.
3. Regionals
 - a. Admission is the same regardless of the number of rounds of the regional tournament are being held on one day - a maximum of two rounds can be played in one day.
 - b. Admission prices for the regional are as follows: (baby in arms free)
\$5.00 per person.
4. Sectionals
 - a. Admission prices for the sectional are as follows: (baby in arms free)
\$5.00 per person.
5. State Finals
 1. Tickets for the IESA State Volleyball Finals will be available for purchase through the GoFan digital platform.
 2. Admission prices for the state finals are as follows: (baby in arms free)

Friday:	
GoFan (digital):	\$8.00 per person
Onsite (cash):	\$10.00 per person
Saturday:	
GoFan (digital):	\$8.00 per person
Onsite (cash):	\$10.00 per person
 3. Members of the participating teams and coaching staff may be admitted to any state series tournament match in which they are competing without charge. Teams for the participating schools are expected to enter the player gate at the same time.

H. Awards

1. A championship plaque shall be awarded to regional and sectional winners.
2. A trophy is awarded to each state champion, runner-up, and third and fourth place team finishers at the state finals.
3. 23 individual medallions will be presented to each state champion, runner-up, and third and fourth place team finishers at the state finals

I. Failure to Appear and Forfeiture of Contest

1. Any team which fails to play a scheduled state tournament series match and forfeits such match is subject to action of the Board of Directors, including penalty, assessments, suspension, or expulsion.
2. A team failing to field the required number of starting players in volleyball within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled match time shall forfeit the match. A match that is played even though the school failed to field the required number of starters within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled match time cannot be protested for that reason.
3. No state tournament series contest shall be forfeited due to weather conditions. If the administrator of

any participating school determines he or she cannot reach the tournament site due to weather conditions, the host school shall reschedule that particular match as soon as possible. The IESA and the opposing schools shall be notified of the rescheduling; other contests scheduled on that particular date may still be held.

4. Any coach or school official who withdraws a team from the field of play under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the match shall forfeit all rights to protest, except when the principal of the forfeiting school believes circumstances which affected the health, safety, or welfare of the students required such action, he or she may file a protest.

VII. EXCEPTIONS

A. IESA Exceptions to National Federation Volleyball Rules

1. Rally scoring format shall be used. Teams will play a best two-of-three sets match in which a team is considered the winner of the match when it wins two sets. All sets shall be to 25 points (no cap). [1-2-1; IESA has adopted 1-2-1 Note 1]
2. For regular season tournaments only, the best 2 out of 3 sets to 25 format can be altered (Example: Coaches decide set #3 will be played to 15 points in regular season tournaments.). [1-2-1 Note 1]
3. During regular season play, court size shall be a minimum of 25 feet by 50 feet. [2-1-1]
4. The top height of the net shall be seven feet to the floor. [3-1-4]
5. Shorts may be rolled when done for allowing a better fitting uniform. Strings must be tucked in to the shorts, pants, or skirts. [4-2-1 c]
6. All sections of NFHS Rule 4-2-4 must be followed regarding the numbers on the uniform. For clarification purposes, the number on the uniform cannot be 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, or 09. [4-2-4]
7. In the volleyball state series, it is recommended that each competing team keep a scorebook. The individual keeping the team scorebook must be a minimum of 17 years old and must be seated at the score table if room allows. If space is not available, this individual must sit in the immediate proximity of the score table during the match. Immediate proximity is the first seat on the bench closest to the score table or in a seat next to the score table.
 - In the event that there is a discrepancy between the visible score and the official scorebook, the match officials will compare the scorebooks of the competing teams with the official scorebook to determine an appropriate correction if applicable.
 - If after examination of all scorebooks the match officials cannot determine an appropriate correction, the original record of the official scorebook will be considered official and correct.
 - The judgement and/or decision of the match officials cannot be protested.
 - NOTE: It is recommended that all competing teams keep a team scorebook, regardless if they are hosting the contest. In this case, it is required that the host school provides an individual to record the official book and it is recommended the host also has an additional individual to record their own team book. [5-6-4, 11-3-3]
8. Teams shall remain on the same benches throughout the match. If upon arrival of the visiting team and officials, it is determined that one side of the net/facility has an advantage/disadvantage, the decision to switch benches or remain on the same side through the match will be made at the coaches/captains/officials pre-match conference. [9-2-2, 9-2-3]
9. The uniform number shall be placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 6 inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than 6 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket, or seams on the uniform top.

VIII. HOSTS - REGIONALS, SECTIONALS AND STATE FINALS

A. Host Selection

1. Schools interested in hosting a regional, sectional or the state finals should complete the "Host Interest" survey in the school's member center and/or email the IESA Volleyball administrator in order to be considered.
2. Regional and sectional assignments for each school are designated by the IESA and will be posted to the IESA website.
3. State finals hosts are approved by the IESA Board of Directors. Host schools are required to

hang official IESA and Mikasa® banners.

