

TO: D-10 Girls Volleyball Coaches, Athletic Directors, Principals

FROM: Kris Waskiewicz, D-10 Girls Volleyball Chairperson

SUBJECT: D-10 Girls Volleyball Tournament

DATE: August 8, 2008, REVISED OCTOBER 5, 2008

The District 10 Volleyball Tournament for girls will be held at Meadville High School on Wednesday, October 29, Thursday, October 30, and Saturday, November 1 and at Seneca High School on Tuesday, October 28. For A teams the tournament will be held on Thursday, October 30, and Saturday, November 1. For AA teams, the tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 29, and Saturday, November 1. For the AAA teams, the championship game will be played at Seneca High School starting at 7:00 PM. The tournament will start at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 5:00 PM on Thursday and 12:00 AM on Saturday. If the pool play is not completed on Wednesday or Thursday and there are tie breakers to be played, the remaining games will be contested on Saturday morning.

The format will be a pool play again this year for A and AA teams. All pool play matches and semi-final matches will be best of three rally scoring. **If a third game is needed, it shall be a 25 point game.** In the A class, there will be two pools of three teams each. In the AA class, there will be two pools of four teams each. At the end of the pool play the two top teams from each pool will advance to the playoff brackets. All championship matches will be best of five, rally scoring. The AAA championship will be a match between McDowell and Strong Vincent. The AAA District Champion will then play the winner from District 9 and District 6 in order to qualify for the Regional AAA tournament. Sheets showing the tournament format, the pools and the playoffs are enclosed.

The first place team from each region will automatically qualify for the District 10 Tournament. In the case of a mixed region (one which has two different classifications), if less than half of the teams are in one classification, then that team must be the region champ to qualify automatically; otherwise they can qualify through the at large representative. In the A competition, there will be three at large bids if region 4 is a champion or if not there will be four at large bids. In the AA classes, four teams will qualify from each of the regions and the next four teams with the highest winning percentage in region competition will qualify for the tournament. If a tie exists so that there are more than the required number of teams qualifying, a tie breaker will be held before the District tournament.

I have enclosed a listing of all schools by regions and classes. The bracketing for all three classes is included. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me.

Teams should not arrive at the site before 3:15 PM on Wednesday, 4:00 PM on Thursday and 10:00 AM on Saturday. There is a problem with buses coming into the complex before the Meadville buses pull out so all AA teams on Wednesday are asked to not arrive before 3:15 PM.

Before your first match you will be given 10 minutes warm-up time on the court. **If you have the first match of the day, you will not be permitted to use the court for spiking until fifteen minutes before the start of the match.** After your first match, warm-up time will be limited to 5 minutes. There will be an auxiliary gym available for teams to warm up. Starting times are only tentative as matches will start as soon as the warm up time is completed.

There will be no entry fee again this year. All teams need to submit an eligibility sheet prior to your first match. A roster should be submitted as soon as possible so they can be typed up for the program. The roster needs to be in numerical order. If you think you have a chance of qualifying for the tournament, I would appreciate receiving your roster as soon as possible.

There will be an admission charge of \$4.00 for the preliminaries on October 29 and 30 and a charge of \$5.00 for the finals on October 28 and November 1.

A scorekeeper must be provided by each team for each game you play. The home team's scorekeeper will be the official one. The visiting team must also provide a person to run the electronic scoreboard for each match and also a person for the libero tracking . Lines will be called by PIAA officials for all matches.

If you wish to recommend officials for the District Tournament, the names can be e-mailed to me. I will also obtain recommendations from the various chapters and use both lists to choose the officials for the tournament. Coaches do have a say in the officials but I need those names by September 24, 2008.

Schools who wish to be eligible for an at large position must e-mail a copy of their record and a list of their region scores by games to me by Friday, October 24, 2008, at 9:00 AM. The e-mail address is waskie@roadrunner.com. Determinations will then be made for the at-large berths. The only scores that are needed are the region matches. If there are any questions, I can be reached at home, 814-825-9191 or on my cell, 814-572-8304. My mailing address is 10140 Wattsburg Rd, Erie, PA 16509.

Marketing items will be available from District 10 and will be sold on all days at the tournament.

