

Week #1 – August 12, 2024

Welcome back to school and to the 2024-2025 season of Kansas volleyball! Please read through this information (as well as the included Preseason Newsletter) as this is important information coaches and officials need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

**If you are no longer a coach, please remind your school AD to update the KSHSAA Directory.*

Rules Exam Due August 29 (Coaches) or September 25 (Officials)

The deadline for submitting answers to this year's rules exam for coaches is **August 29, 2024**, and for officials is **September 25, 2024**. Coaches and officials now have two (2) attempts to pass the exam with a 90%. You will be able to see your score and your answers immediately. Correct answers with rule references will be available when the testing window closes. All head middle school and high school coaches and registered officials are required to complete this exam by the deadline.

Rules Meetings

All head and assistant middle and high school coaches will need to complete the online rules meeting prior to August 29, 2024. Officials must complete the rules meeting by September 25, 2024. Coaches and officials may attend the in-person meetings offered ([in-person VB meeting schedule](#)) OR the online meeting.

Coaches: The online meeting is located on the KSHSAA site (go to "Exams & Online Meetings")

Officials: The online meeting is located on the Central Hub in Arbiter Sports (go to "Eligibility")

Letters of Permission

All players wearing the following items will need a letter of approval from the KSHSAA: artificial limb, cochlear implant, helmet/concussion band, change in uniform for religious beliefs. Please send a request along with the student's name, grade, and a picture to ssmith@kshsaa.org. Coaches are to present this letter (dated 2024-2025) to the officials at the pre-match conference.

KSHSAA Volleyball Manual

The KSHSAA Volleyball Manual has been mailed to schools and is available in a digital format on the KSHSAA volleyball website (use the links available at the end of this newsletter). Please read through the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual as most questions may be answered by reading this manual.

3-1A Postseason Format Change

The new postseason format for classes 3A, 2A, 1A DI, and 1A DII will take effect this fall. Information is available in the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual and is addressed specifically on the KSHSAA volleyball website. Below are links to two documents that administrators and coaches will find useful.

3-1A VB Postseason Format: [PostseasonFormat.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](#)

3-1A VB Postseason Format FAQs: [PostseasonFormatFAQ.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](#)

Team Pictures (needed for postseason)

Teams who qualify for the state tournament will need to submit a team picture while submitting their team roster and pass gate. **ADs:** You will not be able to submit this form until a picture is attached to the digital form (this info is due by noon the Sunday after sub-state). Plan to get a team photo taken now!

Looking Ahead:

August 19: First day of practice

August 28: Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Rehearsal Day – IMPORTANT! Communicate with school admin/AD to practice.

August 30: First day of volleyball competition

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(kshsaa.org\)](http://volleyball.kshsaa.org)

KSHSAA Volleyball Manual: [Volleyball.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://volleyball.pdf(kshsaa.org))

NFHS Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(nfhs.org\)](http://volleyball.nfhs.org)

NFHS Learn: [NFHS Learn | Interscholastic Education, Made Easy](http://nfhs.org/learn)

KSHSAA Officials Apparel Info: [OfficialApparel.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://officialapparel.pdf(kshsaa.org))