

P.I.A.A. District IX Girls' Volleyball Tournament

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

AAA Schools: – 4 schools – Bradford Area, Clearfield Area, DuBois Area, and St. Marys Area

AA Schools: - 7 schools - Brookville Area, Cranberry Area, Kane Area, Karns City, Keystone, Moniteau, and Punxsutawney.

A Schools: - 23 schools - AC Valley, Austin, Brockway Area, Cameron County, Clarion Area, Clarion Limestone, Coudersport, Curwensville Area, DuBois Central Catholic, Elk County Catholic, Forest Area, Johnsonburg Area, North Clarion, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley, Otto-Eldred, Port Allegany, Redbank Valley, Ridgway Area, Sheffield Area, Smethport Area, Union, and Venango Catholic.

From: Aaron Straub, District IX Volleyball Chairman

Date: October 9, 2023

Re: 2023 District IX Volleyball Championship Information

This packet contains information, rules, and necessary paper work to enter the District IX Open Volleyball Tournament. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Tournament is to qualify the best teams in District IX for State Playoff Competition. The Tournament is open to any District IX P.I.A.A. member school that sponsors volleyball and no team will be denied admittance because of a won-loss record.

Please check your school classification (“AAA”, “AA” or “A”) above.

Best of luck to all teams who enter the District IX Tournament.

Tournament: Class A & AA & AAA teams will qualify for the PIAA State Tournament through the District IX Tournament. Class A will qualify two teams for the sixteen-team state tournament. Class AA will qualify one team for the sixteen-team state tournament. The D-IX Class AAA champion will play the D-VIII champion for a slot into the sixteen-team Class AAA State bracket.

Eligibility: Open Tournament

Entries: **The Power Rating / Entry Form (one form – 3 tabs) must be submitted to the Tournament Director by Wednesday, October 18, 2023 by NOON.**

If you have matches scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th and or Thursday, October 19th list those matches on the form. Please email me the results of any matches that are played following your submission of your entry form.

Entry to the 2023 D-9 Volleyball Tournament consist of the following:

- (1). Power ranking / Entry Form (tab #1)**
- (2). Tournament Results (tab #2)**
- (3). Supplemental form listing any additional info for seeding (tab #3)**
- (4). Team Roster**
- (5). Team Picture**

E-Mail: **strauba@eccss.org**

Program Roster: **You MUST also submit a roster and team photo with your entry form listing coaches and players – name, number, position, year in school. Please send a roster and picture Ben Fiscus and copy me as well.**

Ben Fiscus

bfiscus@windstream.net

Entry Fee: Do not send payment until invoiced by Mr. Bob Tonkin

Communications: All official communications will be between the District IX Volleyball Chairman and the participating schools' Athletic Director. Information will also be posted on the district IX website: www.piaad9.org

Facilities: If your facility is available, manageable, and regulation court size to host a district playoff game it will be considered as a playoff site.

Game Sites: In all classes – “A”, “AA”, and “AAA”- all matches up to the tournament finals will be played on the home court of the higher seeded team. If a neutral site cannot be secured, the championship match will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team.

School Personnel: Principals of competing schools, or their designee, should make themselves available to game management for all matches that involve their school.

Game Officials: Two (2) P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to all matches leading up to the semi-final round. Four (4) P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to the semi-finals and finals.

Game Manager: The District IX Volleyball Chairperson will select a game manager for each site. Game manager information and financial forms will be provided. Game managers will contact participating schools with information concerning their match.

Pre-game Meeting: The game manager will conduct a meeting 20 minutes prior to the start of the match.

Pre-game warm-up: There will be a twenty (20) minute warm-up period for all matches. The warm-up will include the following:

Six (6) minutes of shared court time (no hitting across the net)

Seven (7) minutes with the serving team using the court

Seven (7) minutes with the receiving team using the court

Rules: All current P.I.A.A. rules will be in effect.

Match format: All matches will be rally scoring (no-cap) the best three (3) of five (5) sets with each set played to twenty-five (25) points. If a 5th set is necessary, it will be played to fifteen (15) points.

Admission Fees: \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Students

All tickets are purchased at the gate. There will be no presale or on-line sale.

