



DIAA Field Hockey & Volleyball Tournament Manual Fall 2023

TO: Member School Administrators and Athletic Directors; Field Hockey and Volleyball Coaches and Officials; and Members of the Media

Colleagues: The 2023 Field Hockey and Volleyball State Tournament Manual is intended to provide you with detailed information concerning the organization and administration of these State Championships.

A thorough review of the general information pertinent to all of the tournaments and the specific information for each sport should familiarize you with these events.

The rules and procedures contained in this manual are applicable only to the 2023 DIAA Field Hockey and Volleyball State Championships and are not intended to govern subsequent championships or to be binding on future committees.

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The Committees sincerely hope that the 2023 DIAA Field Hockey and Volleyball State Championships will be a tremendous success in all respects.

For the most up to date tournament information, please visit the DIAA website, www.education.delaware.gov/diaa

Thank you,

DIAA Field Hockey Committee

DIAA Volleyball Committee



General Information

The following items are applicable to each of the 2023 DIAA Fall Sport State Tournaments. Items specific to the organization and administration of the Football and Unified Flag Football Championships are located in separate sections of this manual.

Item 1. Authorization

- A. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in boys' soccer (May 28, 1970), football (May 27, 1971), field hockey (May 24, 1973), girls' volleyball (May 22, 1975), and unified flag football (November 10, 2016) by voting for approval on the dates indicated.

Item 2. Management

- A. The tournaments will be managed by special committees appointed by the DIAA Chairperson and the Executive Director.
- B. The committees are authorized to resolve any situation not covered by the regulations in the General Information or specific information sections of this manual.
- C. Changes in tournament format or the criteria and procedures for selecting and seeding the participating teams/individuals are subject to the approval of the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 3. Sponsorship

- A. DIAA will organize, conduct, and underwrite the costs of the tournaments and will receive all proceeds.
- B. All expenditures must be approved by the DIAA Executive Director.
 1. No vouchers will be approved unless an itemized statement of cost accompanies the request for payment.
 - a. Vouchers will not be processed until the financial ticket reconciliation information has been submitted and verified to the DIAA.
 2. No vouchers received after the end of the fiscal year (June 15, 2024) will be paid.

Item 4. Eligibility

- A. Eligibility rules as stipulated in the current version of the DIAA Official Handbook will be strictly enforced.

Item 5. Contest Rules

- A. DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations. The playing rules promulgated by the NFHS for field hockey, soccer, football, girls' volleyball and cross country, except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, will be in effect for all tournament contests.

Item 6. Classification (Division I and II)

- A. The Field Hockey, Soccer and Cross Country Tournaments crown Division I and Division II Champions. DIAA classifies all schools in Division I that have a DOE certified enrollment count of grades 9 through 12 equal to or greater than the school with the smallest enrollment in either the Blue Hen Conference Flight A or the Henlopen Conference North Division. That number for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year is 1069. This count consists of all students who, if eligible, would participate at that school, including special needs students. Single gender schools have their total enrollment doubled to determine their final enrollment number. All other schools are classified as Division II.

The Division I schools for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years are as follows:
Appoquinimink, Cape Henlopen, Caesar Rodney, Charter School of Wilmington, Christiana, Delcastle, Dover, Middletown, Mt. Pleasant, Milford, Newark, Odessa, Padua (Girls), Polytech, Salesianum (boys), Smyrna, St. Georges, Sussex Central, Sussex Tech, and William Penn.

Item 7. Sportsmanship and Spectator Conduct

- A. Member schools are required to conduct all of their athletic affairs in a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- B. The administrators, athletic directors, and coaches of the participating schools are expected to: actively promote good sportsmanship and appropriate crowd behavior, stress the importance of demonstrating respect for the contest officials and the opposing team, and emphasize the need for proper conduct by spectators at all venues. School administrators are expected to be proactive in preventing unsportsmanlike behavior and to deal with it promptly and decisively if it occurs at the contest.
- C. The coaches and athletes of the participating schools are expected to observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- D. Spectator Guidelines and Conduct:
 - 1. Drones, banners, flags, and signs are prohibited outdoors at all tournament contests. Other decorations that do not block spectator, press or team sightlines may be used with permission of and at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 2. Streamers, confetti, and other paper debris are also prohibited.
 - 3. Sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, whistles or any other artificial or mechanical noise-making devices are strictly forbidden at all **indoor** events.
 - 4. The use of any noise making device that simulates game controls devices (whistles, air horns etc.) is strictly forbidden at **all** contests.
 - 5. All cheers should stress the spirit of good sportsmanship. Use only positive cheers that encourage your team. Profane, derogatory or obscene chants and taunting will not be tolerated.
 - 6. Behavior such as fans reading newspapers or turning their backs during player introductions, booing or heckling the contest officials, and being disrespectful to the opposing cheerleaders is unsportsmanlike behavior and is not to be tolerated at DIAA athletic events.
 - 7. Face paint is permitted, but body paint is not. A shirt, top, etc. must be worn at all times.
 - 8. Spectators must remain in the assigned seating section. Spectators are not permitted on the playing surface at any time.

Item 8. Soliciting, Promotional Activities, and Merchandising

- A. Soliciting and promotional activities; e.g., public address announcements, signs, banners, display or sign-up tables, and the distribution of printed materials are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.
- B. Only vendors authorized by DIAA Executive Director will be permitted to sell merchandise at tournament playing sites.

Item 9. Raffles and 50/50 Drawings

- A. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, and other games of chance are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.

Item 10. Bench and Sideline Personnel

- A. DIAA requires that all school personnel on the sidelines or in the team bench area be in the sixth grade or older and approved as members of the official team party. This includes anyone acting as a ball-runner or team manager.

