



VOLLEYBALL BY-LAWS – GIRLS

ARTICLE I **GOVERNING RULES**

SECTION 1 The current edition of the National Federation Volleyball rules shall be the official rules for all volleyball games played by league schools, unless otherwise stipulated by these by-laws.

ARTICLE II **CLASSIFICATIONS**

SECTION 1 There are two (2) official teams: Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV).
1.1 A player may move up and down during practice matches.
(A) Once a player participates in a league match, they may not move to a lower classification. (This includes freshmen teams.)
i. The penalty will be forfeiture of each match in which the player continues to play on the lower team.

ARTICLE III **GAME AND PRACTICE LIMITATIONS FOR VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY (JV)**

SECTION 1 Matches will be limited to twenty-six (26) matches (CCS By-Laws) and two (2) scrimmages per season for each the Varsity and JV.
1.1 All matches will count match for match.
(A) Tournament 2 out of 3 set matches will count as .5 of a match.
(B) Contest that are only two (2) sets with no possibility for a 3rd game do not count. (CCS By-Laws)
1.2 No individual player may exceed the twenty-six (26) match limitation.
(A) The penalty will be forfeiture of each game in which the player continues to play once exceeding the twenty-six (26) match limit.
1.3 Matches may be played on any day except Sundays.
1.4 During scrimmages teams may wear uniforms but the score may not be officially kept. If officials are used it is for the purpose of practice, not to designate a winner or loser.
SECTION 2 Practice limitations prior to Labor Day Weekend will be limited to fifty-four (54) hours. The starting date for the limitation will be set each year by the CCS board of Managers (BOM).
2.1 Each team shall have at least five (5) days of practice before its first match or scrimmage.
2.2 Teams may practice any day except Sunday.
2.3 No scrimmages allowed prior to the CCS start date for scrimmages.

2.4 No matches may take place prior to the CCS start date for contests.

SECTION 3 Each year the official league schedule shall contain the following:

3.1 Official starting date for practice, as established annually by the CCS Board of Managers (BOM)

3.2 Official date when matches and scrimmages may begin and end, as established annually by the CCS Board of Managers (BOM.)

3.3 The official league match schedule, dates, starting times, and locations.

3.4 A double round robin shall constitute league competition for both the De Anza and El Camino Division at both the Varsity and JV level.

3.5 The De Anza (DA and El Camino (EC) divisions will be evaluated each year as to the correct placement of teams. This will be determined at the volleyball post-season meeting by a vote of the DA and EC Coaches.

(A) The DA division will be made up of the leagues strongest six to eight (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.

(B) The EC division will be made up of the remaining six to eighth (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.

(C) At the post-season meeting all teams in BOTH divisions will be considered for movement for the following year's volleyball season.

i. The coaches in the DA and EC divisions will rank all of the teams. The highest 6-8 ranked teams will complete the DA division. The 6-8 remaining teams will be in the EC division.

(a) Ranking of teams for the following season will be based on the league standings of the varsity and JV teams. The number of returning players and skill levels of the returning players.

3.6 The schedule will matrix every year.

3.7 SCVAL teams are obligated to follow the schedule as adopted by the Board of Managers (BOM). Procedures for changes are in the SCVAL General By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

MATCH MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1 By the SCVAL pre-league meeting, every SCAL team will provide a copy of their schedule and team roster for each team in their division.

1.1 The roster will include each player's name, grade in school, position, height, and uniform number.

SECTION 2 There will be two (2) officials for league matches in all varsity and JV contests.

2.1 Any fee shall be split between participating schools if a tiebreaker is needed or if a protest is upheld and the game is replayed.

SECTION 3 The length of a league match

3.1 A varsity match will be three (3) out of five (5) sets. Rally scoring to 25 points in sets 1, 2, 3 and 4 and to 15 points in the 5th set.

3.2 A JV match will be two (2) out of three (3) sets. Rally scoring to 25 points in sets 1 and 2 to 15 points in the 3rd set.

SECTION 4 Starting times:

4.1 All matches are scheduled as night matches.
(A) JV at 5:30pm and Varsity at 6:45pm.

- (B) Afternoon matches will be at 3:30pm (JV) and at 4:45pm (Varsity).
- (C) No match will start before the designated time.
- (D) There will be a minimum of twenty-seven (27) minutes between the JV and Varsity matches.

SECTION 5 Volleyball courts must meet CIF Volleyball standards.

SECTION 6 The CCS official volleyball, Spalding TF 5000 (or replacement) or the Tachikara SV5W Gold must be used for league matches (white or colored). Both coaches must approve the use of a different ball.

SECTION 7 A trained qualified person will do scoring the league matches.

SECTION 8 The home school is responsible for providing two (2) lines persons, one (1) scorer, one (1) scoreboard operator and one (1) libero tracker, for each home match.