District IX passes will be honored.

Match Information: The higher seeded team will be the home team.
An official **colored** “Baden” game ball will be provided.
Each school should also provide a game ball
Each school is responsible for providing a scorekeeper & libero tracker
Home team will be the official book.

Locker Rooms: Will be provided and assigned by the site and game manager. If
LOCKER ROOMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE the host school must
notify the visiting school in advance so they can make arrangements
to come dressed and ready to play.

Awards: Fifteen (15) individual medals will be presented at the Championship
Site to the Champion and Runner-up.

Radio Fees: The radio fee for District IX Volleyball is \$75.00 per match for all
matches leading up to the finals. Radio fee for the finals is \$100.00

Streaming: The live stream fee for Volleyball is \$100.00 for all matches leading
up to the finals. Streaming fees for the finals is \$150.00.

School Streaming: Schools that wish to stream on their school website or broadcast on
their school radio station will pay ½ of the above fees.

**** Note – if a school, organization, or company is streaming and or
broadcasting simultaneously, both media and
streaming fees will apply.**

Seeding Date: Notification of pairings will be sent to the schools no later than noon
or Friday, October 20th. Information will also be posted on the
District IX web site.

Seeding: **On June 14, 2023 the District IX committee approved “seeding
by committee” for all District IX Team Tournaments. The
Volleyball Committee will seed the volleyball tournament for all
classifications based on the information provided by the schools.**

The following will be taken into consideration and used for seeding
purposes:

#1 - Amended District IX Volleyball power rating system.

- Schedule points: AAAA – 2.0; AAA – 1.5; AA – 1.0; A – 0.5.
- Victory points: 5 points for a win and 0 points for loss.
- Include only regular season matches on **tab #1.**

#2 – Overall record and winning percentage – info from the power ranking form

#3 – Head-to-head competition – info from power ranking form –

#4 - Record vs. common opponents

#5 –Record in tournament competition and results – **tab #2**

#5 – Any additional info provided by the schools that is pertinent – **tab #3**

*****Note the committee will consider matches played up to and
including matches scheduled on, October 18th & 19th.**

D-9 Tournament Dates:

CLASS A:

Monday, October 23, 2023	-	Class "A" – Round of 32 (played if more than 16 teams enter)
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	-	Class "A" – Round of 16 teams
Thursday, October 26, 2023	-	Class "A" – Quarter-Finals (round of 8)
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	-	Class "A" – Semi-Finals
Thursday, November 2, 2023	-	Class "A" – Finals

CLASS AA:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023	-	Class "AA" – Quarter-Finals (5 or more) – or Semi-finals
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	-	Class "AA" – Semi-Finals or Finals (if semi's are 10/25)
Thursday, November 2, 2023	-	Class "AA" – Finals (if using all three dates)

CLASS AAA:

Wednesday, October 25, 2023	-	Class "AAA" – Semi-Finals
Monday, October 30, 2023	-	Class "AAA" – Finals
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	-	Class "AAA" Subregional vs. D-VIII Champ

All rounds up to and including the semi-finals are played at the higher seed.
If a "neutral site" cannot be secured, the finals will be played at the higher seed.

** In the event that only two teams enter Class AAA – Finals may be moved to week of 10/23/23*

State Playoff Dates:

Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Saturday, November 11, 2023
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Saturday, November 18, 2023 (Cumberland Valley High School – Mechanicsburg)

State First Round Match-ups:

Tuesday, November 7, 2023	-	Class "A" – 9-1 hosting 6-2
	-	Class "A" – 9-2 traveling to 6-1
	-	Class "AA" – 9-1 hosting 7-3
	-	Class "AAA" - 9-1 / 8-1 hosting 7-3

State Playoff Information and Brackets:

https://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=volleyball&gender=girls

Notes:

Schools are asked to use the forms that are attached in this mailing and return via email. Note that for those teams NOT entering the tournament – either email me your intentions OR complete the bottom portion of the entry form (DO NOT complete the schedule portion of the form). All schools NOT entering the D-9 Volleyball Tournament MUST notify the Tournament Director of their intention NOT to enter.

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETE ROSTER FORM and TEAM PICTURE WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM.