

WIAA // GESA CREDIT UNION

POSTSEASON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

VOLLEYBALL

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2025 (1B, 2B)

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2025 (1A, 2A)

NOVEMBER 21-22, 2025 (3A, 4A)

Yakima Valley SunDome (Yakima)

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COACH INFORMATION

EVENT SCHEDULE

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- **Sunday, November 9 - 1B, 2B, 1A, 2A brackets posted**
- **Sunday, November 9** - 1B, 2B Coaches Meeting, 8:00 pm via Zoom - [LINK](#)
- **Monday, November 10** - 1A, 2A Coaches Meeting, 8:00 pm via Zoom - [LINK](#)
- **Sunday, November 16 - 3A, 4A brackets posted**
- **Monday, November 17** - 3A, 4A Coaches Meeting, 8:00 pm via Zoom - [LINK](#)

CHECK-IN

- Coaches' wrist bands will be in the team packet available for pick-up upon arrival at the SunDome.
- Wrist bands will be used for admission into the facility.
- Coaches who lose their wrist band must buy a ticket to enter through the pass gate and lose their court privileges.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Yakima Valley Sports Commission and the Yakima Hotel/Motel Association are pleased to offer a complimentary spaghetti dinner in the Fair Room at the Yakima Valley SunDome for all teams participating in the 2025 State Volleyball Championships! See the event schedule for your classification (listed above) for dates and times.

- Schools must email tournament manager [Dave Cullen](#) as soon as possible regarding plans for the Spaghetti Dinner
- Include your school name and indicate whether or not your team will be in attendance.
- Please limit the number attending to team personnel only.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

- 1B, 2B, 1A and 2A teams may contact Mel Moore at 509-952-2453 or melmooreinyakima@aol.com to schedule a practice at a nearby school.
- 3A and 4A teams may contact Dave Cullen at 509-910-9800 or cullends@gmail.com to schedule a practice time in the SunDome on Thursday, November 20..

TEAM MUSIC

- Team music can be played in the locker rooms only and will not be allowed on the courts.

INTRODUCTIONS

All teams will be introduced prior to their first match. Please verify pronunciations with the public address announcers.

CHEERLEADERS

Cheerleaders, in uniform and accompanied by their coach, will be admitted at no charge through the pass gate if a cheer roster has been submitted per the [Tournament Registration Instructions](#).

CONCESSIONS

- Concessions will be available for the teams and spectators.
- Food or drink may **NOT** be brought into the facility, although each team participant may have a water bottle and snack in their team bag.

FILMING

- Filming is allowed from the bleachers only and spectator viewing cannot be blocked.
- Please bring your own accessories and know that electrical outlets will not be available.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- [Northwest Sports Photography](#) will take team and action photos during the tournament.
- Coaches can sign up for team photos when team packets are picked up.
- All teams should have a team picture taken but a purchase is not required.

STREAMING

- All matches will be streamed live on the [NFHS Network](#) and available for viewing on demand.
- Live streaming of any WIAA State event by schools or fans is not permitted during or after the tournament.
- Any such action is a direct violation of WIAA/NFHS media rights and will not be allowed.

SOUVENIRS

- [Programs](#) will be available digitally at no cost beginning 48 hours prior to the start of the tournament [HERE](#).
- [Tournament merchandise](#) will be on sale throughout the tournament.
 - Participants are encouraged to pre-order merchandise beginning Saturday, November 9, at 10am.
 - The deadline to pre-order will be at noon November 12 (1B, 2B, 1A, 2A) or November 19 (3A, 4A)
 - Merchandise is available for pick-up at the Rush Team Apparel booth on the first morning of the Tournament.
 - Additional items will be available on site.
 - Post event orders will also be available.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Good sportsmanship is an important part of athletic competition and must prevail throughout the tournament.
- After each match, a medallion will be given to the player that exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship.
- Please keep your team on the court for this presentation.
- Sportsmanship medallions will not be presented during the trophy matches.

