



VOLLEYBALL BY-LAWS - GIRLS'

ARTICLE I **GOVERNING RULES**

- Section 1. The current edition of the National Federation Volleyball Rules shall be the official rules for all volleyball games played by league schools, unless otherwise stipulated by these by-laws.
- Section 2. By the SCVAL pre-league meeting every SCVAL team will provide an electronic copy of their schedule for each team in their division. The use of CCS/CIF designated system for rosters, schedules/scores will be utilized.
- Section 3. Before the first league contest, rosters will be provided for all teams in their division.
- 3.1 The roster will include each player's name, grade in school, position, height, and uniform number.

ARTICLE II **CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Section 1. There are two (2) official teams: Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV).
- 1.1 A player may move up and down during practice matches.
- 1.1.1 Once a player participates in a league match, they may not move to a lower classification. (This includes freshmen teams.)
- 1.1.1.1 The penalty will be forfeiture of each match in which the player continues to play on the lower team.

ARTICLE III **GAME AND PRACTICE LIMITATIONS FOR VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Section 1 Matches will be limited to twenty-six (26) contests (CCS By-Law) and two (2) scrimmages per season for each the Varsity and Junior Varsity. (i.e. 1 for 1 or .5 for 2 out of 3 or less tournament contests). Teams are not limited to 26 matches but 26 contests.
- 1.1 All contacts will count match for match.
- 1.1.1 Tournament 2 out of 3 sets contests will count as .5 of a contest.

1.1.2 Contests that are only 2 sets with no possibility of a 3rd game count as .5 of a contest, but do not count as a win or lose. (CCS By-Law.)

1.2 No individual player may exceed the twenty-six (26) contest limitation.

1.2.1 The penalty will be forfeiture of each game in which the player continues to play once exceeding the twenty-six (26) contest limit.

1.3 Matches may be played on any day except Sundays.

1.4 During scrimmages teams may wear uniform but the score may not be officially kept. If officials are used it is for the purpose of practice not to designate a winner or loser and the officials may not be paid.

Section 2. Practice limitations prior to the CCS start date for contests will be limited to fifty-four (54) hours. The starting date for the limitation will be set each year by the CCS Board of Managers.

2.1 Each team shall have at least five (5) days of practice before its first contest or scrimmage.

2.2 Teams may practice any day except Sunday. No scrimmages allowed prior to the CCS start date for scrimmages.

2.4 No matches may take place prior to the CCS start date for contests. The exception is approved CCS sportsmanship/scholarship games.

Section 3 Each year the official league schedule shall contain the following:

3.1 Official starting date for practice, as established annually by the CCS Board of Managers.

3.2 Official date when contests and scrimmages may begin and end, as established annually by the CCS Board of Managers.

3.3 The official league contest schedule, dates, starting times, and locations are to be followed.

3.4 A double round robin shall constitute league competition for both the De Anza and El Camino Divisions at both the Varsity and JV level.

3.5 The De Anza (DA) and El Camino (EC) Divisions will be evaluated each year as to the correct placement of teams. Realignment of divisions will be recommended at the volleyball post-season meeting by a vote of the DA and EC coaches.

3.5.1 The De Anza Division will be made up of the leagues strongest six to eight (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.

- 3.5.2 The El Camino Division will be made up of the leagues remaining six to eight (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.
- 3.5.3 At the post-season meeting all teams in the De Anza Division and the El Camino Division will be considered for movement for the following year's volleyball season.
 - 3.5.3.1 The coaches in the DA and EC will rank all of the teams. The highest 6 -8 ranked teams will complete the DA Division. The 6 -8 remaining teams will be in the EC Division.
 - 3.5.3.1.1 Ranking of teams for the following season will be based on the league standings of the varsity and junior varsity teams, the number of returning players, and skill level of the returning players.
- 3.6 The schedule will matrix every year.
- 3.7 SCVAL teams are obligated to follow the schedule as adopted by the Board of Managers. Procedures for changes include the SCVAL Change of Schedule Form.

ARTICLE IV

MATCH MANAGEMENT

Section 1. There will be (2) officials for league matches in all Varsity and JV contests.

- 1.1 Fee shall be split between participating school if a tiebreaker is needed or if a protest is upheld and the game is replayed.

Section 2. The length of a league match

- 2.1 A varsity match will be three (3) out of five (5) sets. Rally scoring to 25 points in sets 1, 2, 3, and 4 and to 15 points in the 5th set.
- 2.2 A JV match will be 2 out of 3 sets. Rally scoring to 25 points in sets 1 and 2 to 15 points in the 3rd set.

Section 3. Starting times/ Pre-Match Protocol

- 3.1 All contests are scheduled as night matches.
 - 3.1.1 Junior Varsity at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 6:45 pm.
 - 3.1.2 No contest will start before the designated time.
 - 3.1.3 Use of CCS language for warm-ups will be utilized.

Section 4. Volleyball courts must meet CIF Volleyball standards.

Section 5. Warm-up periods will be the CCS adopted warm-up period.

Section 6. The current CCS official volleyball shall be used for all SCVAL League matches.

Section 7. A trained qualified person will do scoring for league matches.

Section 8. The home school is responsible for providing two (2) lines persons, one (1) scorer, one (1) scoreboard operator, and one (1) Libero tracker, for each home match.
The home book is the official scorebook.

8.1 The winning team is responsible for reporting all scores and statistics to the CCS/CIF designated system.

Section 9 Senior Night Protocol

9.1 "Senior Night" activities will take place after the combined warm –up period and prior to each team's individual time on the court. (i.e.) 15 minutes combined warm-up, Senior Night Activities, Team A's 6 minutes, Team B's 6 minutes)

ARTICLE V

DIVISION STANDINGS AND CCS REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) place teams in the De Anza Division will receive an automatic CCS playoff berth based on current CCS By-Laws.

Section 2. The first place team in the El Camino Division will receive an automatic CCS playoff berth.

Section 3 Teams may apply for an at-large berth into the CCS tournament if they have a .500 or above record in league or a .500 or above record out of league. No waivers granted.

Section 4. No team or teams from the El Camino Division applying for an at-large position in the CCS playoff tournament may prevent a team or teams from the De Anza Division from being granted an at-large berth. The El Camino Division team or teams must remove their team(s) from the CCS tournament if it allows a De Anza Division team(s) to be included into the CCS tournament. If such removal of teams does not allow the De Anza Division team(s) to be included into the CCS tournament, the El Camino team(s) will be allowed to keep their spot in the CCS tournament. (SCVAL General By-Law)

4.1 If the De Anza Division Team and the El Camino team played head to head during the season and the El Camino team finished ahead of the De Anza division team in their head to head competition, based on match results, the El Camino team does not have to relinquish their spot. Only regulation matches that count on your record qualify. Sets won or lost have no bearing. Ties go to the De Anza Division team.

Section 5. A team's league record determines their finish in league play. Co-champions will be declared if two (2) or more teams tie for first (1st). Ties for the last automatic qualifying spot in the CCS Playoffs will be broken as follows:

5.1 In case of a two-way tie,

5.1.1 a. Matches won head to head, if no advantage.

- b. Sets won head to head, in no advantage.
 - c. Point differential: Points scored minus points given up in the sets played amongst the tied teams.
- 5.2 In the event of three (3) or more teams being tied for one (1) automatic playoff spot, the following criteria shall be used to determine which team gets the automatic playoff spot.
 - 5.2.1.1. Matches won among tied teams. Team with the most matches won within the tied teams gets the spot. If two (2) teams remain tied refer to Art 5 Sec 5.1, breaking a tie between two (2) teams. If 3 or more teams still tied then ...
 - 5.2.1.2 Sets won/loss ratio amongst the tied teams. Team with the best ratio within the tied teams gets the spot. If two (2) teams remain tied refer to Art 5 , Sec 5.1, breaking a tie between 2 teams. If 3 or more teams still tied then;
 - 5.2.1.3 Point differential: Points scored minus points given up in the sets played amongst the tied teams.
 - 5.2.1.4 Still tied, the tie will be broken by the team that won the last league match between the tied teams.
- 5.3 In the event of three (3) or more teams in the De Anza Division being tied for two (2) or three (3) automatic playoff spots, Art. 5 Sec. 5.2 will be used. The top two (2) - three (3) teams will receive the available playoff spots.
- 5.4 Ties for CCS bonus points will divide points between them on entry sheets.

Section 6. The Junior Varsity championship will be determined by the win-loss standings in league play. Ties for first will result in co-champions being declared.

ARTICLE VI

VOLLEYBALL CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1. A volleyball chairperson will be selected for both the De Anza and El Camino Divisions. The coaches from each division will elect their chairperson.

Section 2. The chairpersons will serve for a minimum of one year.

Section 3. The duties of the volleyball chairpersons are:

- 3.1 Preside over the preseason with post season division meetings being led by AD Chairperson.

- 3.1.1 The preseason meeting should include perusal of the league schedule, clarification of by-laws, rule changes, and anything pertinent to volleyball for that season.
- 3.1.2 The end of the season meeting should include compiling the varsity and junior varsity league standings, discussion of problems that came up during the season and how to solve these problems, review of the by-laws, making revisions in the by-laws, voting on league placement for the next year, schedule concerns for the next year, and the selection of All-League players.
- 3.1.3 All information should be presented to the SCVAL Volleyball Athletic Director representative to be presented to the SCVAL Commissioner.
- 3.1.4 Attendance at both of these meeting is mandatory for all SCVAL volleyball head varsity coaches.
 - 3.1.4.1 Attendance is mandatory for JV head coaches to attend the post-season meeting.
- 3.2 The chairpersons will represent their respective divisions at the CCS Volleyball seeding meeting, the evaluation meeting, and special meetings.
- 3.3 The chairperson will refer to the league schedule for the dates of the volleyball sports committee meetings and will make sure all league coaches are reminded. They will be informed by the AD representative of changes.

ARTICLE VII

ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION

Section 1. The De Anza and El Camino Divisions will select their individual All-League Teams.

- 1.1 Each division will select 20 All-League Players. 7-8 Honorable Mention Players will be chosen, one each team.
- 1.2 The following Awards will be selected if warranted for varsity only. They will be part of the (20) all-league:
 - Most Valuable Player (JV too)
 - Outstanding Senior Player
 - Outstanding Junior Player
 - Outstanding Sophomore Player
 - Outstanding Freshman Player
- 1.3 JV should vote for a divisional MVP. Certificates are awarded based on league standings. 4-4-3-3-2-2-1-1; Each school will also receive (1) Honorable mention certificates. MVP is a separate award and needs not to be standings numbers.
- 1.4 All divisions and levels should come to post season meeting with names, school, position and year. . If representing both levels have information for both levels.

