

2021 - 2022 WPIAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

February 2, 2021

First Practice Date ~ August 16, 2021
First Scrimmage Date ~ August 21, 2021
First Play Date ~ September 3, 2021

Maximum Competitions ~ 22
Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2

A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach. WPIAL girls' volleyball section play will begin on **September 7, 2021** and must be completed according to the schedule. Please check your section carefully and notify the League Office at (412) 921-7181 of any errors.

Coaches are advised that the PIAA By-Laws Article XIV, Section 3 requires that the head coach attend a minimum of one PIAA mandatory rules interpretation prior to each season. Mandatory rules meeting dates and times are available on the PIAA website. www.piaa.org

1. Four (4) teams from each section will qualify for participation in WPIAL Championship play at the completion of the regular season. All playoff entries will be determined by section record only and will be determined by the best section won/loss record. Teams that tie for first place will not have the tie broken as **ALL** the tied teams will be declared section champions. Each team will receive a section winner's plaque and will be entered in the WPIAL tournament. If four (4) or more teams tie for first place, only those teams will qualify for the playoffs.

In the event of a multiple tie (two or more teams) for a playoff position, head-to-head will be the first determinant. If head-to-head does not break the tie, the following Tie-Breaking System will be used. If four (4) or more teams tie for second place and the Tie-Breaking System identifies one (1) team as the second-place team, the remaining teams will be then tied for third place and the process begins all over with head-to-head competition being the first determinant for establishing the third-place team. If a tie cannot be broken, all tied teams will enter the playoffs.

TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

- A. Section records of the tied teams will be compiled.
- B. The team(s) with the best (numerical head-to-head) section record among the tied teams will enter post-season play.
- C) If the tie cannot clearly be broken, all tied teams will enter post-season play.

EXAMPLES:

- a) Team A is clearly first; Team B is second; and Teams C, D, and E have identical section records and are tied for third. In this situation, Team C is 3-1 against Team D and E. Team D is 2-2; and Team E is 1-3. Team C is the third-place team. Head to head between D & E will decide the fourth-place team. If they split, they both enter the tournament.
- b) Team A is first. Teams B, C, and D are tied for second with identical section records. All three teams will be entered in the tournament
- c) Keep in mind that **ONLY** the top 4 teams qualify for the playoffs with head to head competition being the determining factor. If head to head competition does not break a tie among teams tied for a playoff spot all teams will enter.

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2. All matches will be played as a five (5) game format and will count as one competition. Be reminded that by PIAA directive all triangular matches and tournaments count as two (2) competition points.
All quadrangular matches **using a best of five (5) format will** count as three (3) competition points. All two-day tournaments count as four (4) competition points, two (2) for each day of competition. Sub-Varsity matches **may not be played past the deciding set or game.**
3. All WPIAL games will be played according to the National Federation Rules.
4. Please make sure that relatively new balls are available for all league games. The ball size and permitted color are specified in the National Federation Rule Book.
5. Make sure that both teams and the officials know the correct starting time. This should be established by the home team and be made known to the visitors in plenty of time. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start **before 4:00 PM** unless the competing school principals agree.
6. Only PIAA Volleyball officials may officiate. The WPIAL recommends the use of two officials for all league matches.
7. **WPIAL Volleyball Tournament qualifying teams MAY NOT play after *October 25, 2021***
Qualifying teams may ONLY scrimmage other teams IN ANY CLASS that have qualified for the WPIAL Tournament.
8. **PIAA Tournament Qualifiers – The top 2 ~ AAAA teams, the top 4 ~ AAA, the top 3 ~ AA teams and the top 3 ~ A teams qualify for the PIAA Tournament.**
9. **REPORTING SCORES:**
The home team is obliged to phone all scores to:

Pittsburgh Post Gazette (412-263-1621 ~ 1-877-672-6224) highschool@post-gazette.com
Tribune Review - PGH (1-888-748-8742) ptrsports@tribweb.com
Washington Observer Reporter (1-800-222-6397) orsports@observer-reporter.com
Beaver County Times

Other appropriate local papers should be notified as well.