OVAC VOLLEYBALL FORMAT
Effective 2020 - 2021

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2020 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE
Saturday, October 17, 2020
Union Local High School

FUTURE DATES
October 16, 2021
October 15, 2022
October 21, 2023

FORMAT UPDATE
There will be a CONFERENCE CALL for all 2020-2021 FIRST YEAR COACHES on a TBD date and time.

SCORE REPORTING
The home team MUST report all scores. Scores should be texted to the following number IMMEDIATELY following the match:

1.740.279.1999

The text should include the schools, the sport, and the result. EXAMPLE:
VB Shadyside defeated Bridgeport 3-1

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS
Rick DeLuca will serve as the OVAC’s Official Statistician. Volleyball schedules must be e-mailed to BOTH Rick and Chelsey:
Rick DeLuca
radeluca70@yahoo.com
Chelsey Fletcher
chelsey.fletcher@torontocityschools.com

NOTE: Should there be changes in the schedules after the season starts, coaches should notify both people of the change to assure accuracy in the standings. There can be no schedule changes after the first match played on August 15, 2020. Any changes AFTER this date WILL NOT COUNT toward OVAC rankings.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Teams are eligible to participate in the OVAC tournament as prescribed by the respective sport by scheduling at least eight games against OVAC opponents or playing at least six against OVAC opponents. In the event that a team schedules fewer than eight games against OVAC opponents, a minimum of six games must be played against OVAC opponents; if eight or more are scheduled against OVAC opponents, a minimum of four must be played. All Conference games scheduled and played must be done prior to the cutoff date listed for that sport.

Schools who do not play the required matches prior to the cutoff date to be eligible for the championship and who fail to leave the dates open to participate in the championship (or choose not to play in the final four) will not be eligible to have players in the All-Star match, have All-Conference selections, or be eligible for any sport specific scholarships.

Additionally, a $60 penalty will be added to their dues for the following year.
CONSOLATION POOL

All eligible teams finishing 5th or lower will be placed in a tri-match and will be scheduled by the volleyball committee. Every effort with regard to distance, regular season meetings, and potential post-season pairings will be taken into account when scheduling consolation tri-matches. Two dates must be left open, October 13 and 14, 2020 for possible semi-final and/or consolation games. The consolation games can be rescheduled at the discretion of the respective school’s athletic department BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

Schools interested in hosting the tournament should let Chelsey Fletcher or their Conference Representative know.

The consolation pool games will be played on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

The host school will make all necessary arrangements, incur all expenses, and retain all profits.

The cutoff date for the championship tournament shall be Thursday, October 8, 2020. The cutoff includes matches played through Thursday.

A tournament will be scheduled for each class and the tournament winner shall receive the Conference championship trophy. The tournament runner-up shall receive a plaque.

All volleyball teams shall be classified as stated on the Enrollment and Classification page.

Each team must play six (6) of their regular season matches with OVAC teams BEFORE the cutoff date to be eligible for the championships.

TOURNAMENT

The top four eligible teams with the highest cumulative point average in each of the five classes will qualify for the tournament. [NOTE: See OVAC Rating System, Girls’ Volleyball].

The semi-finals will be played on the Tuesday (October 13, 2020) following the cutoff date. All four teams will travel to the number one seeded school in their class. Match play order for the semi-finals will be as follows:

5:30PM #1 v. #4
Immediately Following:
#2 v. #3

The two winning teams will advance to the OVAC Championships at Union Local High School on the following Saturday (October 17, 2020).

All semi-final matches shall be best out of five.

The higher seed shall be designated the home team.

The hosting team will be responsible for all details involved in the match: officials, workers, concessions, etc. They will incur all costs and keep all profits. Gate prices should follow the OVAC tournament prices. Warm-up times will follow the State guidelines of the host school.

There will be no tournament entry fee to participate in the OVAC volleyball tournament. This fee has been included in your school's annual dues.

TICKET PRICES FOR ALL TOURNAMENT MATCHES

Adults: $6.00
Students: $4.00
OVAC passes are good for all tournament matches.

NOTE: Schools bringing more team members than allowed for the tournament will be required to buy a student ticket for each person.
CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY
The volleyball championship tournament will be played at Union Local High School on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020.

The time schedule shall be as follows:
8:00AM   Gates open
9:30AM   Class 5A Championship
11:30AM  Class 1A Championship
1:30PM   Class 2A Championship
3:30PM   Class 3A Championship
5:30PM   Class 4A Championship

Championship matches will be the best of five. The higher seed will be designated the home team.

Teams should arrive at the site no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of their match.

All teams competing in the tournament are required to provide team rosters and a photo by the cutoff date (October 3, 2020) for use in the program. Email team rosters and photos to Rick and Chelsey at:

radeluca70@yahoo.com
chelsey.fletcher@torontocityschools.com

There will be a sixteen-minute warm-up prior to the start of the match. No team is permitted on the court prior to that warm-up session.

In the event that a match ends early, the next match will not begin until the next scheduled start time.

All tournament matches are considered regular-season matches by the respective states. The cutoff date is the end of OVAC regular season.

NOTICE:
Schools who can not compete in the tournament to its completion due to overscheduling the state limits of their respective state will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. In this case, each team will move up and the next team in order of finish will be elevated to fill the vacant spot. In the event that a school should schedule a game between the semi-final game and the championship that should put them over the State limit, they will not be permitted to compete in the playoffs and will be ineligible for competition in that sport the following year.

Executive Board order
May 28, 2003

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
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Rick DeLuca, tournament director/statistician, 740.632.8808
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POST SEASON HONORS
A plaque will be presented to the Player-of-the-Year in each class.
There will be a Coach-of-the-Year selected from West Virginia and a Coach-of-the-Year selected from Ohio.
All balloting will be done through e-mail. Coaches will nominate and vote through official ballots sent to them by the commissioner. Deadlines for nomination and voting will be listed on the ballot and must be returned in a timely fashion.
There shall be an All-Conference team selected by the coach from each school. Each player shall receive a certificate.
The squad shall be chosen by order of final tournament standings in each class.

EXAMPLE:
First/second place finishers - three (3) people
Third/fourth place finishers - two (2) people
Remainder - one (1) person.
Coaches will receive their nomination ballot the week following the championships. All nominations must be received by the deadline posted on the ballot.

Coaches will receive their nomination forms/ballots through their e-mail account. It is imperative that every coach have an accurate e-mail address and a password to log on to the OVAC website.

**ALL-STAR TEAM**

Nomination forms for the VOLLEYBALL ALL-STAR TEAM will be e-mailed to the coaches on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020**.

These nominations are due on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**.

Voting ballots for the All-Star Team will be emailed on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020**.

This ballot is due **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020**.

**ALL-CONFERENCE / POY / COY**

Nomination forms for the following will be e-mailed to the coaches on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**:

- All-Conference Team
- Coach-of-the-Year
- Player-of-the-Year

These three nominations are due on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020**.

Voting forms will be emailed on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 2020**, for the following:

- Coach-of-the-Year
- Player-of-the-Year

These two ballots are due **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020**.

Information will be released to the media on Sunday, November 15, 2020.