

**ARTICLE 170
BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

1700. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls beach volleyball will be conducted in the Spring.

1701. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Approved February 2021 Federated Council)

1702. RULES

All beach volleyball contests in the CIF Southern Section will be played under USA Volleyball Association rules and regulations.

1703. RALLY SCORING

- A. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all beach volleyball matches at the varsity level. A set (except the deciding 3rd set) is won by the team which first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (22-20, 23-21; etc.)
- B. The match is won by the team that wins two sets. In the case of a 1 – 1 set tie, the deciding 3rd set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of two points.
- C. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all sub-varsity beach volleyball matches. All sets shall be played to 21 points with the deciding set played to 15 points.

1704. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are urged not to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable interscholastic scrimmages must be conducted prior to a team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>1704.1 Schools are permitted one (1) interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to February 8 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

1705. TOURNAMENTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

- 1705.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged the required number of contacts using the following formula regardless of the format in which the event is played:

One (1) day tournament counts as two (2) contacts
Two (2) day tournament counts as three (3) contacts
Three (3) day tournament counts as four (4) contacts
Four (4) day tournament counts as five (5) contacts

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" tournament and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

NOTE: Multiple matches could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not multiple matches in two different tournaments. (See Bylaw 1227). All interscholastic matches are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day. (See Bylaw 1226.)

EXCEPTION: The maximum number of matches allowable in any one day may exceed 2 matches but may not exceed 10 total sets on a school day and 15 total sets on a Saturday.

<>1706. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

Girls Beach Volleyball Teams - No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 8.

1707. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A beach volleyball team will be permitted to play no more than 24 matches during the season, including tournaments or jamborees, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

1707.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one faculty match, which will not be charged against the maximum number of allowable contest.

1707.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one alumni match, which will not count as one of the maximum number of allowable contests.

<>1708. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before April 14 (team).

QUESTION: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1709. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school beach volleyball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of beach volleyball. This shall include any form of tryouts or player evaluations, occurring during the high school season of sport with a team, program, club, or any other outside organization other than the student-athlete's high school team. Any such event is considered a violation of this Bylaw. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in the sport of beach volleyball if they participates in any tryout or player evaluation for a team, program, club, or any other outside organization. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

QUESTION: Can a member of a beach volleyball team participate in organized indoor volleyball practice, tryout, or competition?

ANSWER: Yes - Any beach volleyball player who participates in organized indoor volleyball competition during her high school season of sport would not be in violation of the "outside competition" Bylaw 600. Because they are two different sports, this would not violate Bylaw 600.

QUESTION: Can an individual beach volleyball player enter an event during the season of sport unattached?

ANSWER: Yes - unattached competition is allowed under Bylaw 600.G(1) and 600.G(2).

1710. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

The time element between varsity and junior varsity matches shall not be more than 20 minutes. The time of 20 minutes to start consecutive matches will begin when the coaches/captains meeting is completed.

1711. NUMBER OF SETS IN A MATCH

All matches will consist of the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 21 points with the third set to 15 points.

QUESTION: May leagues, and schools by mutual agreement in non-league or league matches, conduct a non-varsity match as a modified 15-point sets?

ANSWER: Yes - Leagues and/or schools by mutual agreement for non-varsity or league matches have the option of playing modified 15-point sets.

1712. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information.