

Coaches:

The 2017 season is upon us! I am truly grateful for this opportunity to serve the volleyball coaches throughout this great state! As we embark on a new season, remember the support and motivation you show your athletes will only better prepare them for their future. Please review the rules clinic for the 2017 volleyball season and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your service and dedication to the amazing student athletes in New Mexico!

Below are a few reminders as the season begins:

- Every student athlete must have a current physical and health insurance on file with the Athletic Director prior to participating.
- The official start date for the 2017-2018 volleyball season is Monday, August 7, 2017. Tryouts may not be held prior to this date.
- Each student athlete must practice 5 days prior to participating in a competition/match.
- Be sure to review Sections 6 and 7 of the NMAA Handbook regarding eligibility and sport specific rules.
- Coaches Input forms for seeding and selection are due to the NMAA by Sunday, November 5th by 8:00 a.m. These are to be completed and submitted online this year.
- Please remember the Compete with Class initiative throughout the season and show good sportsmanship towards all players, coaches, administrators and officials.
- The libero and/or her teammates must be in a solid contrasting jersey.
- The state championship schedule will be posted on the NMAA website by the end of August.

I look forward to another great season! Good luck and remember to Compete with Class!!

Alissa Wesbrook
NMAA Director of Volleyball
alissa@nmact.org
505.923.3266



CANCER AWARENESS VOLLEYBALL MATCH

Cancer has an effect on numerous people around the nation. In past years, teams throughout this great state have held volleyball matches to help promote cancer awareness by raising money for community members who not only suffered with cancer, but many who have overcome it. Many also have donated money to cancer organizations nationwide in an effort to improve cancer research to help put a stop to this widely spread of diseases. Here are some ways to organize your cancer match, remember holding a Cancer Awareness Match is optional.

1. Choose a home match during the month of October to hold this event.
2. Inform your opponent in case they wish to take part in helping your team raise money for a certain individual within your community that was affected by cancer. You may also choose a certain cancer organization.
3. Highlight the individual within your community, a cancer foundation or cancer organization of your choice to which you will be raising money for during your match.
4. Wear pink to highlight cancer awareness during your match. These uniforms must at least have numbers on the back.
5. Hold bake sales, silent auctions, etc. to help raise money during your match for the individual or organization you chose.
6. Donate money directly to individual/cancer organization to which you highlighted during your match. These funds should not be sent to the NMAA.

If you do not have a specific individual within your community, or a specific organization in which you wish to donate to, the Side-Out Foundation is a tremendous organization that plays an integral part in breast cancer awareness and research nationwide, while also granting \$20,000 in scholarships for students. For more information about this Foundation please visit side-out.org. Please note if you decide to term your match Dig Pink, all funds raised during your match must go to the Side-Out Foundation.

For further questions please contact Alissa Wesbrook at alissa@nmact.org