

Girls Volleyball State Tournament Seeding

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Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

State Tournament Recommendations regarding Format and Non-NFHS Rules or NFHS Experiments

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Volleyball, Girls

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

Team sport--volleyball--seeds 1-5 with a random draw for seeds 6, 7, and 8.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Team sport--volleyball--seeds all teams once per state tournament.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Volleyball has been seeded 1-5 with a random draw for seeds 6, 7, and 8 for many years.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

Currently, the #1 may have to play the #6 best team in the state tournament instead of the #8 seeded team--which doesn't allow the preconceived notion that the #1 should benefit from the "easiest" route to a state championship. Instead, if the #1 seed plays the #6 best team at the state tournament, there is a higher chance of an upset--negated the regular season's wins the #1 seed has accumulated to achieve the highest seed at the state tournament. Seeding 1-8 would allow a more fair--equitable--competitive route, if the #1 seed is "lucky" enough to keep advancing.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

None

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

MNVBCA Advisory Board recommended to seed 1-8 at volleyball state tournament after hearing that 80.2% of volleyball coaches in Minnesota who responded did not support seeding the volleyball state tournament 1-5 with a random draw for seeds 6, 7, and 8. 208 coaches responded.

Impact**How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools**

Each of the four volleyball classes will be seeded 1-8 at the state tournament.

Administration**How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?**

The alteration at the state tournament will have no effect on finances, officials availability, participation, or Title IX. The administration of the tournament will be altered where instead of a random draw for seeds 6-8 where the top 5 teams would be seeded, all 8 teams entered into state tournament competition would now be seeded--eliminating the need for random draw of seeds 6-8.

Length of Tournament**How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?**

Does not impact the length of tournament.

Participants**How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?**

Does not impact the number of participants/teams

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

Does not impact the number of participants/teams that would qualify for state tournament.

Facilities**How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?**

Does not impact the facilities at section and state levels.

Awards**How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?**

Does not impact the number of awards at both section and state tournaments.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

None

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