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1. Boys Volleyball in this conference will be played during the winter season.
2. The official starting date will be approximately three weeks prior to New Year's Day on the nearest Monday. The specific start date will be determined at the preseason meeting. Teams may elect to start practice later than that but not before.
3. The league will determine league and division alignment each year.
4. All coaches are expected to attend the rules interpretation session put on by the Officials Board, the preseason meeting (which should immediately follow the rules interpretation at the same site on the same date), and the postseason meeting (sometime in the week following the regional final). If they cannot attend, they should send a representative. These are very important meetings.
5. Boys Volleyball will be governed by the rules in the NCAA Rule Book with two exceptions:
a. In the deciding game ( $5^{\text {th }}$ for varsity and $3^{\text {rd }}$ for JV), teams will play to 25 points, win by 2 , with no cap. (NYS modification)
b. Crossing the center line completely is still a violation. (NYS modification)
6. Game protocols will be those established in the rulebook.
7. The initial warm-up time will be 22 minutes ( 10 minutes of shared court and 6 minutes for each team of full court starting with the visiting team). This is also the warm-up time allotment used during Sectional play.
8. The recommended starting time for week-night matches is $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ for the JV match with varsity to follow. The recommended starting time for Saturday matches is $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ for the JV match with varsity to follow. Any other times must be mutually agreed upon.
9. The JV match will be played first and will be best 2 out of 3 sets (Home school may elect to pay officials for a third game regardless of the outcome of the first two as long as the visiting team agrees to play). The varsity match will be played second and will be best 3 out of 5 sets. There is no time limit for either contest.
10. A player is not allowed to play in both the JV match and Varsity match on the same day.
11. The home team should supply balls for warm-ups for ALL matches so as to avoid confusion and theft.
12. The home team should supply the officials (2), a score bookkeeper, libero tracker, and scoreboard operator.
13. No schools are allowed to use line judges (even if both schools want to use them) in Section 3 until sectionals semi-finals, when they must be paid officials.
14. Teams automatically qualify for the sectional tournament with a .400 or better record, overall, in their class, or in their league. Entries must be received according to the guidelines laid out by the chairperson in the Sectional Entry Packet. Seeding will be based on overall winning percentage. Tie breaker procedure is as follows:

- Head to head match results
- Head to head game results
- Head to head points scored
- Coin flip

15. In the event of an odd number of teams that qualify for sectionals in a class, the committee can choose one at-large entry in that class according to the following procedure:
a. After seeding of the odd number of qualifying teams, the remaining teams that have sent in entry forms appropriately will be considered.
b. The team among them that has the best overall record will be invited to participate in the sectional tournament.
c. If that team declines the invitation, the next best record with an appropriately submitted entry form will be invited.
d. In the case of a tie, standard tie-breaking procedures will be applied (see seeding criteria).
16. The Boys Volleyball Section 3 Committee will establish sectional tournament protocols. These will be set forth in the Sectional Entry Packet. Teams must follow these guidelines.
17. The coaches will determine the All-Star selection process. Each division will have its own All-Stars. There will be a first team and honorable mention listing for each division. Selection criteria are as follows. They are based on a team's place finish in their division. Selections will be given to the league representatives at the postseason meeting.
a. $1^{\text {st }}$ place: 3 first team, 2 honorable mention.
b. $2^{\text {nd }}$ place: 2 first team, 2 honorable mention.
c. $3^{\text {rd }}$ place: 2 first team, 2 honorable mention.
d. $4^{\text {th }}$ place and lower: 1 first team, 2 honorable mention.

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