The format for the state tournament will be the same as it was for the 2007-2008 school year. This format provides for the advancement of sixteen teams in each of the three girls volleyball enrollment classifications to a single elimination regional first round play (best three out of five scoring games). This year AAA will again have a play in game in order to advance after Districts. Both A and AA will send two teams to the Regional playoffs. Regional playoffs will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The winners advance to quarterfinal round pool play and single elimination semi-finals at Central York High School on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, 2008.

**POLICY STATEMENT
FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS
WITH CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO
PIAA DISTRICT TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

PIAA District member schools are not required to enter a team into PIAA District Ten Championship events. Entry and participation by member schools in the tournaments sponsored by PIAA District Ten are totally voluntary.

Entry of a team or individual competitor by a member school into a PIAA District Ten tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are inherent with the tournament rules, regulations and guidelines.

Further, a member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District Ten Chairman, Executive Committee, Tournament Director and District Ten Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management schedule, sites, dates, times and operations of championships when in their judgment it becomes necessary to do so.

DISTRICT 10
GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CLASSIFICATIONS
2008-2009

AAA

Region 6

McDowell
Strong Vincent

AA

Region 3

Greenville
Grove City
Hickory
Meadville
Sharon
Slippery Rock
Wilmington

Region 4

Franklin
Oil City
Titusville
Warren

Region 5

Corry
Fairview
Fort LeBoeuf
General McLane
Girard
Iroquois
Northwestern
Seneca

Region 6

Central
East
Harbor Creek
Mercyhurst Prep
North East
Villa

A

Region 1

Commodore Perry
Farrell
Jamestown
Kennedy Catholic
Lakeview
Mercer
Reynolds
Sharpsville
West Middlesex

Region 2

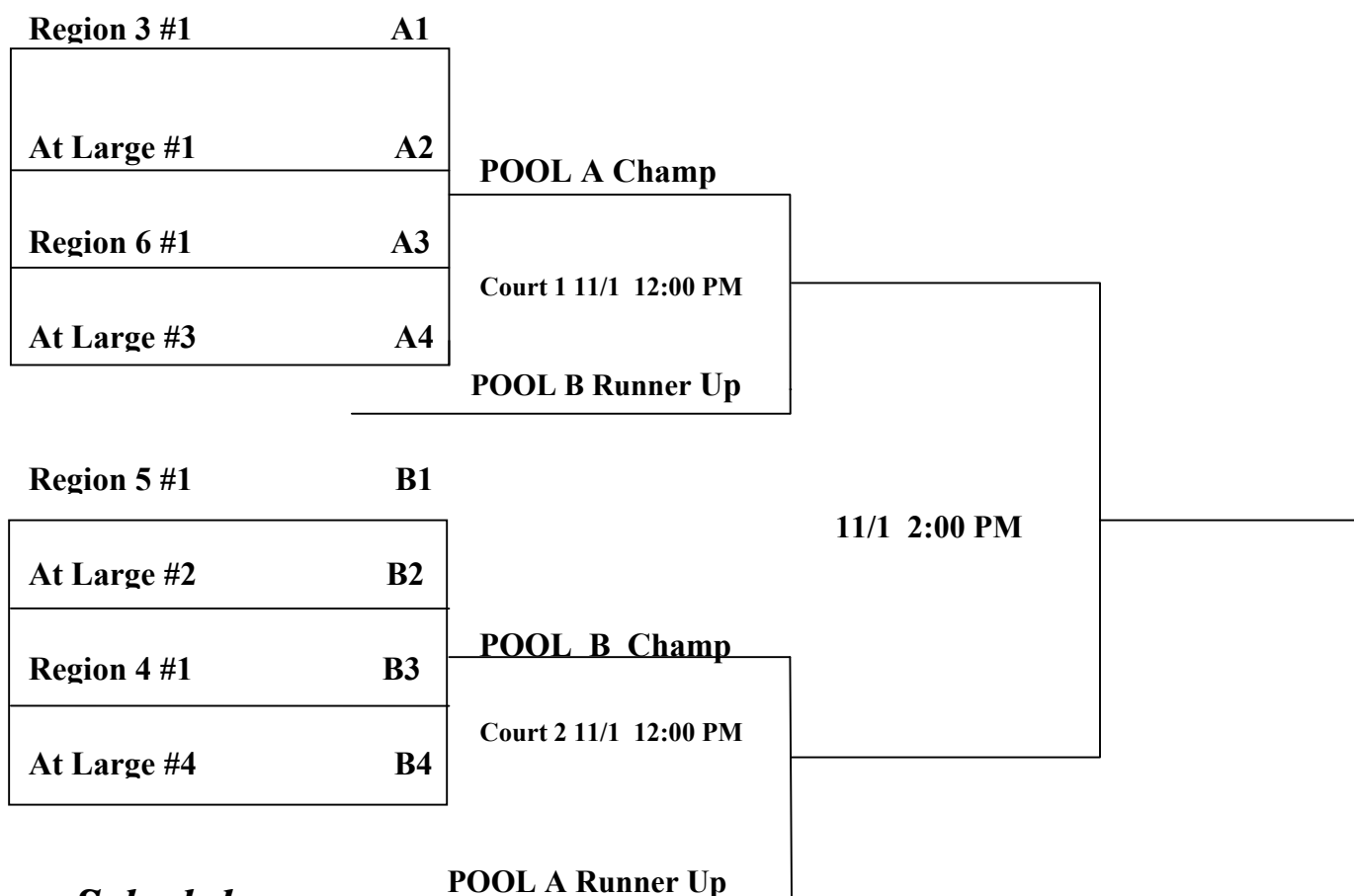
Cambridge Springs
Cochranon
Conneaut Lake
Conneaut Valley
Linesville
Maplewood
Saegertown
Union City