Item 11. Media Policy for State Tournament Events

- A. Media Email List: Media personnel wishing to receive press releases and information regarding DIAA events must submit their name, media outlet, phone number and email address to DIAA at diaa@doe.k12.de.us
- B. Tournament Media Credentials
 - 1. Media personnel wishing to cover DIAA events must request working credentials from the DIAA Office. DIAA credentials may also be valid for regular season events at the host school's discretion.
 - 2. DIAA will provide credentials to representatives of an accredited media organization recognized by DIAA for the sole purpose of providing access to cover a DIAA Tournament Event. Because of demand, credentials will be issued on a priority system. Facility size is a determining factor. All requests may not be honored. To request credentials, complete the form on the DIAA website (https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/diaa_for/media/). Accredited media organizations should have a tax ID number and submit this requested information by completing the media credentials request form.
 - 3. DIAA credentialing is for use solely in connection to news and editorial coverage of the event. Any non-editorial, commercial or other unauthorized use of any transmission, picture, film, videotape, audiotape, writing, drawing or other depiction of any game, game action, game information, player interview or other stadium activity, and any non-editorial or commercial use of the DIAA mark or logo is prohibited without prior specific approval of the DIAA Executive Director.
 - 4. The DIAA may deny or revoke credentials for noncompliance with DIAA policies; and for conduct for which, there are reasonable grounds to believe, violate state or federal law, or constitute a breach of professional ethics.
- C. Broadcasting/Photographing
 - 1. DIAA retains exclusive rights to the permission to broadcast and photograph all tournament games and no party may do so without the consent of the DIAA Executive Director. The DIAA must be contacted, in writing or by e-mail, for permission to cablecast, telecast, web cast (video stream) live or on a delayed basis, or photograph a State Tournament Event or any part of a State Tournament Event.
 - 2. Broadcast agreements are available upon request and will be awarded to those companies that meet DIAA State Tournament broadcast criteria. Questions or concerns can be directed to the DIAA Executive Director 302-857-3365.
 - 3. All broadcasting/photography must be in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport. All access to the field, course, and court area for the purposes of videotaping or photography will be conducted according to the current NFHS rules for that sport. Persons photographing or videotaping a State Tournament Event, and stations cable casting, telecasting, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters. If that area is not known to them, they must seek out a DIAA Tournament Committee member to be shown the designated area.
 - 4. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament.
 - 5. Event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.
 - 6. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators, and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the competition or with an individual competitor.

D. Photograph Reproduction

1. Credentialed media personnel may not sell photos and/or video from state tournaments, except by bona fide newspaper offices (or the official website of the newspapers).
 2. Spectators are permitted to photograph and/or video contests for personal use only. No image of any contest may be reproduced without the written consent of the student-athlete being photographed. Photographs and/or videos taken by spectators may not be sold.
 3. School personnel may photograph and/or video contests for school use only in publications such as yearbooks, school websites, school newsletters, etc. provided they have received permission from the DIAA Executive Director and school principal.
 4. Freelance photographers who are not affiliated with a bona fide media outlet will not be credentialed for state tournament contests.
 5. All other photography of DIAA tournament games is strictly for the purpose of news and editorial coverage of the event. No other photographs or any other visual material taken at a DIAA event may be sold without express written consent of the DIAA.
- E. Media Entrance: Members of the media must display current DIAA Media credentials to gain access to all State Tournament Events. Bags and equipment may be inspected for security purposes.
- F. Press Area: A designated press area will be made available for members of the media to view and report on State Tournament Events when available or possible. Members of the media should contact the site coordinator prior to an event for access to phone lines, Ethernet or wireless access. The DIAA will do its best to provide this when available.

Item 12. Video by Spectators

- A. Spectators are permitted to video contest for personal use only. The reproduction, distribution and sale of spectator video is prohibited without the consent of DIAA Executive Director
- B. Videos may be used in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport.
- C. Spectators will be allowed to video a game in their seat provided they use handheld camcorders and do not block the view of other spectators or interfere with the game. Tripods are only permitted in the top row of the bleachers.
- D. Neither DIAA nor the host site will be liable for theft or damage to spectator videotaping equipment or injury due to the use of such equipment.
- E. The host site is not obligated to provide power for spectator videotaping equipment.

Item 13. Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

- A. Unless granted special permission by the DIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any DIAA State Tournament Event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the DIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

Item 14. Transportation Reimbursement, Parking and Spectator Buses

- A. Each participating school may be reimbursed at a rate of 75¢ per mile for one bus. Reimbursements will be made only for actual mileage traveled; no reimbursement will be made for band and spectator buses or for team meals and lodging. The school must submit a voucher to DIAA to be reimbursed for transportation. DIAA will not process any vouchers DIAA receives after the end of the fiscal year (June 15, 2024).

Item 15. Comments and Recommendations

- A. The committees are genuinely interested in the comments and/or recommendations of member schools concerning all aspects of the tournaments. Please submit any comments and/or suggestions in writing to the appropriate committee chairperson.

DIAA Field Hockey Committee Members

Committee Member Name	Affiliation	Title
Jodi Hollamon, Chair	Delmar HS	Coach
Amanda Frampton, Vice-Chair	Milford HS	Adminsitrator
Stefany Krygier, Secretary	Middletown HS	Coach
Katy Phillips	Tatnall	Athletic Director
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Beth Bozman	SFHUA	Official
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Debbie Windett	Cape Henlopen HS	Coach
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Ruth Lajoie	Public	Public Member, retired

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Specific Information

- A. The 2023 DIAA Field Hockey State Tournament will be held on the following dates.

Round	Division 1	Division 2
Round One	N/A	Wednesday, November 1
Quarterfinals	Thursday, November 2	Saturday, November 4
Semifinals	Tuesday, November 7	Wednesday, November 8
Finals	Saturday, November 11	Saturday, November 11

- B. If a game is rained out, it will be played on the next available date provided weather conditions permit and umpires are available. The field must be approved by the Committee. See Item 20 for information regarding interrupted and/or suspended games.

Item 2. Tournament Sites

- A. The Tournament Committee and DIAA will make the final decision to determine the playing sites throughout the tournament and will be announced at the field hockey seeding meeting. Higher Seed through the Quarterfinals will be given primary consideration.
- B. Field Condition

If a field is in poor condition, it may be deemed unsuitable for tournament play even though it was used during the regular season. Alternate sites will be determined by the Committee and DIAA.

