

# ***DISTRICT 5 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND DATES***

TO: District V Volleyball Schools

FR: Scott Shirley  
District V Volleyball Director

RE: Rules and Dates

Welcome to the 2025 season!

In order to prepare for the season, I have enclosed the volleyball format.

Please fill out a rating sheet with your current information, along with the date, opponent, and class, and return it to me. Forms can be found on the District V Website under the “District Forms” link. Original schedules should be turned in to Scott Close (volleyball statistician) and I (volleyball chair) by August 28, 2025. Scott Close at [sclose@sasd.us](mailto:sclose@sasd.us) and Scott Shirley at [sshirl@sasd.us](mailto:sshirl@sasd.us)

Rating Sheets are to be submitted by 12:00 (noon) every **Monday** beginning September 22, 2025. E-mail attachments are the preferred method of submission. **Send reports to, Scott Close, District V Volleyball Statistician at [sclose@sasd.us](mailto:sclose@sasd.us)**

Please be sure to review the “Important Dates” section as there have been changes to the District cut-off date and the first round on the District V Playoffs.

Teams not interested in participating in the District V Tournament must let the Volleyball Chairman know no later than October 13, 2025.

If any discrepancies arise in the weekly report, please notify me immediately.

Have a great season!

## *DISTRICT V VOLLEYBALL FORMAT - 2025*

# **2025-26 P.I.A.A. DISTRICT V RANKING SYSTEM**

### **A. POINT SYSTEM – SPORTS WITH 4 OR FEWER CLASSIFICATIONS (Volleyball)**

1. A team receives 4 points for a win
2. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
  - 1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 5 points**
  - 2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total of 6 points**
  - 3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total of 7 points**
  - 4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total of 8 points**

### **B. ADDITIONAL POINT SYSTEM INFORMATION – ALL SPORTS**

1. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification.  
**Victories over out of state opponents will receive the same bonus points from that sport's PIAA classification system. The Principal and/or Athletic Director will secure in writing from the out of state opponents the current enrollment of males and females eligible to participate from grades 10-12 in the year in which the contest will be held. District 5 schools shall list the enrollment beside the opponent's name on the District 5 Rating Sheet. Victories over non-P.I.A.A. opponents will receive the lowest point total awarded in that classification for a victory.**
2. Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games (example: alumni games) do not count in ranking.
3. Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by P.I.A.A. rules.
4. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Statistician by the first legal starting date for that sports season. If games are lost by a school because a scheduled opponent disbands their team before the first legal play date, they may schedule other games for ranking. If games are lost by a school because a scheduled opponent disbands their team after the first legal play date, they may receive forfeits for the games lost.
5. In order to be considered for ranking purposes, in District 5 Playoffs, a minimum number of contests must be played against PIAA member schools or non-PIAA schools that are in good standing with their respective National Federation of State High School Association and member state high school association. It is the responsibility of District 5 member schools to insure that all contests submitted meet PIAA and District 5 rules:
6. Schools must complete a minimum of 60% of the PIAA maximum number of contests allowed as set forth in the PIAA Constitution & By-Laws.
7. Tournament matches, scrimmages, and exhibition matches (ex. Alumni Games) do not count in ranking. A PIAA member school is permitted to participate in a maximum of **22** volleyball competitions based on the following method of counting volleyball competitions: **1 team**

**competition** for each dual match: **2 team competitions** for each quadrangular match, for each triangular match, and for each tournament involving 3 or more teams. A minimum number of 14 matches must be scheduled.

8. Tie breaking procedures would be as currently established. (See Handbook)

## **RANKING AND PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

1. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
2. All schools with a .500 record have the right to advance into the Class A and AA District Tournament, possibly through a play-in system. Otherwise, the top 8 teams in Class A and the top 6 teams in Class AA will enter the District Tournament.

3. Team and Classifications below:

### **12 A – Teams**

Top 8 Teams Qualify or .500 record or better

1 - State Qualifier

Berlin Brothersvalley

Conemaugh Township

Fannett-Metal

Hope for Hyndman

Meyersdale

Northern Bedford

Rockwood

Salisbury

Shanksville

Southern Fulton

Tussey Mountain

Windber

### **5 AA – Teams**

Sub Regional with District 8 - 6 Teams Qualify or .500 record or better

1 – State Qualifier

Bedford

Chestnut Ridge

Everett

McConnellsburg

North Star

Carrick (District 8)

Perry (District 8)

Westinghouse (District 8)

### **5 AAA – Teams**

Sub Regional with District 6 - 4 Teams Qualify in District 6 Tournament

1 – State Qualifier

Somerset

Bellefonte (District 6)

