



## General Information

The following items are applicable to each of the 2025 DIAA Spring Sport State Tournaments. Items specific to the organization and administration of the specific sport Championships are located in separate sections of this manual.

### Item 1. Authorization

- A. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in softball (March 25, 1976), baseball (November 20, 1969) by voting for approval on the dates indicated.
- B. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in boys' lacrosse (March 25, 1993) and girls' lacrosse (January 22, 1998) by voting for approval on the dates indicated.
- C. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in boys' volleyball (April 20, 2023) by voting for approval on the dates indicated.
- D. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in outdoor track and field (1968) by voting for approval during the year listed.
- E. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in tennis (1963), and golf (1974) by voting for approval during the years indicated.
- F. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in girls' soccer on March 23, 1995 by voting for approval on the date indicated.

### Item 2. Management

- A. The tournaments will be managed by special committees appointed by the DIAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director.
- B. The committees in consultation with the Executive Director, 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. The DIAA will organize, conduct, and underwrite the costs of the tournaments and will receive all proceeds.
- B. All expenditures must be pre-approved by the DIAA Executive Director.
  1. No vouchers will be approved unless an itemized statement of cost accompanies the request for payment.
  2. No vouchers received after the end of the fiscal year (June 15, 2025) 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 outdoor track & field, Baseball, Softball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball, **Tennis and Golf** except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, will be in effect for all tournament contests.

### Item 6. Sportsmanship and Spectator Conduct

- A. Member schools are required to conduct all 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 (with the exception of the Flag of the United States of America, and the State of Delaware), and signs are prohibited 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 Executive Director and the Sports 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 and may result in ejection from the event.
  - 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 and may result in ejection from the event.
  - 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. Any spectator that enters the playing surface, field and/or area will be ejected from the event.

#### **Item 7. 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 8. Raffles and 50/50 Drawings**

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

#### **Item 9. Bench and Sideline Personnel**

- A. DIAA requires that all school personnel on the sidelines or in the team bench area be members of the official team party. This includes anyone acting as a team manager. Anyone not properly credentialed may be removed from the team bench or sidelines.

#### **Item 10. 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](mailto: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 in accordance with the DIAA media and media credential policy. DIAA media credentials are only authorized for DIAA State Tournament events and must abide by all sport specific rules related to restricted areas.
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/](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.
5. The DIAA will identify working for the media at each event site. No member of the media without authorization of the DIAA Marketing/Communications representative and/or the Executive Director will be permitted in authorized media areas only. Anyone violating this rule is subject to having their media credential revoked and may be subject to ejection from the venue.

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 Marketing/Communications representative at 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 Event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.
5. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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. All reimbursement requests must be submitted to the DIAA office within fifteen day from the date the transportation occurred.



**DIAA Boys Volleyball Tournament Manual  
Spring 2025**

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

Colleagues:

The 2025 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 2025 DIAA Volleyball State Championships and are not intended to govern subsequent championships or to be binding on future committees.

The Committees sincerely hope that the 2025 DIAA 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](http://www.education.delaware.gov/diaa)

Thank you,

*DIAA Volleyball Committee*

**DIAA Boys Volleyball Committee Members**

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Katie Godfrey, Chair	Salesianum School	Administrator, Athletic Director
David Lee, Vice Chair	Dickinson HS	Coach
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Tyler Coupe	Cape Henlopen HS	Coach
Nicole Florian	ASPIRA HS	Coach
Brian Fraticelli	Charter School of Wilmington	Coach
Dana Gaetano	DVOA	Official
Jeff Gricol	Salesianum School	Coach
Chris Gass	Public Member	Public Member

**DIAA Boys Volleyball Tournament Manual  
Specific Information**

**Item 1. Tournament Dates**

A. The 2025 Boys Volleyball Tournament will be held on the following dates:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>
Round One	Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14
Quarterfinals	Friday, May 16 and/or Saturday, May 17
Semifinals	Tuesday, May 20
Finals	Thursday, May 22

**Item 2. Tournament Sites**

A. All tournament sites will be determined by the Volleyball Committee based on availability, geographic location, seating capacity, parking facilities, gymnasium condition, and the seeding of teams.

### **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 top 16 at-large teams that meet the qualifications and are seeded based on the indicated team point index as determined by the procedure in 5.B.
- B. Eligible Teams:
  - 1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1009 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 games (no cap) rally scoring or the best two out of three 15-point games side out scoring if played out of state will be used to determine tournament berths or seed the qualifying teams.
  - 3. Team schedules will "lock down" on the first allowable date of competition (March 24, 2025) 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 canceled 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.

### **Item 5. Tournament Seeding**

- A. Team Report:
  - 1. The last competition date for volleyball is **Saturday, May 10th, 2025**. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's Website4Sports page are accurate and **complete by 3pm** 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. Win-loss percentage of all opponents.
  4. Overall win-loss record of teams that are tied (higher win percentage)
  5. A criteria established by the committee at the time.
- D. Tournament Seeding
1. Qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly.
  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 website4sports site by April 29, 2025. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tfi format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.

#### **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. Comprehensive DIAA Championship ticketing policies are included in General Information, Item 6, page 2.
  5. Ticket Prices
    - i. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for opening round games
    - ii. \$8 for semifinals
    - iii. \$10 for finals
  6. These ticket prices do not include any additional ticket service fees.
  7. Any games played at non-DIAA member schools may incur an increased ticket price.
  8. Children four (4) years and younger will be admitted without charge to all games.

- 9. Ticket prices and fees are subject to change per approval by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 10. 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 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.
  - C. 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.
    - 1. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2025 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.
  - D. 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 1 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. Ticket taker(s);
  - 3. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);

4. School Police;
  5. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
  6. 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. The first three rows in the bleachers will be designated for team use only.
  2. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
  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 the 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 the 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. Only qualifying and approved officials associations will be eligible to provide officials for state tournament games.
- B. The DIAA Executive Director and/or their designee 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.
- 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 2025 State Tournament will be paid according to DIAA Regulation 1043.5.1 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 2024-25 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 at the game site dressed.

**Item 13. Contest procedures, Equipment, Special Events**

- A. All Tournament matches will be played using the 2024-25 NFHS Volleyball Rules, and any adoptions approved by DIAA
- B. Practice Sessions
  1. 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 35 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.
6. 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 35 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**

A. The following awards will be presented:

1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the Championship team and 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 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 21 members of the official school party as defined in Item 7.C. The total travel party size is 21 members and no more than 5 administrators.
- 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.

### 2025 DIAA VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

**\*bracket is at the discretion of the DIAA Volleyball Committee and will be finalized at the seeding meeting**

Round 1 Tues & Wed May 13, 14	Quarterfinals Fri, Sat May 16, 17	Semifinals Tuesday May 20	Final Thursday May 22
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