1. Fields should be 100 X 60 yards.
 2. NFHS guidelines will be followed with an emphasis on SAFETY. The following criteria, while not all inclusive, will serve as a basis for the evaluation of fields:
 - The lines must be clear.
 - Field markings, especially the circle areas, must be lined as diagrammed in the 2023 NFHS Field Hockey Rules Book.
 - Circles need to be level and free of ruts, clumps, holes etc.
 3. Goals must have top and legal facing boards and must be in good condition without sharp edges.
 4. Goal nets must be free of holes and securely fastened to the goals.
 5. Provided all other conditions are equal, preference will be given to a site where the team benches are located on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
- C. The Committee will review the following considerations when selecting a host site:
1. Livestream capability
 2. Field meets specified requirements per NFHS Field Hockey Rules
 3. Meet the minimum event staff coverage
 4. Security of site
 5. Parking availability
 6. Spectator capacity
- D. Operations will be based on the host site facility plan.
- E. Semi-final and championship games will be played at pre-determined neutral turf sites if available.

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. The Committee will determine the starting time for all games.
- B. The Committee will not accept requests for preferred or alternate starting times.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The 2023 DIAA Field Hockey State Championship consists of a Division I tournament and a Division II tournament.
 1. The Division I tournament field will be comprised of the qualifying Blue Hen Flight A Champion, the Henlopen North Champion, and six (6) at-large teams, or more if needed to fill out the 8-team bracket.
 2. The Division II tournament field will be comprised of the qualifying Blue Hen Flight B Champion, Henlopen South Champion, Independent Champion, Diamond State Champion and eight (8) at-large teams, or more if needed to fill out the 12-team bracket.
 3. The school classifications can be found in General Item #6 (page 3).
- B. Eligible Teams:
 1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for tournament consideration
 2. All teams must play a minimum of twelve (12) games at the varsity level in order to be considered for the state tournament. Only those opponents who played a minimum of 10 games at the varsity level will be included in a team's win-loss record.

Team schedules will “lock down” on the first allowable date of competition (9/6/23). Any changes made to a schedule after that date must be approved by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair. Otherwise, the team index will be determined by the number of games on the schedule on the lock down date.

3. A game played on the last day of competition must have results entered by 6:00 pm. If the game is cancelled due to weather related, unplayable conditions, natural causes, or legitimate circumstances beyond the control of the teams playing, the game may be declared a no contest by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair, and the tournament index calculation will be adjusted. Schools are urged to schedule games prior to the last date of competition if possible.
- C. Conference/Flight/Division Champions must meet the following criteria to earn the automatic berth:
1. The conference/flight/division must consist of a minimum of 5 participating schools.
 2. The champion must possess an overall record of .500 or better.
 3. The champion must be in the top 50% of the eligible teams in the state.
 4. The conference/flight/division must determine their champion by the last date of competition. If a conference qualifier chooses not to participate in the tournament, that berth will be awarded to another at-large team.
 5. The Diamond State Conference will forfeit their automatic berth if The Charter School of Wilmington wins the conference.
 6. At-Large teams will be selected according to their team index as determined by the procedure in 2.B.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report
1. The last competition date for field hockey is Monday October 30, 2023. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's websites4sports page are accurate and complete by the last date of competition or the team may not be considered for the tournament. **Games results not reported by 6PM on October 30th , will not be used to determine tournament selection unless approved by the committee chair.**
- B. Index Calculations
- Team index will be calculated according to the following procedure:
1. The team's overall win-loss percentage will be calculated by adding 3 points for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss and dividing this sum by the total number of possible points (number of games played multiplied by 3).
 2. An opponents' win-loss percentage will be calculated using the same formula. The team's opponents' average win-loss percentage will be calculated by adding the calculated win-loss percentage of each opponent together and dividing by the number of opponents. Opponents played twice are counted twice.
 3. The team's index will be determined by adding the team's win-loss percentage and the opponents' average win-loss percentage and dividing the total by 2.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures:
1. If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.
 - a. Head to Head competition. If three or more teams are tied, they must all have played each other.
 - b. Win-Loss Record of all common opponents
 - c. Win-Loss Record of all opponents
 - d. Overall Win-Loss Record of the teams
 - e. Draw conducted by committee
- D.
- E. Seeding: All of the qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly.

1. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field has been selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 6. Official Program

- A. At the discretion of the DIAA Executive Director, if DIAA prepares an official tournament program which contains team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information, it may be sold at all tournament playing sites.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information - Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's [websites4sports.com](https://www.4sports.com) page by Monday, October 17, 2023. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tiff format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo by the date listed in Item 6, B. Program information as outlined in above must be submitted by October 17, 2023 for consideration of any complimentary coaches' tickets.

Item 7. Admission Policies

- A. Paid Admission
 1. All tickets will be purchased through GoFan, DIAA's official ticketing partner, unless otherwise noted.
 2. Tickets for DIAA state tournament events can be found by visiting <https://gofan.co/app/school/DIAA>
 3. Fans MUST have a smartphone, tablet, or mobile device to show and redeem purchased tickets for entry into DIAA Championship events. Tickets printed onto paper will not be accepted.
 4. Ticket Prices
 - a. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for 1st round, 2nd round, and quarterfinal games;
 - b. \$10 for semifinal and final games.
 5. These ticket prices do not include any additional fees.
 6. Children four (4) years and younger will be admitted without charge to all games.
 7. Ticket prices and fees are subject to change per approval by the DIAA Board of Directors.
 8. Tickets purchased but unused will not be refunded.
- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster as submitted to the DIAA Executive Director prior to the tournament. The official school party is defined as players, coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, and athletic trainer(s). All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 22 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.
 - c. One (1) bus driver will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of identification as the team's driver.
- C. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of current and official DIAA credentials.
 1. Media/photographers may stand where permitted by game manager, site director, and DIAA Field

