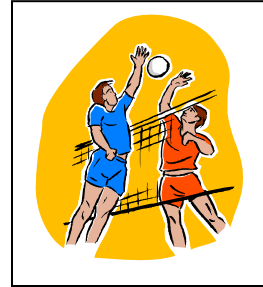


**Region III Tournament Bylaws
South Central Conference
Last Revise: September 2007**



Article X: Bylaws

Section 1: Governing Rules

Volleyball competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Volleyball Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III.

Section 2: Scheduling

A maximum 22 match schedule in one season, exclusive of post-season tournament play is allowed. All participating member schools must play a home and home schedule during the season to be seeded for the district tournament. If a school fails to play home and home schedule for any reason other than weather or other such emergency, and it is not possible to reschedule and play that game, that team shall be seeded last in the standings for the district tournament.

There is no automatic berth to state.

Section 3: Tournament Bracketing

**Teams in the South Central Conference are:
Heritage Christian, Anchorage Christian, Grace Christian, Nikiski, Seward.**

Teams will be seeded according to the following criteria in this priority order:

1. District Record (home and home)
2. Head to head competition
3. Common opponents
4. Overall season record percentage
5. Toss of Coin

In the case of a three way or four way tie, only the head to head records between the teams that are tied will be considered. Once the original tie is broken, head to head competition must be considered first between the remaining teams before using steps three, four, or five.

All ties will be broken by the Region III Executive Board in person or by conference call with the schools involved. The Board member will designate a team “heads” based on the first letter of the school in alphabetical order, and the other team “tails” before flipping the coin. Final team seeding will be faxed to all the teams by the tournament director.

The team seeded first is not guaranteed an automatic berth to state competition. Placement will be single-elimination with consolation brackets that allow for a third place match. State tournament seeding will be determined by the championship game.

Section 4: Team Rosters

Team rosters are not to exceed fifteen players and must be submitted to the host school by participating schools on the Monday ten days prior to the first day of the district tournament. A final team roster of twelve players must be selected from the original list and submitted to the tournament official book prior to that team's first game of the tournament. Thereafter, no changes or superstitions shall be permitted.

Section 5: Time Schedule

Tournaments will be scheduled over two or three days. The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session in which matches shall be played for the tournaments first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round match in the evening.

Section 6: Board of Control

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen for each Region III sponsored event that shall consist of three individuals who have sufficient knowledge of the sport to make educated and fair decisions when necessary. It is also recommended that one Board of Control member represent the school that will host the tournament during the following year.

In the event of a dispute, the tournament Board of Control's decision will be final.

Section 7: Officials

The tournament director shall select the officials for the regional tournament in the following manner.

1. A minimum of four certified officials are required. It is recommended that five officials be selected.
2. The tournament director will submit a list of certified officials to competing schools at least 45 days prior to the tournament.
3. Competing schools will rank the top eight (8) choices on a prioritized list and return it to the tournament director at least four (4) weeks prior to the district tournament.
4. The tournament director will use an inverted point system (8 points for

first selection, 7 points for second, etc.) to determine a prioritized list of officials for the tournament. The five (5) officials with the most points will be invited to be the tournament officials.

5. Should a selected official decline or later withdraw, he/she will be replaced with the next official with the most points.
6. The coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner.
 - a. each coach will list his/her top two choices and submit it to a Board of Control member.
 - b. If unanimous, then those two officials will be selected.
 - c. If not unanimous, then the top choice of each coach is selected.
 - d. The positions of referee and umpire will be determined by mutual consent of the two coaches or by the Board of Control.

Section 8: Trophies/Awards

Trophies and awards will be purchased by Region III and the costs shared by the teams involved.

There will be a team award for 1st place and individual medals for 1st and 2nd place team members. A coaches award will be voted by the coaches.

A “Good Sport Team” will be chosen as follows:

At the coaches meeting, each coach will select one athlete on the team who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the entire season. These athletes will be recognized at the awards ceremony with a special medal.

Section 9: All-Region Team Selection

Prior to the start of the region tournament, each head coach will submit names of players for consideration of an All-Region team.

At the coaches meeting, time will be allowed and each coach must give reasons for their nominations. At least one representative from each team must be present. All head coaches (or designated proxy) may then vote for ten (10) athletes from the list of nominations. Coaches may not vote for their own players. Ballots will be weighted according to numerical priority (i.e. the first name entered will be given ten points; the second name is given 9 points, etc.) All coaches will mark their ballots and then the vote will be taken verbally with all coaches present as vote tallies written for all to see. If at this time more discussion needs to follow then the Board of Control will facilitate discussion and possible re-vote of the All-Region Team.

The Board of Control will supervise the verbal voting of ballots. Should any discrepancies arise, the Board has the option of nullifying the vote and conducting a revote. In this case, a letter to the Region III President and to the principal of the offending school will follow.

First Team = the ten (10) athletes receiving the most votes. (The player with the most votes receives the MVP Plaque instead of a medal.)

Second Team = any athlete that received at least one vote.