

WIAA // GESA CREDIT UNION

POSTSEASON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

VOLLEYBALL

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2026 (1B, 2B)

NOVEMBER 13-14, 2026 (1A, 2A)

NOVEMBER 20-21, 2026 (3A, 4A)

Yakima Valley SunDome (Yakima)

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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 VX5EC 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.

2026-27 GENERAL SOPS

These General Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) apply to all WIAA postseason qualifying events and State Championships. Sport-specific SOPs provide additional requirements unique to each activity and should be reviewed in conjunction with these General SOPs. In the event of a conflict, WIAA Handbook rules and approved WIAA postseason policies shall supersede these procedures.

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 (Thursday for Golf) before the WIAA State Tournament begins.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS

Digital programs are offered exclusively online via each sport's Tournament Central page or directly through [Issuu](#).

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

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 & Lightning:

- 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.

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. The Underage Worker Form must be submitted to the event manager.

PASS GATE

Upon qualification for a State Tournament, schools must submit a [Pass Gate](#) through [FinalForms](#) to indicate school-related individuals that should receive access to WIAA State Tournaments. Detailed Pass Gate instructions, including sport-by-sport quantities and deadlines, can be found on the [Tournament Registration](#) Page.

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Any supervisory personnel must be submitted on the participating school's [Pass Gate](#). If provided a supervisor credential, the badge must be worn prominently. Detailed supervisory expectations can be found in Rule 17.28.0 of the WIAA Handbook.

FAN/SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- Schools are encouraged to share the WIAA's [Fan Expectations](#) with their communities and students prior to attending State Events for policies regarding cheerleader expectations, pep band expectations, cheers, signs, artificial noisemakers, mascots, face painting, continuous standing, clean-up, drones and more.

TEAM ARRANGEMENTS

- 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.

MEDICAL

- 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.

STATE TOURNAMENT IDENTIFICATION AND MERCHANDISE

The WIAA has registered the WIAA logo 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.
- 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.