Hockey Committee. They may not be positioned in front of or behind the team benches or the official score table. No one may stand on the end lines of the field. [NFHS Rule 12-2-1]

Item 8. Game Manager

A member of the Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager, who will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. It is the Game Manager's responsibility to ensure compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Field Hockey Committee. The Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below:

1. Provide the Official score book and official game balls.
2. Oversee the pre-game on-field practice.
3. Collect the score book and balls after the game has been completed.
4. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.
5. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel **MUST** be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event. Support personnel may include:
 1. Ticket seller(s)
 2. Program seller(s)
 3. Ticket taker(s)
 4. Scorekeeper(s)
 5. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer)
 6. School Police
 7. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer
 8. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 1. The field should be lined according to current NFHS specifications.
 2. Provide seating for the game officials and players of both teams on the same side of the field and wherever space permits, on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
 - a. Seating should be arranged for the players, coaches, managers, statisticians, and trainers.
 - b. Seating should be arranged for the official timer and scorers (a table and at least four chairs should be placed at the 50-yard line for the official score table; in addition, at least two chairs should be placed in the official score table area for suspended players.
 - c. A rope or restraining line should be placed parallel to and at least 10 yards from each side line. The purpose of the rope or restraining line is to prevent spectators from interfering with play.
 3. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 4. Provide safe and secure passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 5. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 6. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators. Contact the Game Manager three

- hours prior to game time if the field is not in playable condition.
- 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
- 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
- 9. Provide an official scorer and timer unless assigned by the Field Hockey Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
- 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
- 11. Charge admission until the start of the fourth quarter.
- 12. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
- 13. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
- 14. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school and DIAA office.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 - 1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 - 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for complying with the DIAA's ticketing administration and financial reconciliation procedures. Host schools are responsible for reporting ticket and program sales (if applicable) to the DIAA Office by the next business day after the event concludes. Unsold programs should be returned to the DIAA office in a timely manner after the event concludes.
- F. Public Address System
 - 1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with field hockey.
 - 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
 - c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.

Item 10. Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- A. Each team's School/Athletic Administration is responsible for assisting DIAA in safeguarding the playing field before, during and especially after all tournament games.
- B. Provide the Site Director with a typed list of players and their positions, designating non-starters and starters, and coaches. Include the team's win-loss record and place in the conference standings. The Site Director will use this information for the pre-game introductions.
- C. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONLY: provide a typed list of players (22 maximum) in the order they are to be introduced to receive medals at the awards ceremony.
- D. Provide the following volunteers:
 - 1. One individual to assist with scorekeeping.
 - 2. Two individuals of at least high school age or older to serve as ball retrievers.
- E. Provide a timing device for the official score table.
- F. Arrive on time at the game site. If a late arrival is anticipated, the host school should be contacted

immediately.

- a. A school administrator and/or athletic director must be in attendance at tournament games, and upon entry should notify the Game Manager as to where they will be located during the contest.
- b. The school administrator/AD in attendance is responsible for assisting the committee with enforcement of good sportsmanship conduct as described in the General Information Section Item 7.

Item 11. Officials

- A. The Delaware Field Hockey Umpires Association (DFHUA) and the Southern Delaware Field Hockey Officials Association (SDFHOA) will provide officials for the 2023 State Tournament.
- B. The Field Hockey Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament. The officials will be chosen by the method established by the Committee with approval of DIAA.
 1. A four-person officiating crew (2 on-field, one alternate and one timer) will be used for all tournament games. All umpires, including the alternate, must be in uniform. An additional umpire may be used as a scorer at the discretion of the Committee.
- C. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2023 State Tournament will be paid according to DIAA Regulation 1009 8.4 Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions.

Item 12. Uniforms and Bench Assignments

- A. The home team, higher seeded, will wear white tops with white knee socks/sock guards. The visiting team will wear dark-colored tops with dark-colored knee socks/sock guards. (As per NFHS guidelines and regulations Rule 1-5)
- B. If the participating teams have similar uniforms, vests will be used. Both teams should bring a set of vests to the game. The team with the incorrect uniform will be required to wear vests.
- C. Bench assignments for the Championship Game are at the discretion of the committee.

Item 13. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

If available, a dressing room for Officials' will be provided at the host site's discretion. Officials should be prepared to arrive dressed to officiate.

Item 14. Contest Procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. Pre-Game Warm-Up - Teams may begin their warm-up on the game field 45 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. They must conclude their warm-up 10 minutes prior to game time. Consequently, teams will have no more than 35 minutes of practice time on the game field. Stretching on the field prior to the official practice time is permitted when there is not enough space off the field to do so, and providing no sticks and balls are on the field until the official practice time begins.
- B. Musical Entertainment - The Committee will allow recorded music to be played prior to the start of the game, pending approval by the Site Director and Game Manager. No music is allowed during times-out, halftime or during the game.
- C. Game Balls and Score Books - The Committee will furnish game balls and a scorebook for the official scorer.
- D. Special Events
 1. Special events will be confined to the official pre-match activities and the awards presentation after the championship match. The pre-match ceremonies may include:
 2. National Anthem - All players, coaches, game officials, and school personnel are expected to stand attentively during the presentation of the American flag and the playing of the national

anthem.

3. Introduction of team members, coaches, and officials.
4. Other VIPs in attendance will be recognized by asking them to stand momentarily at their seats.
5. The Field Hockey Committee is authorized to modify the program of special events however it deems appropriate. No school will be permitted to conduct its own program of special events.
6. No school will be permitted to bring its band or other musical group. School bands will not be allowed to perform even if the members of the band provide their own transportation and purchase tickets for the game.