8.1 The winning team is responsible for reporting all scores and statistics to the San Jose Mercury News.

SECTION 9 Senior Night Protocol

9.1 "Senior Night" activities will take place after the combined warm-up period and prior to each team's individual time on the court. (i.e. 15 minutes combined warm-up, Senior Night Activities, team A's individual 6 minutes, team B's individual 6 minutes.)

ARTICLE V

DIVISION STANDING AND CCS REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1 The first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) place teams in the De Anza Division will receive an automatic CCS Playoff berth based on current CCS By-Laws.

SECTION 2 The first place team in the El Camino Division will receive an automatic CCS Playoff berth.

SECTION 3 Teams may apply for an at-large berth into the CCS tournament if they have a .500 or average record in league or a .500 or average record out of league. No waivers granted.

SECTION 4 No team or teams from the El Camino Division applying for an at-large position in the CCS playoff tournament may prevent a team or teams from the De Anza division from being granted an at-large berth. The El Camino Division team(s) must remove their team(s) from the CCS tournament if it allows a De Anza Division team(s) to be included into the CCS tournament. If such removal of teams does not allow the De Anza division team to be included in the CCS Tournament, the El Camino Team(s) will be allowed to keep their spot in the CCS tournament. (SCVAL general By-Law).

4.1 If the De Anza Division team and the El Camino Team played head to head during the season and the El Camino Team finished ahead of the De Anza division team in their head to head competition based on match results, the El Camino team does NOT have to relinquish their spot. Only regulation matches that count on your record quality. Sets won or lost have no bearing. Ties go to the De Anza Division team.

SECTION 5 A team's league record determines their finish in league play. Co-champions will be declared if two (2) or more teams tie for first (1st). Ties for the last automatic qualifying spot in the CCS Playoffs will be broken as follows:

- 5.1** In case of a two-way tie.
- (A) Matches won head to head, if no advantage.
 - (B) Sets won head to head, in no advantage.
 - (C) Coin flip.

- 5.2** In the event of three (3) or more teams being tied for one (1) automatic playoff spot, the following criteria shall be used to determine which team gets the automatic playoff spot.
- (A) Matches won among tied teams. Team with the most matches won within the tied teams gets the spot. If two (2) teams remain tied refer to Art 5 Sec 5.1, In case of a two way tie. If 3 or more teams still tied then;
 - (B) Sets won among the tied teams. Team with the most sets won within the tied teams gets the spot. If two (2) teams remain tied refer to Art 5 Sec 5.1, In case of a two way tie. If 3 or more teams still tied then;
 - (C) A three way coin flip, with the odd coin receiving the spot.
- 5.3** In the event of three (3) or more teams in the De Anza Division being tied for two (2) or three (3) automatic playoff spots, Art 5 Sec 5.2 will be used. The top two (2) – three (3) teams will receive the available playoff spots.
- (A) If a coin flip is needed between three (3) teams, the odd coin loses.
 - (B) If a coin flip is needed between four (4) teams, Team A flips with Team B and Team G flips with Team D. The two winners get two (2) of the spots. If a third spot is available the two (2) losers flip again with the winner getting the spot.
- 5.4** The JV championship will be determined by the win-loss standings in league play. Ties for first will result in co-champions being declared.

ARTICLE VI

VOLLEYBALL CHAIRPERSONS

SECTION 1 A volleyball chairperson will be selected for both the De Anza and El Camino Divisions. The coaches from each division will elect their chairperson.

SECTION 2 The chairpersons will serve for a minimum of one year.

SECTION 3 The duties of the volleyball chairpersons are:

- 3.1** Preside over the pre-season and post season division meetings.
- (A) The pre-season meeting should include perusal of the league schedule, clarification of by-laws, rule changes, and anything pertinent to volleyball for that season.
 - (B) The end of the season meeting should include compiling the varsity and junior varsity league standings, discussion of problems that came up during the season and how to solve these problems, review of the by-laws, making revisions in the by-laws, stinging on league placement for the next year, schedule interns for the next year, and the selection of All-League players.
 - (C) All information should be presented to the SCVAL Volleyball Athletic Director representative to be presented to the SCVAL Commissioner.
 - (D) Attendance at both of these meetings is mandatory for all SCVAL volleyball head coaches.
 - i. Attendance is mandatory for JV head coaches to attend the post-season meeting.
- 3.2** The chairpersons will represent their respective divisions at the CGS Volleyball seeing meeting, the evaluation meeting, and special meetings.

- 3.3** The chairperson will refer to the league schedule for the dates of the volleyball Spuds committee meetings and will make sure all league caches are reminded. They will be informed by the AD representative of changes.

ARTICLE VII

ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION

- SECTION 1** The De Anza and El Camino Divisions will sell their Individual All-League Teams.
- 1.1** Each division will sell 20 All-League Players and 10 Honorable Mention Players.
- 1.2** The following Awards will be selected if warranted for **varsity only**:

Most Valuable Player
Outstanding Senior Player
Outstanding Junior Player
Outstanding Sophomore Player
Outstanding Freshman Player
Coach of the Year
CGS Honor Coach Nominations