Central Mountain (District 6)

## **TIE BREAKING SYSTEM FOR RANKING ONLY, APPLIED IN ORDER**

- A. Head to Head victor, if the teams played each other
- B. Winning percentage versus all common opponents in all games played (regardless of the number of times two schools play each other).
- C. Bonus Points as calculated by wins by defeated opponents divided by games played.
- D. Winning percentage calculated by wins divided by games played. Ties count as half.
- E. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments
- F. Coin toss at site convenient to both schools

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
8/11/25 (M)	First Practice
8/16/25 (SA)	First Scrimmage
8/28/25 (R)	Schedules due to VB Chair
8/23/25 (F)	First Play Date
11/1/25 (S)	Last Play Date
10/13/25 (M)	Playoff Intention Notification Deadline
10/17/25 (F)	Last Day To Count For District 5 Ranking
10/22/25 (W)	AA Quarterfinals (Highest seed will host)
10/23/25 (TH)	A – Quarterfinals (Highest seed will host)
10/28/25 (T)	A A– Semi-Finals (Highest seed will host)
10/29/25 (W)	A– Semi-Finals (Highest seed will host)
11/1/25 (S)	A & AA– Finals (Windber HS or neutral site)
11/1/25 (SA)	District Deadline

## **TOURNAMENT: CLASS A**

1. Quarterfinal competition for Class A teams will consist of 8 teams. The highest seed will host. These matches will be played using the best 3 out of 5 set match format.
2. **Quarterfinal matches (Class A) will be held as follows:**
  - At the #1 ranked school: #1 vs #8 @ 7PM
  - At the #2 ranked school: #2 vs #7 @ 7PM
  - At the #3 ranked school: #3 vs #6 @ 7PM
  - At the #4 ranked school: #4 vs #5 @ 7PM

**Teams may take the court for warm-ups at 6:30 PM.**

**3. Semi-final matches (Class A) will be held as follows:**

Winners of the quarter-final matches from #1 vs #8 and #4 vs #5 will meet @ 7PM. The highest remaining seed will host.

Winners of the quarter-final matches from #3 vs #6 and #2 vs #7 will meet @ 7PM. The highest remaining seed will host.

**Teams may take the court for warm-ups at 6:30 PM.**

4. In the quarterfinal, semi-final and championship matches, the highest seeded team will be considered the “home” team on the scoreboard, will warm-up last on the court, and will be considered the “official scorebook” unless decided upon otherwise by the match referee.
5. The Championship Finals will be played at a neutral site. Windber HS will be the host site unless Windber qualifies for the championship match. The tournament director and District 5 chairman will select a new neutral site if Windber qualifies for the championship match.
6. The Principal and/or Athletic Directors of the four final schools may contact the District Tournament Director for comment prior to establishing the actual play-off site. Any objections or comments concerning the final site can be emailed to the volleyball chairperson at sshirl@sasd.us within two hours of the location notification. The volleyball chair will relay comments to the District Chairperson who will make the final decision.
7. All guidelines for determination of the “home” team, order of assigned warm-up, and “official scorebook” will follow regular season practice.
8. All games will follow the PIAA & NFHS guidelines
9. Contact District V Personnel following the game with results:  
Paul Leonard 814-244-6995 & Scott Shirley 814-691-7184 District 5 Tournament Director.

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## **TOURNAMENT: CLASS AA (Sub Regional Tournament District 5 & 8)**

1. Quarterfinal competition for Class AA teams will consist of 6 teams. The highest seed will host. These matches will be played using the best 3 out of 5 set match format.
2. **Quarterfinal matches (Class AA) will be held as follows:**

#1 & #2 ranked schools will receive a bye

At the #3 ranked school: #3 vs #6 @ 7PM

At the #4 ranked school: #4 vs #5 @ 7PM

**Teams may take the court for warm-ups at 6:30 PM.**

3. **Semi-final matches (Class AA) will be held as follows:**

Winners of the quarter-final matches from #4 vs #5 will meet the #1 seed @ 7PM. The #1 seed will host.

Winners of the quarter-final matches from #3 vs #6 will meet the #2 seed @ 7PM. The #2 seed will host.

**Teams may take the court for warm-ups at 6:30 PM.**

4. In the quarter-final, semi-final and championship matches, the highest seeded team will be considered the “home” team on the scoreboard, will warm-up last on the court, and will be considered the “official scorebook” unless decided upon otherwise by the match referee.
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**DISTRICT V VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT PAY OUT AMOUNTS ARE TO SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE**

(See District V Handbook)

**Please mail or email copies of the financial report to Larry Palmer**

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