Item 15. Awards

The following awards will be presented:

1. Team: A trophy and game ball will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up teams.
2. Individual: Gold medals (22) will be presented to the champions. Silver medals (22) will be presented to the runners-up.
3. No awards other than those authorized by the DIAA and the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 16. Sideline Personnel and Player Bench Occupants

- A. Only members of the official school party will be permitted on the sideline. Teams will be allowed a maximum of twenty-two (22) players in uniform on the bench.
- B. During a contest, the player bench area may include a maximum of 34 members of the official school party. The official school party is defined as players, coaches (approved by the local board or governing body), managers, scorers/statisticians, team medical personnel, school administrators and up to two (2) ball retrievers (not in uniform.)
 1. All occupants of the sideline/team bench area must be in the sixth grade or older.
 2. If a team has more than the maximum 22 in uniform, admission will be charged for the extra players.
 3. The extra players must sit on the spectator side of the field.
- D. All team personnel on the sideline during the Championship Game must be wearing the sideline pass. Committee members are authorized to spot-check sideline personnel for compliance. If a team is found in violation, the individuals will be removed from the sideline and possibly the stadium.
 1. Unauthorized duplication or counterfeiting of DIAA sidelines passes will be deemed a major infraction of the sportsmanship code and the school will be referred to the DIAA sportsmanship committee for disciplinary action.
- E. Videotaping from the bench areas is prohibited.
- F. Coaches will remain off the playing field near the side-line adjacent to their team's assigned bench and will not pass in front of the scorer's table.
 1. The alternate official has the authority to issue cards to the coach and/or team bench.
 2. If an injury time-out is called, a coach may attend to the injured player. However, neither coach may utilize this time to give instructions to any player officially entered in the game.
- G. Bench designations
 1. At neutral sites, the Committee will determine bench assignments: the higher seeded team will be the home team and sit to the right of the scorer's table as the teams face the field.

Item 17. Mercy Rule

The Mercy Rule will be in effect during all rounds of the tournament. This applies to the second half only with a 5-goal differential.

Item 18. Tie-Breaking Procedures for all rounds of the Tournament

A. During the overtime periods, all game rules, including those pertaining to substitutions, will apply except as stipulated below:

1. If a team did not use their time-out during regulation, it can be used during the overtime period(s).
2. Only four players, including the goalkeeper, will be allowed behind the end line during penalty corners.
3. A player who receives a red card during the regulation game may not participate in any of the overtime periods and her team will play short for all overtime periods.
4. The first overtime period will begin with seven players unless either team is playing shorthanded due to suspension or ejection. If a player receives a red card during any of the overtime periods, her team will play short for the remainder of the game.
5. A player who is serving a green or yellow card suspension when the regulation game ends must serve the remainder of her suspension during the first overtime period. She may not enter the game until her suspension has been completed. Her team will begin the overtime with less than seven players.
6. A player who receives a green or yellow card during any of the overtime periods may not be replaced. She may not return during that overtime period or any subsequent overtime period until her suspension time has been completed.
7. A player who has not completed her suspension when the second overtime period ends is ineligible to participate in the one-on-one competition.

B. Reduced Player Overtime Periods

1. There will be a five-minute intermission between the end of the second half and the first overtime period.
2. First Overtime Period
The first sudden victory overtime period will be no longer than 10 minutes in duration. The visiting team will call the coin toss and the winner will choose either possession of the ball or goal to defend. Each team will be reduced to a goalkeeper and six field players unless either team is playing short-handed due to suspension or ejection. The overtime period will end as soon as one team scores.
3. Second Overtime Period
If the score is still tied after the first overtime period, a second sudden victory overtime period of 10 minutes will be played. A five-minute intermission will precede the second overtime period. The teams will change ends of the field and the team not in possession of the ball at the start of the first overtime period will take possession for the second overtime. This overtime period will end as soon as one team scores.
4. Summary
 - a. The overtime shall be played in accordance with the procedure approved by the DIAA Board except as noted in this section.
 - b. Substitutions may be made prior to and during any overtime period.
 - c. Possession of the ball at the start of each overtime period will alternate and will initially be determined by a coin toss at the start of the first overtime period.
 - d. There will be a five-minute intermission between overtime periods.
 - e. The teams will reduce to seven players or less if playing short-handed due to an incomplete suspension or ejection.

C. One-on-One Competition

1. If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner will be determined

- by One-on-One: a series of five shots on goal shall be taken by individual players in a one-on-one situation.
- a. No suspended or disqualified player may participate in the one-on-one competition.
 - b. There is no substitution of any player during the one-on-one except for injury to a player or suspension of the defending goalkeeper.
2. The Committee representative(s) will ensure that the one-on-ones are taken according to the following procedures:
- a. The umpires will review the one-on-one procedures with the coach and the team captains.
 - b. A coin toss will determine which team will take the first attack. The visiting team will call the coin toss and the winner will choose to either attack or defend the goal first.
 - c. The coaches and eligible substitutes/remaining players will be allowed on the field behind the 25-yard line. The officials and Committee representative(s) will designate the area.
 - d. Each coach will present a list (name and number) of five players to the officials. The players MUST attack in the order listed. If a player participates out of order, her attempt is over and no goal is awarded.
 - e. The five players listed for each team will attempt the shots on goal on an alternate basis and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner.
 - f. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card, but not a green card, during the one-on-one competition.
 - i. If a goalkeeper is suspended, she may not take further part in that competition, but can be replaced by any eligible player from the team. The replacement goalkeeper is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment.
 - ii. If an attacker is suspended during the competition, there is no replacement allowed. Any further attacks the player was entitled to take counts as no goal.
 - g. If the score remains tied after the first set of one-on-one, a second set will be sudden victory. The five players listed for each team will attempt "sudden victory" shots on an alternating basis. This procedure will continue until the tie is broken. The order of players may be changed at this time. The team not starting the first one-on-one will start the sudden victory set.
3. *Taking the One-On-One*
- a. The goalkeeper/defender starts on or behind the goal line between the posts.
 - b. The ball is placed on the nearest 25-yard line opposite the center of the goal.
 - c. The attacker stands outside the 25-yard line near the ball.
 - d. The umpire blows the whistle to signal the start of the play. The attacker and the goalkeeper may then move in any direction.
4. *The One-On-One is complete under the following conditions:*
- a. 8 seconds has elapsed
 - b. the attacker scores a goal
 - c. the attacker commits an offense
 - d. the goalkeeper commits an unintentional offense (redo the attack)
 - e. the goalkeeper commits an intentional offense (PS awarded)
 - f. the ball goes out of play over the end line, side line, or outside the circle
 - g. If a penalty stroke is awarded, any eligible player on the official roster may take the penalty stroke.

