

**ARTICLE 320
VOLLEYBALL**

3200. RALLY SCORING

- A. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all rounds of the State Volleyball Championships. All games shall be played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points.
- B. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all volleyball contests at the varsity level for all Sections. All games shall be played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points.
- C. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all sub-varsity volleyball contests for all Sections. All games shall be played to 25 points with the deciding game played to 15 points.
(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

3201. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

3202. GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Girls Regional and State Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council/Revised May 2016 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

3202.1 All volleyball matches in CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

3203. BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys Regional Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

(Approved May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised April 2015 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

3204. BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

A State Championship will be held following the CIF Regional Championship. The Regional Champions will compete for the State Championship.
(Approved April 2024 Federated Council)

<>3205. 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 not urged 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).

<>3205.1 Girls Teams - Schools are permitted two (2) interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to August 8 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>3205.2 Boys Teams - Schools are permitted two (2) interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to February 13 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

3206. TOURNAMENTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

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

- 3206.1 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 tournament at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity “A” 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 1226). 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 1227.)

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.

<>3207. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to August 8.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 13.

3208. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A volleyball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 matches during the season, including tournaments or jamborees, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

- 3208.1 **FACULTY:** Each team will be permitted to play one faculty match, which will not be charged against the maximum number of allowable contests.

- 3208.2 **ALUMNI:** Each team will be permitted to play one alumni match, which will not count as one of the maximum number of allowable contests.

<>3209. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday prior to the first playoff date. For girls teams October 14 and for boys’ teams April 21.

QUESITON: 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.

3210. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual’s Season of Sport - A member of a high school volleyball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of 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 volleyball if he/she 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 volleyball team participate in organized “two player” or “three player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport?
ANSWER:	Yes - Any volleyball player who participates in organized “two player” or “three player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport would not be in violation of the “outside competition” Bylaw 600. Regardless of the surface (sand, grass, outdoor) “two player” or “three player” competition would not violate Bylaw 600.

3211. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on Maximum Contests in one day.

3211.1 See Bylaw 3205 (NOTE) for tournament exception.

3212. 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.

3213. MARKING THE COURT

It is recommended that a volleyball court be parallel with a basketball court and clearly marked.

3214. NUMBER OF SETS IN A MATCH

The varsity match will consist of the best three (3) out of five (5) sets to 25 points with the fifth set to 15 points. The junior varsity will consist of the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points with the third set to 15 points. (Refer to Rule 3200 B and C.)

QUESTION:	May leagues, and schools by mutual agreement in non-league or league matches, conduct the varsity match as an optional best two out of three sets?
ANSWER:	Yes - Leagues and/or schools by mutual agreement for non-league or league matches have the option of playing the best two out of three sets at the varsity level as per CIF Southern Section Council action. However, all playoff matches will be conducted as the best three (3) out of five (5) sets.

3215. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

3215.1 The Commissioner has the sole authority to determine the sites of all volleyball playoff contest. For any playoff contest, the Commissioner may direct that such a contest be played on an alternate court if the home court does not meet CIF Southern Section standards.