DIVISION I/DIVISION II – PAIRS STATE TOURNAMENT

- Sixteen pairs bracket single elimination tournament

Qualifying

- Top eight teams at the end of the season power rank for the division can place their #1 pair as an automatic qualifier for the tournament
  - To be a #1 pair for a school, each individual player must have competed in at least half of the team’s season competition opportunities that the player was eligible for. **This automatic qualifying pair must be the best pair the school team has.**

- The remaining eight pairs will be determined at the Division I/Division II Coaches Pairs State Tournament seeding meeting Monday, May 4th at the AIA Office
  - The seeding meeting will start at 6:00pm

All division coaches may submit, for consideration, their #1 pair for the eight at-large entries that they feel are one of the top sixteen beach volleyball pairs in the division.

- To be a #1 pair for a school, each individual player must have competed in at least half of the team’s season competition opportunities that the player was eligible for.
- At the seeding meeting, the school coach should be prepared to show the pairs record in the #1 team competition slot competition opportunities that both players were eligible for.
- If a team is deep in talent and a pair that competed as the #2 pair in at least half of the team’s season competition opportunities is considered to be one of the top sixteen beach volleyball pairs in the division, the head coach can submit this #2 pair for consideration as an at-large entry to the division pairs state tournament
  - At the seeding meeting, the school coach should be prepared to show the pairs record in the #2 team competition slot competition opportunities that both players were eligible for.
The Varsity Beach coach must be present at the seeding meeting to represent their nominated pair
- The coach should have, in print, their nominated pair’s match record in the #1 slotted regular season matches
- Match record must show the opponent (players names from the opponents #1 pair) and the scores of the best of three matches

- Once the sixteen school pairs are determined, the coaches at the seeding meeting will seed the top eight pairs for the #1 through #4 bracket slots.
  - The computer will do the blind draw for the #5 through #16 bracket slots.

**Tournament Matches**
- Best two out of three sets
- Pair which first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (22-20; 23-21; etc.).
- In the case of a 1-1 tie, the deciding 3rd set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.