Item 19. Procedures for Termination of Play Before Winner Is Determined

- A. Any tournament game interrupted due to circumstances beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities will be completed or replayed as follows:
 - 1. If interrupted during the first half of play, the game shall resume at the point of interruption.
 - 2. If interrupted after the completion of the first half, the game will either resume from the point of interruption or, by mutual agreement of the competing schools and the Committee representative(s), it will be considered a completed game.
 - 3. If interrupted during the overtime periods or one-on-one competition, the game will either resume from the point of interruption or, by mutual agreement of the competing schools and the Committee representative(s), it will be considered a completed game.
 - 4. All records, goals, penalties, warnings, suspensions, etc. will be carried over from previous play.
 - 5. The Committee will determine the date, starting time, and site at which the interrupted game will be completed or replayed.

Item 20. Press Box

- A. Press box space, seating, and occupants will prioritize the official statisticians and then if space is available, media representatives. The top of the press box, if possible, will be prioritized for video operators and may be available for team spotters.

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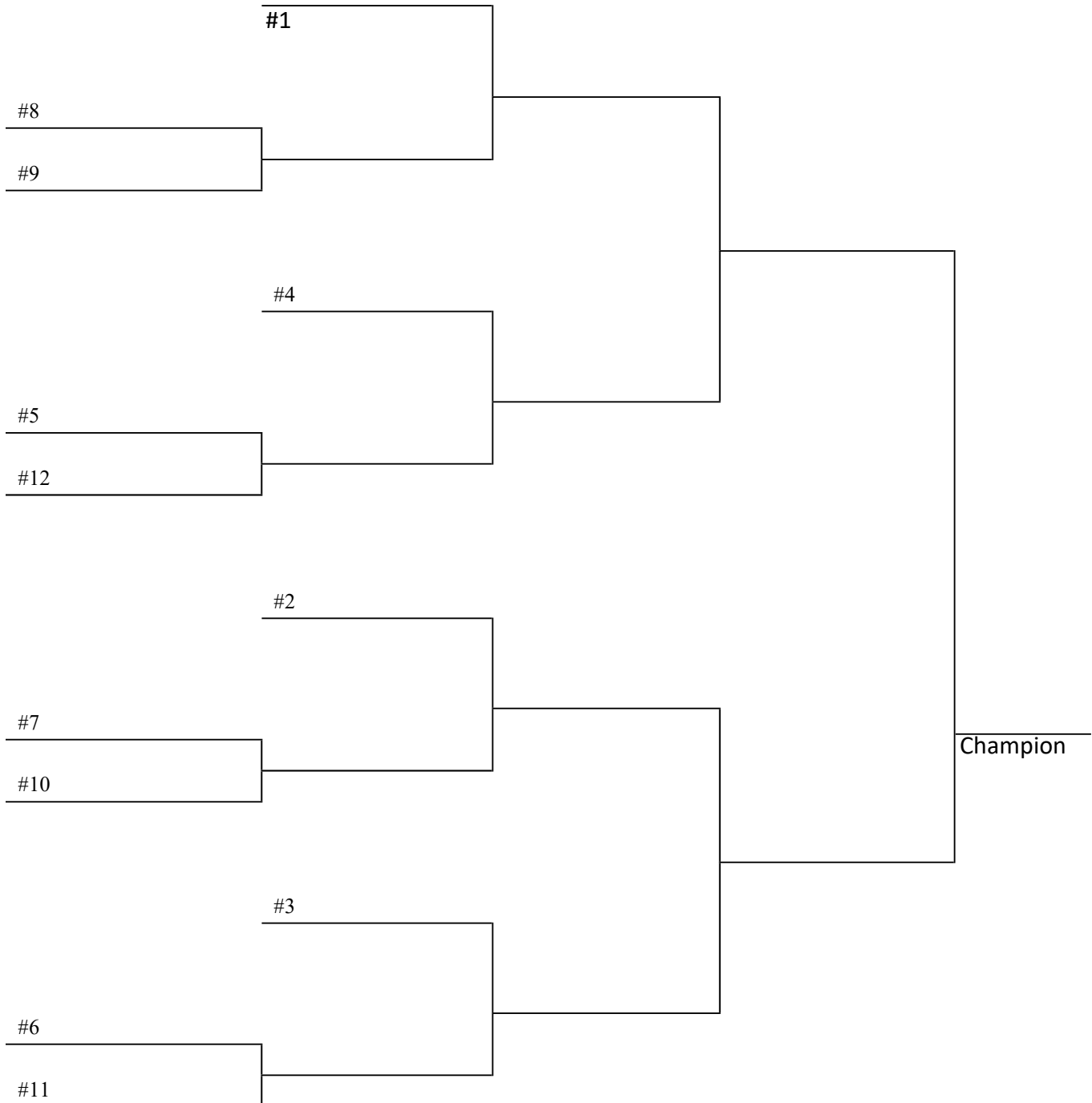
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DIAA Volleyball Committee Members (Pending Board Approval)

Committee Member Name	Affiliation	Title
Matt Smith	DIAA Board	Athletic Director
Nancy Griskowitz-Chair	Non-Conference	Coach - Saint Mark's HS
Dana Gaetano Vice Chair	DVOA	Official
Thomas Sullivan - Secretary	New Castle County Representative	Public Member
Stacy Cook	School Administration	Principal - Smyrna HS
Wendy Kite	DIAA – State Interpreter	NFHS Volleyball State Interpreter
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Tyler Coupe	Coaches Association Representative	Coach - Cape Henlopen HS
Christopher Muscara	Athletic Director	Appoquinimink HS
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Dave Stover	Diamond State Conference	Coach - Charter School of Wilmington
Debbie Corrado	Public Member	Retired
Kim Habbert	Blue Hen Conference	District AD- Christina District
Laurie Lorah	Non-Conference	Coach - Caravel Academy

DIAA Volleyball Tournament Manual

Specific Information

A. The 2023 Volleyball Tournament will be held on the following dates:

Round	Date
Round One	Wednesday/Thursday, November 1/2
Round Two	Friday/Saturday, November 3/4
Quarterfinals	Thursday, November 9
Semifinals	Monday, November 13
Finals	Thursday, November 16

Item 2. Tournament Sites

A. All tournament sites through the quarterfinals will be determined by the Volleyball Committee based on the seeding of teams, availability, seating capacity, parking facilities, gymnasium condition, and safety. All NFHS guidelines will be followed with an emphasis on safety. Semi-Final and Championship matches will be played at the University of Delaware.