Region 4**

Eisenhower
Rocky Grove
Youngsville

**** Must be region champ to automatically qualify. The region can be represented through an at large berth.**

AA DISTRICT 10 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL 2008-2009



Game Schedule

10/29	POOL A (CT 1)	TIME	POOL B (Ct 2)
	A1 vs A2	4:00 PM	B1 vs B2
	A4 vs A3	5:00 PM	B4 vs B3
	A2 vs A4	6:00 PM	B2 vs B4
	A1 vs A3	7:00 PM	B1 vs B3
	A4 vs A1	8:00 PM	B4 vs B1
	A3 vs A2	9:00 PM	B3 vs B2

Home Team is the first team listed in the game schedule. In the bracketing the home team is the top team in the bracket. Games will be started after 9:30 only at the discretion of the Tournament Director after discussion with the Coaches.

AA D-10 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. **Warm-Up** – Teams must be ready to play after ten minutes of warm-up before their first game and five minutes of warm-up before all second and third matches.
2. **Preliminaries** – The brackets are divided into two (2) pools for AA. There will be round-robin competition in each pool. All pool play will be contested on Thursday. If pool play is not completed on Wednesday, the remaining games will be played on Saturday at the discretion of the tournament director.
3. **Playoffs** - The team with the best won-loss match record and the team with the second best won-loss match record will qualify for the playoff rounds from each pool. The bracketing is shown on a separate sheet.

Tie Breaker – Two (2) teams from the same pool with identical 2-1 match records shall advance to the quarter-final round. The team that was the winner of the match played between the tied teams shall be declared the first place team from that pool.

Three (3) teams from the same pool with identical 2-1 match records shall determine the two (2) playoff qualifiers as follows:

- a. The team with the best winning percentage of games involving the three (3) tied teams (divide number of games won by number of games played) shall be declared the first place team from that pool.
- b. If all three (3) of the teams from the same pool remain tied after applying tiebreaker criteria (a), the team with the best winning percentage of games involving the teams in that pool (divide number of games won by number of games played) shall be declared the first place team from that pool.
- c. If all three (3) of the teams from the same pool remain tied after applying tiebreaker criteria (a) and (b), the team with the best winning percentage of points involving the three (3) tied teams (divide number of points won by number of points played) shall be declared the first place team from that pool.
- d. If all three of the teams from the same pool remain tied after applying tiebreaker criteria (a), (b) and (c), the team with the best winning percentage of points involving the teams in that pool (divide number of points won by number of points played) shall be declared the first place team from that pool.
- e. If all three (3) of the teams from the same pool remain tied after applying tiebreaker criteria (a), (b), (c) and (d), each team shall draw at random numbers 1, 2 and 3. The teams drawing numbers 1 and 3 shall immediately play one (1) 15 point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game. The winner of the 15 point, 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game shall immediately play the team that drew the number 2 in one (1) 15-point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game. The results of the second 15 point (no cap), 2-point advantage, rally scoring tiebreaker game shall determine the first place and second place teams from that pool.

