

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

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

AAA Schools: (1) - DuBois Area

AA Schools: (7) - Bradford Area, Clearfield Area, Kane Area, Karns City, Moniteau, Punxsutawney Area, and St. Marys Area.

A Schools: (27) - AC Valley, Austin, Brockway Area, Brookville Area, Cameron County, Clarion Area, Clarion Limestone, Coudersport, Cranberry Area, Curwensville Area, DuBois Central Catholic, East Forest, Elk County Catholic, Johnsonburg Area, Keystone, North Clarion, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley, Otto-Eldred, Port Allegany, Redbank Valley, Ridgway Area, Sheffield, Smethport Area, Union, Venango Catholic, and West Forest.

From: Aaron Straub, District IX Volleyball Chairman

Date: September 27, 2011

Re: 2011 District IX Volleyball Championships

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 and no team will be denied admittance because of a won-loss record. Please check your school classification ("AAA", "AA" or "A") above and make sure that it is correct. Please note that there has been some changes!

Tournament: A, and AA will qualify for the PIAA State Tournament through the District IX Tournament. Our AAA team will qualify through the District X.

Eligibility: Open Tournament

Entries: The entry form and **completed** power rating form must be submitted to the Tournament Director by Wednesday, October 26, 2011 before noon. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT the power rating form until all matches up to and including those played on Tuesday, October 25th have been completed and recorded on the power rating form. Do not include any matches scheduled after Tuesday, October 25th on the form.**

The preferred method of entry is by E-Mail. Please do not fax forms.

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Entry Forms: Entry forms have been emailed to all schools. Entry information can also be found on the District IX website at www.piaad9.org. Entry forms should be completed and E-mailed directly back to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will notify schools upon receipt of entry forms and power rating forms. **Electronically complete the power rating form and return via email.**

Entry Fee: **Do not send payment until invoiced by Mr. Bob Tonkin**
Schools will be invoiced by Mr. Tonkin
Payable to District IX – PIAA
Mr. Bob Tonkin, Secretary/Treasurer
District IX – PIAA
62 Oak St.
Brookville, PA 15825

Communications: All official communications will be between the District IX Volleyball Chairman and the participating schools' Principal and/or Athletic Director.

Facilities: If your facility is available, manageable, and regulation court size to host a district playoff game, please indicate so on the form you are returning. The use of a P.I.A.A. member schools' court will be up to the discretion of the Tournament Chairman.

Game Sites: All matches up to the tournament "final-four" in Class "A" will be played on the home court of the higher seeded team. The "final-four" match for Class "A" will be played at the St. Marys Area High School. Start time will be 9:15 AM. Please note that November 5th may be a College Board Testing Day.

The format for the AA tournament will be determined by the number of teams that enter the tournament. If five or more teams enter the tournament quarter-final play will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd. The "final-four" match will then be played on Saturday, November 5th at Clarion High School starting at 9:15 AM. If four teams enter the tournament, all four teams will qualify for the "final-four" match on Saturday, November 5th at Clarion High School. If two or three teams enter the tournament the format will be TBA.

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: Four (4) P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to each match. Two (2) officials will serve as line judges and two (2) officials will serve as referees.

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. This meeting should include administrators, officials, and coaches.

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

Eight (8) minutes of shared court time (no hitting across the net)

Six (6) minutes with the visiting team using the court

Six (6) minutes with the home team using the court

For the final four tournament the pre-game warm-up for teams second and third matches will be 5 common; 5 visiting team; and 5 home team.

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

Admission Fees: Adult \$5.00, Student \$2.00.
Only District IX passes will be honored.

Pre-sale Tickets: There will be no pre-sale tickets sold

Match Information: The higher seeded team will be the home team.
An official **colored** “Baden” game ball will be provided.
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 for that particular game.

Awards: Individual plaques for the District Champion and Runner-Up will be presented at the Championship Site.

Radio Fees: The radio fee for District IX Volleyball is \$50.00 per day.

Seeding Date: The seeding date is Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Notification will be sent to the schools on Thursday, October 27, 2011 by 6:00 PM. Information will also be posted on the District IX web site.

Seeding: Amended District IX Volleyball power rating system.

- Schedule points: AAA – 1.5; AA – 1.0; A – 0.5.
- Victory points: 5 points for a win and 0 points for loss
- Undefeated teams can't be overtaken in power rating
- If two teams are undefeated the #1 seed will be determined by a coin toss.

Only individual matches are included in the seeding process. DO NOT include any matches from any “team tournaments”.

List matches played up to and including those played on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Do not list any matches scheduled after October 25, 2011. Do not list any tournament matches played.

AAA Schools: DuBois Area will qualify through District X.

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If needed, a quarter-final round will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the higher seeded school. The “final-four” will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Clarion Area High School.

In the event that only 3 or 2 teams enter the District IX tournament, the format will be TBA.

A Schools:

In the event that more than 16 teams enter the District IX “A” tournament, the first round to narrow the field to 16 will be played on Monday, October 31st at the higher seeded school. The field of sixteen will then play on Tuesday, November 1st at the higher seeded school. The quarter-finals will be played on Thursday, November 3rd at the higher seeded school. The “final-four” will be played on Saturday, November 5th, 2011 at the St. Marys Area High School.

All matches prior to the “final-four” will be rally scoring the best three (3) of five (5) games with each game played to twenty-five (25) points. If a 5th game is necessary it will be played to fifteen (15) points.

D-IX Finals:

The schedule for Saturday, November 5th will be as follows:

9:15 AM	-	#2 vs. #3
10:30 AM	-	#1 vs. #4
11:30 PM	-	#2 vs. #4
12:30 PM	-	#1 vs. #3
1:30 PM	-	#3 vs. #4
2:30 PM	-	#1 vs. #2

** Tournament schedule subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE: Teams will NOT be reseeded for the “final-four”. Any team that defeats one of the four seeded teams will take that seed into the finals.

All matches at the “final-four” will be rally scoring the best of three (3) games with each game played to twenty-five (25) points.

State Tournament:

District IX will qualify two (2) teams for the PIAA Class “A” State Playoffs that will begin on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

District IX will qualify one (1) team for the PIAA Class “AA” State Playoffs that will begin on Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Additional information on the State Volleyball Tournament can be secured at www.piaa.org.

Notes:

School administrators please include your schools pin number on the entry form. If you misplaced your pin number please call the tournament director for a review of your number.

Schools are asked to use the forms that are attached in this mailing, both the power rating form and entry form and return via email.