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. All starting times will be determined by the Volleyball Committee.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The tournament field will be comprised of the following teams:
 1. The qualifying champions from Blue Hen Flight A, Blue Hen Flight B, Independent Conference, Henlopen North, Henlopen South, and the Diamond State Conference and eighteen at-large teams, or more if needed to fill out the 24-team bracket.
- B. Eligible Teams:
 1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for tournament consideration.
 2. A team must play a minimum of ten (10) matches at the varsity level to be eligible for tournament consideration. Only those opponents who played a minimum of eight (8) matches at the varsity level will be included in a team's win-loss record and index calculation.
 - a. Only the results of matches that consist of the best three out of five 25-point set (no cap) rally scoring or the best two out of three 25-point sets (no cap) rally scoring if played out of state will be used to determine tournament berths or seed the qualifying teams. Number of sets is by state adoption.
 3. Team schedules will "lock down" on the first allowable date of competition (September 6, 2023). Any changes made to a schedule after that date must be approved by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair. Otherwise, the team index will be determined by the number of games on the schedule on the lock down date.
 4. A match scheduled for the last day of competition that is cancelled due to weather related, unplayable conditions, natural causes, or legitimate circumstances beyond the control of the teams playing may be declared a no contest by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair and the game will not be included in the index calculation.
 5. No points or bonus points will be awarded to a team that forfeits a match. However, the opponent will be awarded points and bonus points.
- C. Conference/Flight/Division Champions must meet following qualifying criteria to earn the automatic berth.
 1. The champion must possess an overall record of .500 or better.
 2. The champion must be in the top 50% of the eligible teams in the state.
 3. The conference/flight/division must determine their champion by the end of the day on the last date of competition. If a conference qualifier chooses not to participate in the tournament, that berth will be awarded to another at-large team.
- D. At-Large teams will be selected according to their team index as determined by the procedure in 5.B.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report:
 1. The last competition date for volleyball is Saturday, October 28, 2023. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's Websites4Sports page are accurate and complete by 10pm on the last date of competition or the team may not be considered for the tournament. Games played after the last date of competition will not be used to determine tournament selection unless approved by the committee chair.
- B. Index Calculation:
 1. A team will receive two (2) points for each regular season win.
 2. A team will receive one (1) bonus point for playing an opponent with a win-loss record of .501 or better regardless of which team won. Bonus points are not awarded for the third contest

against a specific team in the season.

3. A team will receive one (1) additional bonus point for playing an opponent with a win-loss record of .701 or better regardless of which team won. Bonus points are not awarded if a team is played more than two times.
 4. The point index will be determined by dividing the total points accumulated by the number of matches played.
 5. Pool play will count as one match played with no points earned if a team fails to advance to the next round of the tournament.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures: If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.
1. Head-to head competition. If three or more teams are tied, they must all have played each other.
 2. Win-loss percentage against common opponents. All games against common opponents count in percentage.
 3. Highest bonus point percentage (total bonus points divided by matches played).
 4. Win-loss percentage of all opponents
 5. Overall win-loss record of teams that are tied (higher win percentage)
 6. Draw conducted by Committee
- D. Tournament Seeding:
1. Qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly. The top eight seeds will receive a bye in the first round.
 2. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field has been selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 6. Official Program

- A. At the discretion of the DIAA Executive Director, if DIAA prepares an official tournament program which contains team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information, it may be sold at all tournament playing sites.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information - Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website's sports page by October 18, 2023. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tiff format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo by the date listed in Item 6, B. Program information as outlined in Item 6 must be submitted by October 18, 2023 for consideration of any complimentary coaches' tickets.

Item 7. Admission Policies

B. Paid Admission

1. All tickets will be purchased through GoFan, DIAA's official ticketing partner, unless otherwise noted.
2. Tickets for DIAA state tournament events can be found by visiting <https://gofan.co/app/school/DIAA>
3. Fans MUST have a smartphone, tablet, or mobile device to show and redeem purchased tickets for entry into DIAA Championship events. Tickets printed onto paper will not be accepted.
4. Ticket Prices
 - a. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for 1st round, 2nd round, and quarterfinal games;
 - b. \$10 for semifinal and final games.
5. These ticket prices do not include any additional fees.

6. Children four (4) years and younger will be admitted without charge to all games.
7. Ticket prices and fees are subject to change per approval by the DIAA Board of Directors.
8. Tickets purchased but unused will not be refunded.

D. Complimentary Admission

1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster as submitted to the DIAA Executive Director prior to the tournament. The official school party is defined as players, coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, and athletic trainer(s). All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.

a. **A maximum of 15 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.**

b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.

c. One (1) bus driver will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of identification as the team's driver.

2. A maximum of 23 cheerleaders in uniform and one adult sponsor will receive complimentary admission. Additional cheerleaders and/or adults must purchase a ticket or make arrangements in advance to have their school billed for any admission in excess of 23 cheerleaders and one adult.

a. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2023 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.

C. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of current and official DIAA credentials. See General Item #11.

Item 8. Game Manager

A. A member of the Volleyball Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager. They will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. The Game Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Volleyball Committee. The Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below:

1. Provide the official game balls.
2. Scoring sheets [DIAA generated].
3. From Round 2 of the tournament on, present the game ball to the losing team.
4. Collect the game balls after the game has been completed.

B. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.

C. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School

A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.

B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel MUST be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.

Support personnel may include:

1. Ticket seller(s);
2. Program seller(s);
3. Ticket taker(s);
4. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
5. School Police;

6. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 7. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
1. Assuring the court and bench areas are set up according to NFHS specifications. NOTE: The first three rows in the bleachers will be designated for team use only.
 2. Confirm that dressing room and bathroom facilities are available for the participating schools (if possible).
 3. Provide safe and secure passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 4. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 5. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators. No front row seating by spectators.
 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the site is not playable.
 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager and DIAA.
 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 9. Provide score table personnel unless assigned by the Volleyball Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 11. Ensure music played during contest is approved and appropriate.
 12. Charge admission through the third set of the final match.
 13. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 14. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 15. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school and DIAA Office.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for complying with the DIAA's ticketing administration and financial reconciliation procedures. Host schools are responsible for reporting ticket and program sales to the DIAA Office by the next business day after the event concludes. Unsold programs should be returned to the DIAA office in a timely manner after the event concludes.
- F. Public Address System
1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with volleyball.
 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
 - c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team in whatever order the coach submits.

Item 10. Officials

- A. The Delaware Volleyball Officials Association (DVOA) will provide all officials for the 2023 State Tournament.
- B. The Volleyball Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.

- C. The officiating crew will consist of the following officials for all Tournament matches; R1, R2, 2 Line Judges, scorer and libero tracker.
- D. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2023 State Tournament will be paid according to DIAA Regulation 1009 8.4 Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions.
- E. Officials' Table: The following priority list will determine seating at the officials' table:
 - 1. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer
 - 2. Official Scorer
 - 3. Libero Tracker
 - 4. Scorer from each participating team

Item 11. Uniforms

- A. Team Uniforms will meet all requirements of the NFHS 2023-24 Volleyball Rules Book.

Item 12. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

- A. Facility operations will be based on the host site facility plan and will comply with all State and Delaware Division of Public Health guidelines during the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic.
 - 1. If a dressing room is available at the host site, the coaching staff is responsible for supervising the team dressing room and offending schools will be held accountable for any theft or damage.
- B. If available, a dressing room for Officials' will be provided at the host site's discretion. Officials should be prepared to arrive to the game site dressed.

Item 13. Contest procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. All Tournament matches will be played using the 2023-24 NFHS Volleyball Rules, and any adoptions approved by DIAA.
- B. Practice Sessions - No team will be permitted to practice or scrimmage at a tournament playing site unless that site is its home court.
- C. Pre-Match Warm Up Session
 - 1. **A maximum of 15 players in full uniform may participate in the warm up.**
 - 2. **The participating teams must provide their own volleyballs for the warm-up session. Teams are permitted to have shaggers during warm-ups. Shaggers must wear appropriate rubber soled shoes and be in compliance with the jewelry regulations while shagging volleyballs during the warm-up.**
 - 3. Teams may begin warming up with balls on their side of the net thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the match for a single match or for the first match of a double header. For the second match of a double header teams may begin warming up with balls on their side of the net as soon as the floor is cleared.
 - 4. The official warm-up session will begin after the pre-game conference which is 25 minutes before the start of the match.
 - 5. The official warm-up session will consist of five (5) minutes of combined passing followed by six (6) minutes of each team's court time which includes serving. The home team (higher seed) will have the court for the first six-minute session.
 - 5. While a team is on the court, the opposing team may run a controlled drill (3 balls or less) in a safe, unused area of the gym. It is imperative that players and the balls not interfere with the on-court team's six-minute session.
- D. Pre-Match Conference
 - 1. The pre-match conference will be conducted 25 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.
 - a. The visiting team will call the coin toss.
 - b. The winner of the coin toss may choose to serve first or to receive serve. If a fifth game is

necessary, another coin toss will be conducted with the home team calling the toss.

E. Game Balls and Scorebooks

1. The Committee will furnish game balls and an official scorebook for each match. Participating schools must provide scorebooks for their own scorekeepers.
2. The Committee will provide Spalding TF VB5 game balls for all tournament matches.

F. Special Events

1. Special events will be confined to the official pre-match activities and the awards presentation after the championship match.
2. The pre-match ceremonies may include:
 - a. National Anthem - All players, coaches, game officials, and school personnel are expected to stand attentively during the presentation of the American flag and the playing of the national anthem.
 - b. Introduction of team members (15 players in uniform), coaches, and officials.
 - c. Other VIPs in attendance will be recognized by asking them to stand momentarily at their seats.
3. The Volleyball Committee is authorized to modify the program of special events however it deems appropriate.
4. No school will be permitted to conduct its own program of special events.

G. Host Site Floors: In respecting the host site floors, coaches are not permitted to wear high heel shoes on the court or on the sideline in all rounds of the tournament.

Item 14. Awards

The following awards will be presented:

1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the Championship team, the Runner-Up team.
2. Individual: Gold medallions (15) will be presented to the champions. Silver medallions (15) will be presented to the runners-up.
3. Game Ball: Each participating team will receive a game ball.
4. No awards other than those authorized by the DIAA and the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 15. Player Bench Occupants and Bench Assignments

- A. During a match, the player bench may be occupied by a maximum of 17 members of the official school party as defined in Item 7.B.
- B. For scoring purposes, the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team and shall select their team bench.

Item 16. Paint, Glitter, and Temporary Tattoos on Players

- A. The players of the participating teams will not be permitted to wear any temporary decorations such as face/hair/body paint, glitter, tattoos, etc. due to the possibility of these substances getting on the ball or floor.

Item 17. Music and Noisemakers

- A. The Volleyball Committee will allow the playing of recorded music at an appropriate volume if approved by the site director. Bands or musical groups with one or more instruments, sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, whistles, and other artificial or mechanical noisemakers are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the principal and athletic director of each participating school to inform their student body and community of this regulation.

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