SPORT-SPECIFIC SOPs

ROSTER LIMIT & PASS GATE

- Rosters and team photos must be updated per the [Tournament Registration Instructions](#).
- Roster limit:
 - 14 players
- Refer to the Pass Gate submission in FinalForms for personnel availability and limits.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Two WOA certified officials will be assigned to each match.
- WOA officials for the postseason are assigned by the WOA Office.
- The head official will assign scorekeepers, two line judges, libero trackers, and clock operators to each match.
- Four line judges may be assigned to the consolation and championship matches.
- Official warm-up time is 20 minutes, broken into the following sections:
 - Eight minutes of shared court time

- Six minutes of court time for the visiting team
- Six minutes of court time for the home team
- Hitting or serving the ball into the opponent's court is not allowed during the shared court time.
- Teams are not allowed to warm up on the sidelines or end lines while waiting for their court time.
- There will be a 9 foot playable area around each court, including behind the end line for serving.
 - A player cannot play a ball when any body part is touching the non-playable area.
 - A player's follow-through after playing the ball may not touch the non-playable area.

FACILITY REGULATIONS

- Locker rooms are available but will not be assigned and are not secure.
- Doors will open for the public one hour before the first match of the day.
- Home and visiting student sections will be designated.
- The higher-seeded team, determined by the WIAA Seeding Committee, is home and has a choice of side or serve/receive.
- Teams will not change benches between sets.
- Fans are not allowed in or on the court area and must stay in the designated seating area.
- ADA Seating will be available.
- The pass gate for teams, officials, tournament workers, and supervisors is located at the NE corner of the SunDome and will be open to teams one and one-half hour before the first scheduled match of the day.
 - Please use the pass gate when returning to play or watch.
- School district-marked vehicles will not need a parking pass.
- All private vehicles will be charged \$10 (cash only.)
 - Coaches traveling in private cars must pay the parking fee.
- Rooter buses will be charged \$24 (cash only.)
- Team and spectator parking for State Fair Park will be the Main Lot at Gate 15.

PEP BAND REGULATIONS

Due to potential noise level, simultaneous court action, and limited seating, pep bands **will not** be allowed to perform.

GAME BALL

- Each school must provide warm-up balls.
- Green and white VXSEC Perfection Baden game balls will be provided.
- The officials will select the game ball from those provided.

AWARDS

- Trophies will be presented to 1st- through 8th-place teams in Tournaments with 16 or more teams.
- Trophies will be presented to 1st- through 4th-place teams in Tournaments with 8-12 teams.
- The awards ceremonies will take place immediately following each match in which trophies are presented.

FIRST AID

- An athletic trainer will be on duty one hour before play starts each day and throughout the tournament.
- Teams must supply their own taping materials.
- No ice chests may be brought into the facility.

2025-26 GENERAL SOPS

ALLOCATIONS

Postseason berths are allocated to WIAA Districts based on the total number of schools offering the sport in that classification/gender. Additional information can be found on the WIAA's [Tournament Berths](#) page.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

Qualifying events must conclude by the Saturday before the WIAA State Tournament begins.

STATE TOURNAMENT TICKETS

The WIAA partners with GoFan to offer digital ticketing. Fans are encouraged to buy tickets online in advance but can also purchase digital tickets onsite. Limited paper tickets will be available at most sites on event day.

- The Tacoma Dome, Yakima Valley SunDome, and Spokane Arena manage their own tickets. Venue-imposed fees apply.
- Visit the WIAA's [State Tournament Tickets](#) page for detailed ticket information.
- Service fees apply to all tickets.

PASSES

Passes are provided to participating schools according to the respective Sport-Specific Guidelines.

- SUPERVISORY PASSES: Supervisory passes are provided for the school staff designated to supervise student fans.
- SCHOOL MEDIA: School photographers will receive entry and, depending on the event, may also be granted floor access for their school's contests if they are pre-registered on the Pass List in FinalForms. Spots are intended for student media but may be filled by adults if requested by the school.
- COLLEGE COACHES: Passes will not be issued to college coaches for scouting purposes.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

The WIAA does not select/announce an 'All-Star' or 'All-Tournament' team. If one is announced and publicized, it is not organized by the WIAA.

INSURANCE

Leagues, WIAA Districts, and the WIAA maintain General Liability for their respective tournaments. The WIAA also provides catastrophic insurance for its postseason events. All other coverage, including accident insurance, is the responsibility of participating schools and/or individuals.

GAMES COMMITTEE

Tournament Managers will appoint a Games Committee available onsite or by phone for all postseason qualifying and State events. Full details regarding the members and duties of the Games Committee can be found in Rule 22.0.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#).

