



2021-2022 NMAA STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

General Information (for all rounds and venues, etc.):

- All championship contests must follow COVID safe guidelines as outlined and approved by the Governor's Office, Department of Health, Public Education Department and NMAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. **Masks are REQUIRED at all sites, at all times for our volleyball tournament event.**
- Twelve teams will advance from regular season to the championship event. Seeds 1-4 will receive an automatic bid in the first round. First round matches for 5-12 seeded teams will take place on Tuesday, November 9th at the higher seed. Teams winning those Tuesday matches will advance to a modified double elimination bracket in Rio Rancho on Friday, November 12th and Saturday, November 13th.
- You are allowed 14 uniformed players on the roster. *No more than 20 members of a qualifying team will be permitted to sit on the bench or behind the bench.* This includes players, coaches, managers, administrators, etc. Athletic trainers with credentials are not included in the 20 bench personnel allowance.
- Rosters may not be changed once the tournament has started unless an injury occurs. At that time, a doctor's note will be required if a change to the roster is needed. Final approval from NMAA Executive Director, Sally Marquez, is required.
- Team uniforms need to be legal and consistent with your school colors and follow NFHS uniform rules and guidelines. Uniform bottoms with manufacturers logos, etc. on the waistband are not allowed. "Dig Pink" jerseys are not permitted (this is different from a pink libero jersey).
- A three ball rotation system and ball shaggers will be utilized for all tournament contests, at all locations.

1st Round, Tuesday, November 9th:

- Teams seeded 5-12 will play at the higher seed location.
- All pregame and post-game procedures will be consistent with regular season standards. Warm-up times prior to each match will consist of 6-6-3 minutes.
- Officials and line judges will be assigned from the NMAA office, with those assignments being sent directly to the host site Athletic Director, or listed in Arbitrator for review.
- All ticket sales will be digital through GoFan. Information for those specific links will be provided after seeding and selection has taken place, and locations of matches are determined.
- Scores need to be reported via text directly to Tammy Richards @575-740-0409 or Tyler Dunkel @505-377-0620 immediately following the match.

8-Team Brackets in Rio Rancho:

- 8-Team bracket play will begin on Friday of the tournament. Teams not advancing in the winners bracket will move to the contenders bracket and have the opportunity to advance back into the semifinals through a modified double elimination bracket. Double elimination matches will end after the completion of quarterfinals. After quarterfinal games, single elimination will be used to advance in bracket play.
- All teams, coaches and administrators must enter in through the complimentary entrance at Rio Rancho Event Center, or the main entrance of the High School locations. Teams will enter through this area only.
- Bus Parking/Team Drop off Areas:
 - Rio Rancho Event Center—park in the top parking lot on the NW side of the arena.
 - Rio Rancho High School—park in west parking lot, near the baseball fields.
 - Cleveland High School—park in north area of main parking lot.
- Prior to getting on the court at Rio Rancho Event Center for warm-up, there is an area next to court #4 for your use. Handling the volleyballs on the concourse is prohibited. Warm-up at Rio Rancho HS and Cleveland HS will be conducted in the auxiliary gym. Warm-up times prior to each match will consist of 6-6-3 minutes.
- Please be courteous and pick up the bench area of used cups, water bottles and other trash after the completion of your match. This will help with keeping the facilities clean throughout the weekend.
- An athletic trainer is on site for your use. If a school trainer is attending, they must have an NMAA Athletic Trainer All-Access Pass in order to receive complimentary entrance into the tournament, and allowed court access with the team.
- **Outside food and drinks are not allowed at any of the venues. Please refrain from bringing in coolers, drinks, outside food, etc.**
- Hospitality room entry will only be available to event personnel. Please make arrangements for your coaching staff, as they will need to take care of their meals elsewhere.
- Noisemakers are permissible except during play, which includes the serve, as long as they do not simulate a whistle or horn. Officials or NMAA administrators have the right to confiscate any noisemaker if not used appropriately.
- Posters, or any display materials may not exceed 12 x12, this includes pictures or posters on a stick or handle. (i.e. Fatheads on a stick).
- Kukulski Brothers will be selling state tournament merchandise at each venue in Rio Rancho.

Good Luck and remember to Compete with Class!!

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