If a first place team can be determined through criteria (a), (b), (c) or (d), the remaining tied teams shall immediately play one (1) 15-point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game. The winner of the 15 point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game is declared the second place team from that pool. The team that was the winner of the match played between the two teams shall be the home team for the tiebreaker.

- f. In the event the first place team completes pool play with a 3-0 record and the remaining teams are all 1-2, the same criteria shall be used in determining the second place team from that pool. After determining the top seed of the remaining tied teams, the two (2) lower seeds will immediately play one (1) 15-point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game. The winner of the 15 point, 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game will then play one (1) 15 point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring tiebreaker game against the previously determined highest seed, to determine the second place team from that pool.

All Coaches are asked to list 5 Officials that you would recommend to officiate at the District 10 tournament. Officials will be selected from all chapters of District 10 using the coaches' nominations and also the nominations from each individual chapter of officials. If you want a voice in the officials that will work the tournament, please complete this form and return it.

School _____

Coach _____

Recommended Officials:

1. _____

2. _____

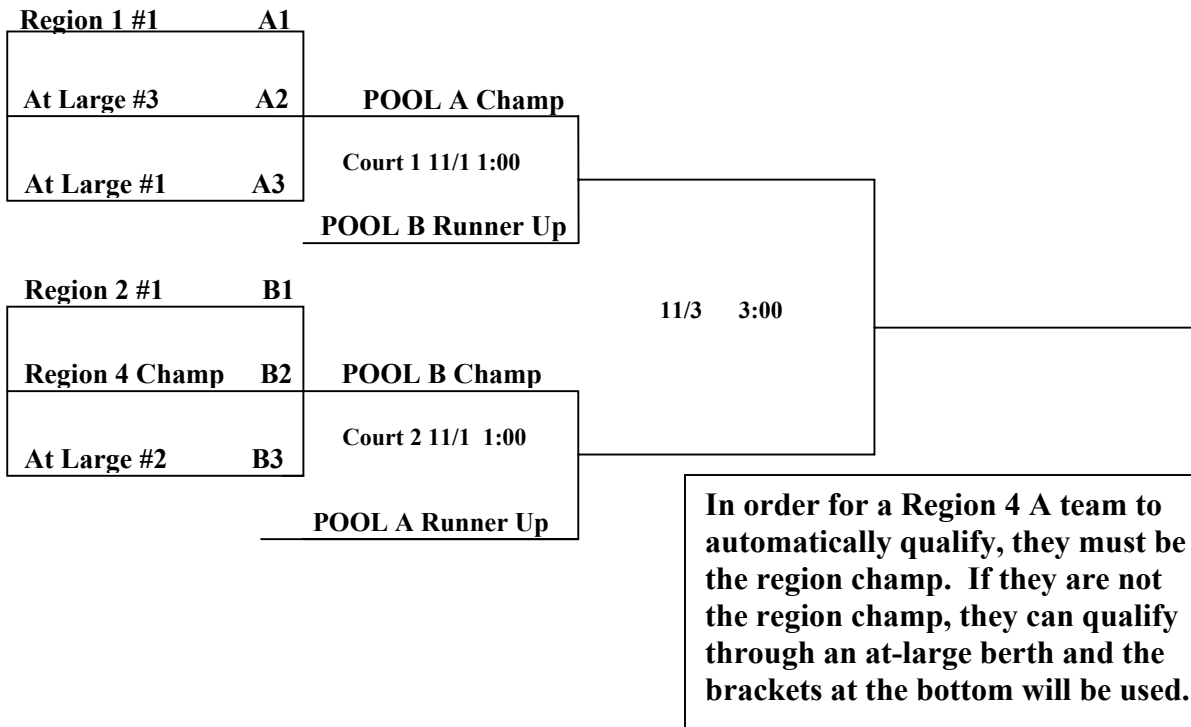
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5. _____

