

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

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

**AAA Schools:** (1) - DuBois Area

**AA Schools:** (8) - Bradford Area, Brookville Area, Clearfield Area, Kane Area, Karns City, Moniteau, Punxsutawney Area, and St. Marys Area.

**A Schools:** (28) - AC Valley, Austin, Brockway 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, Punxsutawney Christian, Redbank Valley, Ridgway Area, Rocky Grove, Sheffield, Smethport Area, Union, Venango Catholic, and West Forest.

**From:** Aaron Straub, District IX Volleyball Chairman

**Date:** September 24, 2008

**Re:** 2008 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.

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

**Eligibility:** Open Tournament

**Entries:** The entry form and **completed** power rating form must be submitted to the Tournament Director by Wednesday, October 22, 2008 before noon. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT the power rating form until all matches up to and including those played on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> have been completed and recorded on the power rating form. Do not include any matches scheduled after Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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. **Please use the entry forms contained in this email.**

**Entry Fee:** **Do not send payment until invoiced by Mr. Bob Tonkin**  
\$75.00. - 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" 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 and for Class "AA" at the Clarion Area High School with a start time of 9:30 AM. Please note that Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> may be a testing day for some students.

**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 fifteen (15) minute warm-up period for all matches. The warm-up will include the following:

- Three (3) minutes of shared court time (no hitting across the net)
- Five (5) minutes with the visiting team using the court
- Five (5) minutes with the home team using the court
- Two (2) minutes of shared serving time

- 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 “Baden” game ball will be provided for all matches.  
Each school is responsible for providing a scorekeeper.  
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 22, 2008. Notification will be sent to the schools on Thursday, October 23, 2008 by 3:00 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 “team tournaments”.
- List matches played up to and including those played on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Do not list any matches scheduled after October 21, 2008. Do not list any tournament matches played.**
- AAA Schools:** DuBois Area will qualify through District VI.
- AA Schools:** The quarter-finals will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the higher seeded school. The “final-four” will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Clarion Area High School.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> at the higher seeded school. The field of sixteen will then play on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the higher seeded school. The quarter-finals will be played on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the higher seeded school. The “final-four” will be played on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 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 5<sup>th</sup> game is necessary it will be played to fifteen (15) points.

**D-IX Finals:**

The schedule for Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:

9:30 AM	-	#2 vs. #3
11:00 AM	-	#1 vs. #4
12:00 PM	-	#2 vs. #4
1:00 PM	-	#1 vs. #3
2:00 PM	-	#3 vs. #4
3:00 PM	-	#1 vs. #2

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 4, 2008.

District IX will qualify one (1) team for the PIAA Class “AA” State Playoffs that will begin on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Additional information on the State Volleyball Tournament can be secured at [www.piaa.org](http://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. The attached power rating form will automatically calculate the power points. If you download the form from the website it will not make the automatic calculations.**