



MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

GUIDELINES FOR VOLLEYBALL

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Article 1: NFHS rules govern play

The NFHS volleyball rules book will be followed.

Article 2: Court and match information

The home team will provide a regulation court. A varsity match is best three-out-of-five sets. The first four sets are to 25 points, and the fifth set is to 15 points. All sets are win by two, no cap. A junior high or junior varsity match is best two-out-of-three sets. The first two sets are to 25 points and the third set is to 15 points. All sets are win by two, no cap.

Article 3: Officials

Due to safety concerns, certified officials are required for varsity competition. If certified officials are unavailable, the host team must communicate before the competition in a timely manner so both teams can come to a mutually acceptable solution. If certified officials are not provided by the host team, the match shall not be played in an official capacity, and shall be forfeited by the host team or rescheduled if possible, unless both athletic directors decide to waive this rule and come to a mutually acceptable solution.

Article 4: League standings and season-ending tournament

The standings for the end of the season will be determined by overall record in league play. If there is a tie for any position, tie-breaking procedures are sequential as follows: 1) Head-to-head contests. 2) Number of sets lost in head-to-head contests. 3) Teams records against the highest ranked teams in the league will be compared, in descending order of standings, until the tie is broken. 4) Teams will play at a neutral site for a single match tiebreaker. 5) If both teams agree not to play at a neutral site, then a coin flip will determine the higher ranked team.

The season-ending league standings will determine seeding in the season-ending tournament. Only the top eight teams in the league will qualify for the season-ending tournament. The tournament will be standard double-elimination format.

Article 5: Admission for spectators

It is up to each MCL member to determine whether or not to charge admission for league matches. Admission for spectators will not be charged for MCL season-ending tournament matches. Team entry fees will be charged to cover costs for tournaments.

Article 6: League scores and schedules

Overall schedules and scores for each varsity set and match must be reported to the MCL website.