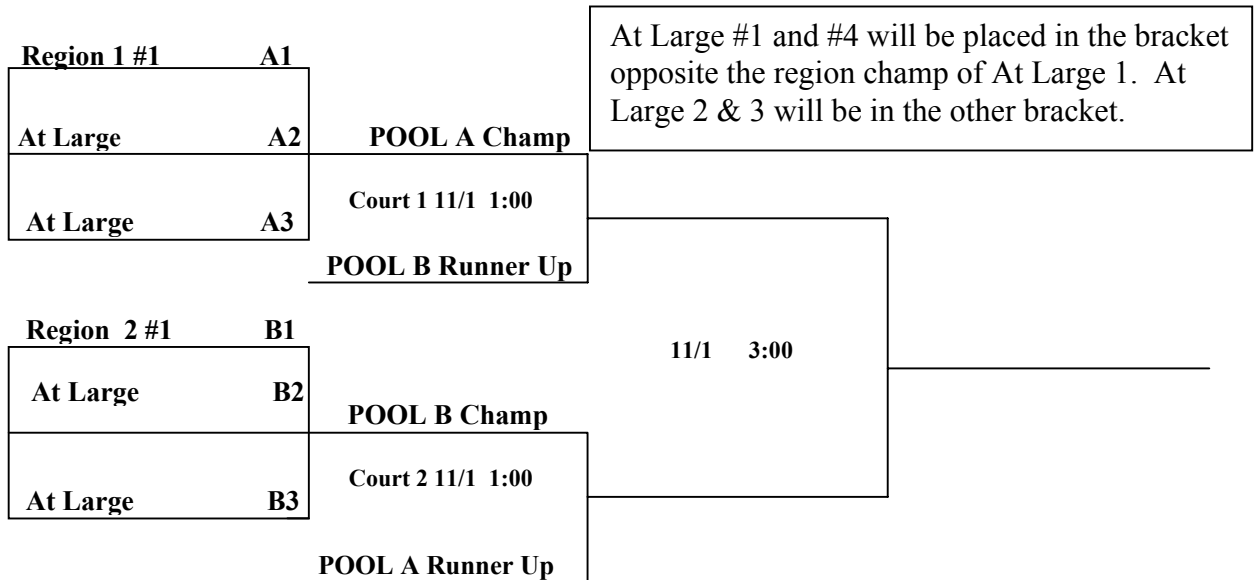
Please return this form to Kris Waskiewicz or email your recommendations to waskie@roadrunner.com by September 24, 2008. It can be mailed to me at 10140 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA 16509.

Name of High School _____ Mascot _____



Game Schedule

10/30	POOL A (Ct 1) A1 vs A2 A2 vs A3 A3 vs A1	TIME 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	POOL B (Ct 2) B1 vs B2 B2 vs B3 B3 vs B1
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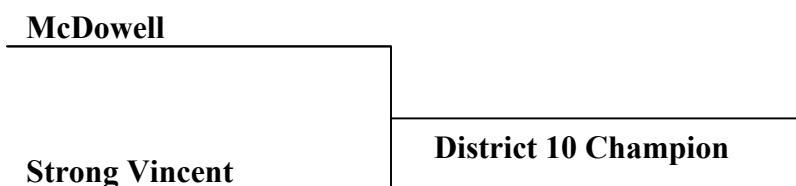
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3. **Playoffs** – The team with the best won-loss **match** record **and** the team with the second best won-loss **match** record will qualify for the playoff rounds from each pool. The bracketing is shown on a separate sheet.

TIE-BREAKER – Three (3) teams from the same pool with identical 1-1 match records shall determine the two (2) playoff qualifiers as follows:

- a. the team with the best winning percentage of **games** involving the three (3) tied teams (divide number of **games** won by number of **games** played) shall be declared the first place team from that pool.
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AAA D-10 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 1. The District 10 Championship game will be best three out of five games with rally scoring in effect.**
- 2. This game will be played at Seneca High School starting at 7:00 PM.**
- 3. The winner of this match will then play the winners of Districts 6 and 9 in order to qualify for the Regional Game to be played on November 4.**