4. Schools serving as a host must have signage in accordance with the Concealed Carry Act 430 ILCS66 - this includes an IESA event held on school property and IESA events held off school property.

B. Regional Tournament

1. Each school hosting a regional will receive a Mikasa® volleyball at no charge.
2. Regional matches held on weeknights may not begin before 4:30 pm.
3. The playing schedule for regionals is determined by the host school but must be played within the dates outlined in the season calendar in Section II for each grade level.
4. The regional host is responsible for contracting 2 IHSA-licensed officials for each match in the regional tournament.
 - a. The payment is provided to these regional tournament officials by the regional host.
 - b. The payment to the officials is considered an allowable expenditure on the regional financial report form.

C. Sectional Match

1. Each school hosting a sectional match will receive a Mikasa® volleyball at no charge.
2. Sectional contests will begin at 6:30 pm.
3. If no school offers to host a sectional, the regional winners for the unset sectional will be determined by a coin flip in the IESA office if both schools wish to host the sectional.
4. IESA contracts 2 IHSA-licensed sectional officials for each sectional match.
 - a. The payment is provided to the sectional match officials by the sectional host.
 - b. The payment to the officials for the sectional match is considered an allowable expenditure on the sectional financial report form.

D. State Finals

1. State finals hosts are required to send state final information packets to the IESA office.
2. IESA contracts and pays IHSA-licensed officials.

E. Financial Arrangements

1. Regional Tournaments and Sectional Matches
 - a. The regional tournament/sectional match financial report form outlines allowable expenditures and which expenditures are not allowed.
 - b. Each member school hosting a regional tournament/sectional match shall send the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions along with the completed financial report form as soon as possible and no later than within two weeks of the conclusion of hosting.
 - c. Allowable expenditures shall be detailed on the financial report form.
 - d. If there is a deficit in regional tournament/sectional match finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-match basis.
 - i. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the IESA Executive Director approves the financial report form.
2. State Finals
 - a. All tournament receipts, the completed state finals financial report and the state expense summary form shall be sent to the IESA office as soon as possible and no later than within two weeks of the conclusion of the state finals.
 - i. 1/3 of the profit shall be returned to the host school
 - ii. 2/3 of the profit will be retained by the IESA
 - iii. Any deficit expenditures will be paid by the IESA
 - b. The host school will also receive:
 - i. An amount approved by the IESA Board of Directors as their share of merchandise sales no matter the amount of money generated
 - ii. All concession revenue
 - c. Outside vendors shall be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA.

IX. STATE SERIES STRUCTURE

A. Advancement of Teams

1. In each of the four (4) classes, there shall be 16 regional tournaments.
 - a. Where possible, at least four (4) schools shall be assigned to each regional tournament.
 - b. In each class, the winners of the 16 regional tournaments will advance to one of eight (8) sectional contests consisting of two (2) teams in each sectional contest.
 - c. The winners of the eight (8) sectional tournaments will advance to the state finals.
2. All tournament play shall be single elimination with the exception of the losers of the state semifinal matches. Losers of state semifinal matches will play a consolation match.
3. All matches are to be played in the proper order and shall not be changed unless permission is granted by the IESA - the sample brackets with the correct playing order are available online.
4. Matches should not be played during school hours.

B. Regional Tournament Pairings

1. All regional hosts will post brackets online. The host school should enter dates, times and locations for the regional tournament, so the bracket is automatically created.
 - a. Sample brackets for regionals with 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 teams are available on the IESA Volleyball website under "Documents and Links" and the subsection "Information."
 - b. All quarterfinal matches on the same side of the bracket (top or bottom) must be played on the same day.
 - c. All semifinal matches must be played on the same day.
2. The team listed at the top of the bracket shall be considered the home team.
3. Regional matches held on weeknights may not begin before 4:30 pm.
4. Host schools will enter match result information to advance the winners as regional tournaments and sectional contests are played.

C. Sectional Matches

1. The odd-numbered regional team shall be considered the home team.
2. All sectional matches will begin at 6:30pm.

D. State Finals

1. All quarterfinal matches will be played on Friday.
2. All semifinal matches, followed by the third-place match and the championship match, will be played on Saturday.
3. The team listed at the top of the bracket shall be considered the home team.
4. The IESA Volleyball Advisory Committee randomly draws the pairings for the Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A state finals at its spring meeting. The time schedule will be posted on the IESA website.

