

Region III Volleyball 3A Southcentral Conference Tournament Bylaws

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Article X: Bylaws

Section 1: Governing Rules

Volleyball competition in Region III will follow the guidelines established by the National Federation of State High Schools Association Volleyball Rule Book and all applicable rules and regulations established by ASAA and Region III.

Section 2: Scheduling

All participating member schools must compete within the designated Region III area. A maximum 22 match schedule in one season, exclusive of post-season tournament play, consists of the following schedule unless the game(s) is canceled due to weather and other circumstances beyond the control of the school(s). In the event one or more schools in the region fails to complete their home and home schedule due to the above conditions, the offending school(s) will still be allowed to participate in the seeding process. Schedules need to be checked at the beginning of the season to confirm that all conference games are scheduled.

The Southcentral Conference will consist of the following schools:

North Division: MCCA, Grace, Houston, Redington

South Division: Homer, Kenai, Nikiski, Seward

Each school will play each other school within their division twice, on a home and away basis, and schools in the other division once per year on an alternating basis.

In even numbered years: Nikiski and Homer will play at ACS and Grace and host Houston and Redington. Kenai and Seward will play at Houston and Redington and host ACS and Grace.

In odd numbered years: Nikiski and Homer will host ACS and Grace and play at Houston and Redington. Kenai and Seward will host Houston and Redington and play at ACS and Grace.

Section 3: Tournament Bracketing

Teams will be seeded according to the following criteria in this prioritized order:

1. Conference Record of the games played in conference play
2. Regular season head-to-head competition

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3. Record against all team(s) in the division with a higher seed.
4. Common opponent outside the conference (**matches with 3 out of 5 sets only**)
5. Total number of sets won during regular conference play between the tied teams.
6. Coin toss

Teams will be bracketed top to bottom in a standard eight-team bracket as follows:
(#1 S v. #4 N, #2 N v. #3 S, #2 S v. #3 N, #1 N v. #4 S).

Each division is seeded separately and then the bracket is developed.

In the case of a three way or four way tie, only the head to head records between the teams that are tied will be considered. Once the original tie is broken, head to head competition must be considered first between the remaining teams before using steps three, four, or five. All ties will be considered by the Region III Executive Board in person or by conference call with the schools involved. The Board members will designate a team "heads" based on the first letter of the school in alphabetical order, and the other team "tails" before flipping the coin. Final team seeding will be communicated to all teams by the tournament director.

The tournament will run over three days and be a true, eight-team, double-elimination bracket which mirrors the State Championship schedule and bracket.

Matches #1 - #14 will be the best 3 out of 5 sets. • The “if match” will be one set to 30 points.

Section 4: Team Rosters

Team rosters are not to exceed fifteen players and must be submitted to the host school by participating schools on the Monday ten days prior to the first day of the conference tournament. A final team roster of fourteen players must be selected from the original list and submitted to the tournament official book prior to that team’s first game of the tournament. Thereafter, no changes or superstitions shall be permitted.

Section 5: Time Schedule

Tournaments will be scheduled over three days. The tournament director shall arrange the scheduled games as to the session in which matches shall be played for the tournament's first day of play. The host school may exercise the option of having their first round match in the evening. The host school will be the home team (regardless of seed) throughout the tournament. They will sit on the home bench and be home on the scoreboard.

Section 6: Board of Control

A tournament Board of Control shall be chosen for each Region III sponsored event that shall consist of three individuals who have sufficient knowledge of the sport to make educated and fair decisions when necessary. It is also recommended that one Board of Control member represent the school that will host the tournament during the following year. In the event of a dispute, Coaches may complete the Region III Coach’s Appeal Form. The B.O.C. will break all ties.

Section 7: Officials

Line judges, scorekeepers, and libero trackers will all be experienced adults or officials - no students/youth will be used to fill these positions.

The tournament director shall select the officials for the regional tournament according to the following parameters:

1. A minimum of four certified officials are required. It is recommended that five officials be selected.
2. Effort should be made to provide representation from all geographic regions of the schools participating. Compensation for officials will consist of an increase of \$10.00 over regular season pay, per diem at a rate of \$35.00 a day, travel expenses not to exceed the IRS stated amount and housing accommodations.
3. The coaches of the schools competing in the championship game will determine the officials for that game in the following manner.
 - a. The coaches from match #11 along with the winning coach from match #12 will submit their top two choices and submit them to the tournament director Friday night.
 - b. If unanimous, those officials will be selected.
 - c. If not unanimous, the top choice of each coach is selected.
 - d. The positions of referee and umpire will be determined by mutual consent of the two coaches or by the BOC.

Section 8: Trophies/Awards

Trophies and awards will be purchased by Region III and the costs shared by the teams involved. There will be a team award for 1st place and individual medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place team members. A coaches award will be voted by the coaches. A “Good Sport Team” will be chosen as follows:

At the coaches meeting, each coach will select one athlete on the team who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the entire season. These athletes will be recognized at the awards ceremony with a special medal.

Section 9: All-Conference Team Selection

Prior to the start of the region tournament, each head coach will submit names of players for consideration of an All-Conference team. In order for a school's athletes to be eligible for postseason awards, all schools are required to vote a complete ballot for All-Conference voting. At the coaches meeting, time will be allowed and each coach must give reasons for their nominations. At least one representative from each team must be present. All head coaches (or designated proxy) may then vote for fourteen (14) athletes from the list of nominations. Coaches may not vote for their own players. Ballots will be weighted according to numerical priority (i.e.

the first name entered will be given fourteen points; the second name is given thirteen points, etc.) All coaches will mark their ballots, submit the ballots to the Tournament Director, and then the votes and results will be given verbally, with all coaches present.. If at this time more discussion needs to follow then the Board of Control will facilitate discussion and possible re-vote of the All-Conference Team.

The Board of Control will supervise the verbal voting of ballots. Should any discrepancies arise, the Board has the option of nullifying the vote and conducting a revote. In this case, a letter to the Region III President and to the principal of the offending school will follow.

First Team = the fourteen (14) athletes receiving the most votes. (The player with the most votes receives the MVP Plaque instead of a medal.)

Second Team = Any athlete that received at least one vote.

Honorable Mention = Any athlete nominated but not receiving a vote.

During the coaches meeting, a discussion should be facilitated by the host school regarding any concerns or changes needed to the bylaws. These concerns will then be presented at the next region meeting.