

October 1, 2025

Dear Athletic Directors and Volleyball Coaches,

I wanted to start by saying thank you to each of you for all you do to continue to make the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) a success. As the fall season is in full swing I hope you and your team have found success. I wanted to touch base with you all to provide the details for this year's VISAA Volleyball State Tournament.

Below are the dates for the 2025 VISAA Volleyball State Tournament.

Quarterfinals Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at higher seeds

Semifinals Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at higher seeds

Finals Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at The Steward School

Division I – 10:00 am

Division IV - 12:00 pm

Division III – 2:00 pm

Division II – 4:00 pm

Tournament play will consist of the top eight teams playing four quarter final matches at the higher seed.

Just a reminder only member schools of VISAA are eligible to participate in the state tournament. Once your school has registered and paid membership dues you will guarantee that your team is in consideration for weekly polls, post-season tournament play, and individual All-State honors. Not all teams will be considered for post-season play.

Registered volleyball programs are divided into four divisions based on the girls enrollment number submitted on the September 2023 membership application. You can find the current division alignment by clicking <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The breakdown for divisions are as follows:

Division I – more than 161

Division II – 76 – 160

Division III – 47 – 75

Division IV – fewer than 46

Beginning Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the volleyball committee will release their weekly poll of the top teams in each of the four divisions. These polls will be emailed to athletic directors and coaches as well as published on <a href="www.visaa.org">www.visaa.org</a>. To remain eligible for consideration teams must maintain their schedules and results in the MaxPreps website (<a href="www.maxpreps.com">www.maxpreps.com</a>). If a team fails to report their scores for two weeks they will be notified and removed from consideration for ranking and post-season play.

The schedule and results on MaxPreps need to be a complete picture of each team's games. Please include all competitive matches in which there was a decisive winner. Preseason, tournament, and non-conference matches should all be included regardless if they were decided 3-out-of-5 or 2-out-of-3. As a reminder matches with schools that include homeschool players on their roster can not be counted in your record. The VISAA Volleyball committee will be voting for polls on Sundays so please try to have your updated scores posted before then. The committee will be using the following criteria to determine their weekly selections:

- Win-loss record
- Head to head results
- Record against common opponents
- Strength of schedule
- Results with divisional ranked teams
- Weekly reports by committee members on teams they have been assigned to watch

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the final poll of the season and will include tournament pairings. In determining the seeding of the tournament teams, if possible additional consideration will be given to minimize team travel and avoid conference match-ups in the first round.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Sports Guidelines located on the VISAA website in the members only section. Should your school be chosen to host a postseason game the hosting procedures can be found on the VISAA website in the sports guidelines. For postseason play, the VISAA uses Wilson

i-Cor High Performance balls (WTH7700XRWB) if you want to use the same ball during your regular season play.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. In the coming weeks you will receive additional information about the state tournament.

Sincerely,

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