

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

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

AAA Schools: – 4 schools – Bradford Area, Clearfield Area, DuBois Area, and St. Marys Area

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From: Aaron Straub, District IX Volleyball Chairman

Date: October 13, 2022

Re: 2022 District IX Volleyball Championship Information

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 that sponsors volleyball 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. When filling out the power ranking form please be aware of the following changes in classification for three of our District IX schools:

Cranberry - moved from Class A to Class AA

Curwensville - moved from Class AA to Class A

Redbank Valley - moved from Class AA to Class A

Best of luck to all teams who enter the District IX Tournament.

Tournament: Class A & AA & AAA teams will qualify for the PIAA State Tournament through the District IX Tournament. Class A will qualify two teams for the sixteen-team state tournament. Class AA will qualify one team for the sixteen-team state tournament. The D-IX Class AAA champion will play the D-VIII champion for a slot into the sixteen-team Class AAA State bracket.

Eligibility: Open Tournament

Entries: The Power Rating / Entry Form (one form) must be submitted to the Tournament Director by Thursday, October 20, 2022 by 10:00PM. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT the Power Rating / Entry Form until all matches up to and including those played on Thursday, October 20th have been completed and recorded on the power rating form. Do not include any matches scheduled after Thursday, October 20th on the form. As soon as your last match is played, please submit this form.**

E-Mail: **strauba@eccss.org**

Program Roster: **You MUST also submit a roster with your entry form listing coaches and players – name, number, position, year in school. Please send a roster and picture to the following (also, please copy me on the email):**
 Ben Fiscus bfiscus@windstream.net

Entry Fee: **Do not send payment until invoiced by Mr. Bob Tonkin**

Communications: All official communications will be between the District IX Volleyball Chairman and the participating schools' Athletic Director. Information will also be posted on the district IX website: www.piaad9.org

Facilities: If your facility is available, manageable, and regulation court size to host a district playoff game it will be considered as a playoff site.

Game Sites: In all classes – “A”, “AA”, and “AAA”- all matches up to the tournament finals will be played on the home court of the higher seeded team. If a neutral site cannot be secured, the championship match will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team.

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: Two (2) P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to all matches leading up to the semi-final round. Four (4) P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to the semi-finals and finals.

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.

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

- Six (6) minutes of shared court time (no hitting across the net)
- Seven (7) minutes with the serving team using the court
- Seven (7) minutes with the receiving team using the court

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

Match format: All matches will be rally scoring (no-cap) the best three (3) of five (5) sets with each set played to twenty-five (25) points. If a 5th set is necessary, it will be played to fifteen (15) points.

Admission Fees: \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Students
All tickets are purchased at the gate. There will be no presale or on-line sale.

District IX passes will be honored.

Match Information: The higher seeded team will be the home team.
An official **colored** “Baden” game ball will be provided.
Each school should also provide a game ball
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. If
LOCKER ROOMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE the host school must
notify the visiting school in advance so they can make arrangements
to come dressed and ready to play.

Awards: Fifteen (15) individual medals will be presented at the Championship
Site to the Champion and Runner-up.

Radio Fees: The radio fee for District IX Volleyball is \$75.00 per match for all
matches leading up to the finals. Radio fee for the finals is \$100.00

Streaming: The live stream fee for Volleyball is \$100.00 for all matches leading
up to the finals. Streaming fees for the finals is \$150.00.

School Streaming: Schools that wish to stream on their school website or broadcast on
their school radio station will pay ½ of the above fees.

** Note – if a school, organization, or company is streaming and or
broadcasting simultaneously, both media and
streaming fees will apply.

Seeding Date: Notification of pairings will be sent to the schools no later than noon
or Friday, October 21st. Information will also be posted on the
District IX web site.

**Since there is very little turn-around time from the deadline of
Thursday, October 20th at 10:00 PM and the release of the
brackets on Friday, October 21st at noon, Athletic Directors are
asked to please send me an email with your intent to enter and
what your record is as of October 17th. Also, please include what
matches you have remaining before the deadline to count games
which is Thursday, October 20th.**

Seeding:

Amended District IX Volleyball power rating system.

- Schedule points: AAAA – 2.0; AAA – 1.5; AA – 1.0; A – 0.5.
- Victory points: 5 points for a win and 0 points for loss.
- All classes are seeded by the Amended District IX Volleyball power rating system.
- Undefeated teams can't be overtaken in power rating by teams with one or two losses.
- If two or more teams are undefeated the #1 seed will be determined by power seeding. Tie breaking procedure will be (a) Overall cumulative record of teams played (winning%); (b) Coin Flip.
- If two or more teams are tied with one or more losses and have identical power seeding points the tie-breaking procedure will be (a) Head-to-Head; (b) Winning %; (c) Record vs. Common Opponents (e) Overall cumulative record of teams played (winning %); (f) Coin Flip.
- **In the event of an unusual circumstance the Volleyball Chairman, Volleyball Committee, and District IX Committee retains the right to adjust and or seed the tournament by committee.**

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

List matches played up to and including those played on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Do not list any matches scheduled after October 20, 2022 on the power ranking form. Do not list any tournament matches played.

D-9 Tournament Dates:

CLASS A:

Monday, October 24, 2022	-	Class “A” – Round of 32 (played if more than 16 teams enter)
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	-	Class “A” – Round of 16 teams
Thursday, October 27, 2022	-	Class “A” – Quarter-Finals (round of 8)
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	-	Class “A” – Semi-Finals
Thursday, November 3, 2022	-	Class “A” – Finals

CLASS AA:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022	-	Class “AA” – Quarter-Finals
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	-	Class “AA” – Semi-Finals
Thursday, November 3, 2022	-	Class “AA” – Finals

CLASS AAA:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022	-	Class “AAA” – Semi-Finals
Monday, October 31, 2022	-	Class “AAA” – Finals
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	-	Class “AAA” Subregional vs. D-VIII Champ

All rounds up to and including the semi-finals are played at the higher seed.
If a “neutral site” cannot be secured, the finals will be played at the higher seed.

** In the event that only two teams enter Class AAA – Finals may be moved to week of 10/24/22*

State Playoff Dates:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Saturday, November 12, 2022
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Saturday, November 19, 2022 (Cumberland Valley High School – Mechanicsburg)

State First Round Match-ups:

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - Class “A” – 9-1 hosting 7-2
- Class “A” – 9-2 traveling to 10-1
- Class “AA” – 9-1 hosting 7-3
- Class “AAA” - 9-1/8-1 hosting 7-3

- **State Playoff Information and Brackets:**

https://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=volleyball&gender=girls

Notes:

Schools are asked to use the form that is attached in this mailing and return via email. Note that for those teams NOT entering the tournament – either email me your intentions OR complete the bottom portion of the entry form (DO NOT complete the schedule portion of the form). All schools NOT entering the D-9 Volleyball Tournament MUST notify the Tournament Director of their intention NOT to enter.

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE ROSTER and TEAM PICTURE WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM.