

# **RULE XI – VOLLEYBALL**

## **ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY**

### **SECTION A – GRADE DIVISIONS**

- (1) There are three grade divisions for youth. The grade divisions are:
  - a) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b) 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - c) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- (2) A participant may compete in the District and State level provided they are not in violation of any rules or regulations in this Manual (REF: RULE 1)

### **SECTION B – ENTRIES**

- (1) At the District level, an affiliate may enter as many teams as it wishes in all divisions provided the District does not establish an entry limit.
- (2) A District not conducting a District level tournament or playoff may allow one affiliate team to represent its District at the State level of competition.
- (3) Only persons whose names are approved on their affiliate team's ARPA Official Roster, who meet all ARPA eligibility requirements, and who are representing an affiliate not on current suspension for volleyball may compete in ARPA games.
- (4) The ARPA Official Roster limit for players is fifteen (15) players.
- (5) State tournament entries for each grade group shall consist of up to eight teams, one representative from each District and a host Affiliate. If the entries fall below eight teams, the State Recreational Sports Committee Chairperson may add up to three (3) District Second Place finishers to insure an eight team bracket.
- (6) **Regular season team rosters due September 15 to District Recreational Sports Chair.**

## **ARTICLE II – REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION A – GOVERNING RULES**

- (1) The current rules governing The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) is the official guide for State ARPA games with the exception as may be found in this Manual.

### **SECTION B – LENGTH OF GAMES**

- (1) Intervals between sets shall not exceed 3 minutes.
- (2) Scoring shall be rally scoring.
- (3) Matches shall be best of three (3). Third game shall be to 15 points.

### **SECTION C – SUBSTITUTIONS**

- (1) Either team may substitute an unlimited number of players at any time.
- (2) There shall be an unlimited number of substitutions allowed per game.
- (3) Substitutes/starters may only re-enter into the same position in the line-up.
- (4) Libero is allowed in all divisions.

## **ARTICLE III – EQUIPMENT**

### **SECTION A – APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

- (1) Tennis shoes are approved for use.
- (2) The approved volleyball for divisions are as follows:
  - a) 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions: the SV\_MNC Volley-Lite volleyball will be used.
  - b) 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade division: any NFHS approved game ball.

### **SECTION B – UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) Players on a team must wear the same color jersey, including numbers, and shorts.
- (2) The Libero must wear a jersey top that is distinct and in contrast from the other jerseys of the other players on the team, including no duplication of numbers.

### **SECTION C – COURT DIMENSIONS**

- (1) The court dimension is 60FT x 30FT.
- (2) The net height is: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions, 7FT. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade division, 7FT 4IN.

- (3) For Divisions 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and under:
  - a) There shall be a serve line 6 feet closer to the net which a participant has the option to serve from. Once the ball has gone over the net on the serve, the court shall revert back to its standard dimensions.

## **ARTICLE IV – GAMES AND AWARDS**

### **SECTION A – STATE**

- (1) The State Tournament for all divisions of volleyball shall be a combination of pool and bracket play. At the end of pool play, teams will advance to a single elimination bracket. All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of two games in their pool play.
- (2) The point system that shall be used during round-robin play to determine a winner in a pool shall be three (3) points for a win, and zero (0) points for a loss. If teams are tied at the end of pool play, the following tie breaking system will be used:
  - a) Head-to-Head Wins
  - b) Points Against
  - c) Points For
  - d) Coin Flip
- (3) Pairings for the State Tournaments will be determined by the State Recreational Sports Committee Chairperson and the Tournament Director.
- (4) Trophies will be awarded to the Affiliates that finish first and second in each division.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICIALS AND PARTICIPANTS**

### **SECTION A – HOST**

- (1) The Host Affiliate shall provide a Tournament Director as well as “registered” officials or above, in accordance with Rule I, Article IV, Section C, Paragraph 2; Rule II, Article IV, Section B, Paragraph 1€.
- (2) The Host Affiliate shall be responsible for proper conduct by spectators
- (3) The Host Affiliate shall be responsible for the game balls in accordance with ARPA specifications in these rules.
- (4) The Host Affiliate shall be responsible for seeing that the playing court requirements meet ARPA specifications.

### **SECTION B – GAME OFFICIALS**

- (1) Host shall provide two game officials.

### **SECTION C – PLAYERS AND OTHER TEAM MEMBERS**

- (1) Any player, coach, manager, team scorer, or assistant disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, is ineligible for further participation in the game in progress and may be dismissed from ARPA competition by a State Recreational Sports Committee Member, Tournament Director, or District Commissioner (at the District level only) subject to appeal by the dismissed person’s affiliate.
- (2) The use of ineligible players in accordance with the Rules in the Manual shall result in forfeiture (of game and tournament). Burden of proof rests with the protesting Affiliate representative person (see Rule II).

## **ARTICLE VI – PROTEST AND APPEALS**

Protest and appeals are authorized only under the stipulations found in Rule II, Article I, Section A of this Manual.

## **ARTICLE VII – FEES**

- (1) Districts will establish the fee schedule for their District tournaments.
  - a) In addition to the above fees, there will be a onetime charge of \$10.00 per team to be paid to the State Office. Host will be responsible for collecting.
- (2) Fees for ARPA State Volleyball Tournaments are to be set at \$150.00.
  - a) In addition to the above fees, there will be a onetime charge of \$25.00 per team to be paid to the State Office. Host will be responsible for this fee.