



Volleyball 2009 Season

“Budget Shortfall,” “Financial Hardship,” “Poor Economy,” these are the words that we have heard over and over again the past year. Unfortunately, it is a reality. The Board of Directors, in March 2009, made a decision to assist schools with their budgets by reducing days and or games/matches in state championship events. Five sports have been affected. And yes, volleyball is one of them.

For the 2009 season, pool play in the state tournament has been eliminated. The following is a list of what changes have been made to accommodate this directive.

- 1st round of State match-ups for Classes A and AA will be predetermined as in the past; however, teams advancing to the state quarterfinals on Thursday, November 12th will be seeded into the 8-team bracket. This seeding will take place on Sunday, November 8th.
- Class 3A-5A will be seeded as usual on Sunday, November 8th. The seeding will not determine pools, but will determine the 12-team bracket. The 1st round of State will begin on Thursday, November 12th.
- As was last year, in Class 3A-5A, the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion will both automatically qualify to the state tournament. This means that there will be either one or two teams per district that qualify. If the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion are the same team, then only one team from the district will automatically qualify. If the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion are different, then two teams from the district will qualify. The rest of the field will be made up of at-large selections. The amount of at-large selections will be determined by the results of the regular district seasons and the district tournaments.

Although pool play has been eliminated, the state volleyball championships will be a quality event. With a long term agreement between the NMAA and Santa Ana Star Center, volleyball will continue to be showcased as a premier event in the State of New Mexico.



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Over \$70,000 in 2008!!!! Amazing! Awesome!!

We would like you to continue the tradition. During the month of October, we will again highlight our schools that are raising money for cancer awareness through volleyball.

However, there has been one minor change. “Volley for the Cure” is a licensed trademark for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. If the NMAA uses the words “Volley for the Cure” as the event title, all proceeds must go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Due to the fact that we would like the individual schools to make the decision as to where they would like the funds to go, the name of our event is **“Dig Pink.”** Therefore, the name on all t-shirts, signs, and memorabilia must have the name **“Dig Pink”** rather than “Volley for the Cure.”

For example, Del Norte High School raised money through their event to help offset the costs of cancer treatment for Kim Bell, Moriarty High School’s volleyball coach. If we continue to use the name “Volley for the Cure,” this money could not go directly to Kim Bell. It would have to go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

As you plan your event, please let me know the date of the event, the details of your event, and who (Organization or Individual) the money is being raised for. After the event, we would like to know how much was raised as we keep a statewide total. This information will be published on our website, and the information given to the media. The NMAA will also make sure that the official’s are notified. Many officials take part by wearing pink shirts, using pink whistles, and some have generously donated their fees. I also encourage you to make sure the opposing team is notified and ask them if they would also take part in the fundraising festivities.

By using **“Dig Pink,”** we are not stating that your money cannot go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We just want to make sure that those of you who would like the money to go elsewhere have the option if you so choose.

Thank you so much for all that you do. Have a wonderful and successful season and remember to **“DIG PINK.”**

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