



# **AIA State Beach Volleyball**

## **TOURNAMENT GUIDE**

**Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions**

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**Media** information, including policies, credential requests, broadcasting & media rights agreements can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/host-media-info>

**ADA Compliance** information can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/files/14160/committees-ada-compliance.pdf>

**Emergency personnel** protocols & information related to AIA postseason competitions can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/files/17188/qmp.pdf>

**School conference/ division/ section alignments** can be found at: <https://aiaonline.org/alignments/2024>

**All rules as stated in the NCAA Rules Book for this sport, along with the AIA Constitution & Bylaws as well as these tournament instructions apply.**

**Note: Playoff games are subject to time and date changes and/or venue relocation. Factors include, but are not limited to: location of high seed, contractual obligations, broadcast commitments, seating capacity, and travel considerations of participating schools.**

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### RULES

Official rules for Beach Volleyball shall be the current rules of USA Beach Volleyball as approved by the NCAA with modifications.

### **NCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULE BOOK:**

<http://www.ncaa.org/playing-rules/beach-volleyball-rules-game>

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- High Seed Site Director will supply the game balls; competing team participants must bring their own practice beach volleyballs for warm-up.
- Neutral Site Tournament Site Director will supply the game balls; participants must bring their own practice balls for warm-up.
- A coach must be in attendance during all practice and warm-up sessions.
- All schools will allow only 14 team members, one certified athletic trainer, and three coaches to be involved with the school's beach volleyball team during the state tournament competition.
- All varsity beach volleyball coaches must submit their paired players (roster) based on skill level entry to the AIA no later than 6:00pm on the Friday following the conclusion of the season . This is the base roster that must be used for the entire tournament. The varsity team head coach can submit changes in the pairings due to illness, absence, etc to the AIA match officials and the opposing varsity team head coach at the coaches/officials meeting no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of the first match. Any movement to fill an opening must follow the AIA movement and anti-stacking rules (below).
  - **Beach Volleyball Roster Entry Instructions for State Tournament**  
<https://www.aiaonline.org/sports/volleyball-beach>
  - **Beach volleyball (team of two players) shall compete with a team of players with the same rank on the team's five team order of skill and competitiveness. Stacking of team pairs to gain a competitive advantage is not allowed. When a regular pairing of players is unable to participate in their established position, that position shall be filled by advancing a pair from a lower rank level. When a single player is unable to participate an alternate may fill that position (direct line substitute).**
    - **Example: #1 pair unable to compete. Pair #2 moves to the #1 rank competition, #3 moves to the #2 rank competition, #4 moves to the #3 rank competition, #5 moves to the #4 rank competition, #6 alternate pair moves to the #5 rank competition.**
    - **Example: Player A on #2 pair unable to compete, Alternate A moves to the #2 pair to replace the player unable to compete.**

### Game Balls & Court Requirements

- Official AIA beach volleyball is the Wilson AVP Beach Volleyball and will be used at all semi-final and championship AIA State Beach Volleyball Tournament games.

### **ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ON SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM COURT REQUIREMENTS IN PLACE FOR SAFETY:**

- **Court lines that are 16m X 8m (52' X 26') and are anchored into the sand.**
- **Nets must be at 7' 4 1/8" height**
- **Sand that is 12 - 18 inches deep (must be turned and leveled)**
- **Padding around any poles in the playing area including light poles**



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- Ability to wet the courts down to reduce dust and lower the temperature of the sand.

### **State Tournament Score Reporting**

**Post-Season Results- immediately at the conclusion of the game:**

Two hours prior to start of your state tournament game, an email will be sent to the visiting and host school athletic director, as well as the host high school venue (if a neutral site) with a score reporting link. **At the conclusion of the game, any of the three mentioned above may click on the score reporting link to be taken to the scores portion of their admin (upon logging into the system) to enter the game result. The goal is to have the result reported and posted immediately at the conclusion of the game.**

### **BUDGET FORMS**

High seed site tournament directors for the first two rounds of AIA Beach Volleyball will utilize the AIA Pre-determine Budget for the event staff. Budget forms can be found on the AIA website under the **Administrator Tab** at the following link:

<http://aiaonline.org/about/procedures-manual>

### **PLAY-OFF PROCEDURE:**

- All school teams should arrive at tournament site dressed for competition
- All school teams should arrive at tournament site at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.
- Coaches/officials meeting twenty minutes prior to contest start.
- Warm-ups: 15 minutes per team.