PROTESTS

All WIAA State Tournaments will follow the Protest Process outlined in Rule 29.0.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#). Please visit the [Postseason Protest Procedures](#) resource page for general and sport-specific guidelines.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE FOR A STATE EVENT

Teams and individuals qualifying for State Events should have their participation rights protected, while participants must also understand these events follow specific facility, officiating, and operational restrictions. For safety reasons, uncontrollable weather may require delaying, postponing, or canceling a contest or tournament, though the goal is to accommodate teams/individuals by rescheduling. Detailed information regarding the WIAA's Inclement Weather Policy and procedures for postponement or rescheduling can be found in Rule 25.4.0 of the [WIAA Handbook](#).

Thunder & Lighting:

- If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, play is suspended for at least 30 minutes and people are immediately moved to a designated safe location.
- After suspension, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning before resuming play. Any new thunder or lightning resets the clock to another 30 minutes.

TEAM CEREMONIES

Except for postgame awards, team ceremonies before or after contests must occur in the locker room or on the sideline to avoid delaying the contest or affecting other teams.

UTILIZING STUDENTS FOR SUPPORT POSITIONS AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Students younger than high school age may only hold support positions at WIAA State Championships if the parent signs the Underage Worker Form on the [Tournament Registration Page](#) and assumes all risk.

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Participating schools must register a Supervisory Staff member on their [Pass Gate](#) with the following expectations:

- Upon arrival, Supervisor will check in with Event Staff at the Pass Gate and receive a WIAA-issued 'Supervisor' pass to be worn for easy identification during their team's contests.
- Supervisor will monitor fan and student behavior for their crowd as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#) and assist the facility security staff or Event Staff when necessary.

FAN/SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- The WIAA supports social justice, racial equity, and sportsmanship. Derogatory cheers, slurs, and hateful comments about identity (race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion) are prohibited. Tournament Managers and event staff may remove offenders. Witnesses can report incidents using the WIAA's [Discrimination & Harassment Reporting Form](#).
- Schools are encouraged to share the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#) with their communities and students prior to attending State Events for policies regarding cheers, signs, artificial noisemakers, mascots, face painting, continuous standing, clean-up, drones and more.

PEP BAND EXPECTATIONS

Restrict playing to timeouts, between periods, pre and postgame or other dead ball situations, and maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#).

CHEERLEADER EXPECTATIONS

Use only school district-approved cheers at appropriate times, direct cheers/chants only toward their school's team, and maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#).

TEAM ARRANGEMENTS

- **LODGING:** Participating teams are responsible for their own lodging and must provide supervision for all school representatives at their place of lodging.
- **LOCKER ROOMS:** Teams must be supervised by school personnel while in their assigned locker room.
 - Participants are responsible for leaving locker rooms in undamaged condition.
 - Tournament Management is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **PHYSICIANS/TRAINERS:** Teams interested in supplying their own physician/trainer must complete the [School Athletic Trainer/Physician Form](#) and return it to the Tournament Manager.
- **PARTICIPANT ADMISSION & ROSTER LIMITATIONS:**
 - Roster limits for each State Event are listed in the respective sport-specific regulations. Only those participants included on the roster can be in uniform.
 - Students not included on a team's roster/squad or school pass list must pay admission or be included on the Pass List..
 - Participant admission/access is non-transferable.

RETURN TO PLAY AUTHORIZATION

Athletes removed from participation and attended to by a physician cannot re-enter competition until authorized by the physician who made the original decision.

STATE TOURNAMENT IDENTIFICATION AND MERCHANDISE

The WIAA has registered the WIAA logo and identification term, "State High School Championships," with the Secretary of State, establishing the ownership of events through legal action and WIAA Executive Board policies.

- The WIAA has licensed [Rush Team Apparel](#) to print, sell, and/or distribute WIAA-registered merchandise. Schools are encouraged to contact the [WIAA Staff](#) for information regarding that partnership.
- Only official, pre-approved merchandise will be sold on-site before, during, or after the event.
- Schools interested in producing merchandise using any of the approved phrases listed above must do one of the following:
 1. Contact the [WIAA Staff](#) to procure merchandise through [Rush Team Apparel](#), or,
 2. Remit a percentage of the gross revenue of merchandise sold to the WIAA. The percentage will be agreed upon by the school and the WIAA.
- Permission to distribute items onsite at a State Event must be approved by the WIAA Staff.

SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR PRESENCE

Advertising or recognition of non-school organizations/products is limited to WIAA-approved sponsors. Political displays and/or solicitation are prohibited.