X. ONLINE FORMS

A. Regional Entry Form

1. All information will be entered online - schools must enter the following information online in the IESA member center by the online roster and record deadline. Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any state series contest unless the regional entry form has been completed; penalties will be enforced if the regional entry form information and roster/record is not submitted by the posted deadline.
2. Schools are required to submit their season schedule in the entry center by the date listed in section II of these Terms and Conditions.
3. Schools that fail to submit their season results by the online roster/record deadline will not be allowed to seed the other teams within their regional but the teams in that regional will be allowed to seed the team(s) who fail to list season results.
4. The school/team personnel information entered on this form is what will be used for free entries into the state finals should a school advance to that level.
5. Schools will be asked to submit the coach's name and email address; doing this certifies that each student entered on the roster has a birth certificate on file and she meets the eligibility guidelines as put forth by the IESA. It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to ensure that each participant listed on its regional entry form is eligible.
6. Changes, additions, and/or substitutions may be made to the regional entry form information

until 4:00 pm on the date listed as the "Roster Closed" deadline of the season calendar in Section II of these Terms and Conditions. No roster changes are permitted after this deadline.

7. Components of the Regional Entry Form include:
 - a. Athletes and Team Personnel - schools may list up to 15 eligible athletes for the state series.
 - b. Regular Season Contests
 - i. Submit the full varsity season schedule with results.
 - ii. Non-varsity contests do not count as part of the team record.
 - iii. A forfeit counts as a match played and the score should be entered as 25-0.
 - iv. The team record will automatically be tabulated by the season schedule and results entered.
 - c. Special Comments - additional notes schools should consider when ranking.

B. Online Ranking

1. A school that has not completed any of the online seeding steps has no say regarding seed. It is that school's responsibility to enter the appropriate material online by the deadline.
2. After the online roster and record deadline, schools will have one day to rank all participating schools in their regional based on the information each team submitted. The following are factors to consider when ranking other teams in the regional:
 - a. Season record and quality of teams' competition
 - b. Smaller schools competing against larger schools (i.e. 1A vs. 2A)
 - c. Head-to-head competition with common opponents
 - d. Record against common opponents
 - e. Roster of post-season team
1. The votes will be tabulated and the IESA will view all ranking results, break any ties, and confirm seed results online - if two or more teams are tied for any seed, the IESA administrator will break the tie by a coin flip.
2. All schools in a given regional will be able to see how other schools in the regional ranked them.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. General Rules

1. It is required that member schools use Illinois High School Association (IHSA) officials licensed in volleyball for all regular season contests. Coaches from participating teams should never be the contest officials for a varsity match.
 - a. A school's first violation for hiring a non-licensed official will result in a written warning. With a second violation, the Executive Director shall have the full authority to determine and impose a monetary penalty equivalent to the cost of one regional official for that activity.
2. A pre-match conference with officials, head coaches, and captains is required to take place prior to all contests involving member schools.
3. All contest officials shall be familiar with IESA contest regulations/exceptions and the National Federation Rules for volleyball.
4. Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.

B. Contracting and Payment Toward Officials

1. **Regular Season** - 2 officials shall be hired and paid by the host school for all regular season matches, both of whom shall be licensed by the IHSA. The rate of pay is determined by the school.
2. **Regionals** - 2 IHSA-licensed officials shall be hired for each regional match (neither may have an affiliation with the participating schools). These officials are paid by the regional host at the rate of **\$55 each per match (no mileage)**. This is an allowable expenditure on the regional financial report form.
3. **Sectionals** - 2 IHSA-licensed officials shall be hired by the IESA for each sectional match. These officials are paid by the sectional host at the rate of **\$65 each per match (no mileage)**. This is an allowable expenditure on the sectional financial report form.
4. **State Finals** - 2 officials and 2-line judges shall be hired by the IESA for each state level match.

The officials shall be IHSA-licensed and are paid by the IESA at the rate of \$75 each per match as a referee and \$25 each per match as a line judge. No mileage will be paid. The IESA will also contract and pay an IHSA-licensed official to be the Coordinator of Officials for each state finals location at the rate of \$30 per match. This individual is responsible for coordinating and evaluating all state finals officials.

5. Line Judges

- a. For regular season matches, regionals and sectionals, the host school has the option to use qualified line judges. If the host school uses line judges, the line judges:
 - i. Must be at least 17 years of age; and
 - ii. Two (2) line judges (no more, no less) must be provided; and
 - iii. Line judges must adhere to the following regarding proper dress:
 - Black slacks, all white shirt, and black or white athletic shoes.
 - Line judges must not wear black and white striped official's shirts.
- b. For regional and sectional hosts, line judges are an allowable expenditure on the financial report form with a rate of pay not to exceed \$20.00 per line judge per match.