

Zoomerang Survey Results

2008 Missouri High School Volleyball Coaches Survey

1. The following questions on this page pertain to NFHS rule changes. These issues are rules that MSHSAA cannot change alone. The committee can recommend rule changes to the national committee (NFHS), but there is no guarantee they will adopt those recommendations. Would you be in favor of a rule change in allowing players to wear bobby pins in their hair?

Yes	235	79%
No	61	21%
Total	296	100%

2. Would you be in favor of a rule change to ban the let serve (in other words, the serve cannot touch the net at all)?

Yes	92	31%
No	204	69%
Total	296	100%

3. Would you be in favor of a rule change to allow the serve to be blocked?

Yes	71	24%
No	225	76%
Total	296	100%

4. Would you be in favor of allowing a multi-colored ball to be used in matches (don't worry about which colors yet)?

Yes	188	64%
No	107	36%
Total	295	100%

5. Would you be in favor of a rule change allowing contact with the ball below the waist?

Yes	104	35%
No	192	65%
Total	296	100%

The following questions pertain to issues related to volleyball that are specific to MSHSAA and the administration statewide of regular season and post season volleyball. Most of these issues will come out of this committee as recommendations to the MSHSAA Board of Directors. They will ultimately decide to recommend the committee's proposal, deny the proposal, amend the proposal or to table it for further study. There have been a number of questions raised concerning public and private schools and the private school multiplier.

However, those issues are being addressed by MSHSAA as a whole and, therefore, not appropriate for the agenda of the volleyball advisory committee. In addition, there was a request to ask coaches on their opinion concerning the state tournament location. Since MSHSAA has a three-year contract with Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, it would be more appropriate to ask questions pertaining to that issue towards the end of that three-year timeframe.

6. The NFHS gave each state the latitude to address risk minimization during warm-ups in their own terms. Not all states addressed this issue the same way. MSHSAA chose to address the issue this season with what became commonly known as the "shoe rule." The following questions pertain to that issue: The rationale behind the rules this year were specific to risk minimization during warm-ups and to ensure that players and coaches would not be injured or be placed in a situation where individuals were exposed to communicable disease. Before asking any questions about the "shoe rule" itself, do you believe this rationale, in general, is appropriate for high school volleyball?

Yes	170	58%
No	121	42%
Total	291	100%

7. Which of the following actions do you believe MSHSAA should take with regards to the rule concerning risk minimization for next season?

Leave all aspects of the rule as is	64	22%
Enforce the rule with players, but not coaches	165	56%
Repeal the rule altogether	52	18%
Other, please describe your solution here	12	4%
Total	293	100%

8. Would you be in favor of mandating a horn to sound when one minute remains during your six-minute on-court pre-match warm-up time?

Yes	188	65%
No	103	35%
Total	291	100%

9. There have been questions raised concerning the site selection process MSHSAA uses for the sectional and quarterfinal tournaments. Which one of the following statements best represents your position on this issue?

The site selection process is fine the way it is.	109	38%
MSHSAA should change the sites on a regular basis (see #10).	179	62%
Total	288	100%

10. If you answered “MSHSAA should attempt to change sites on a regular basis” for #9, which one of the following statements best represents your position on changing sectional/quarterfinal sites?

MSHSAA should attempt to change sites on a yearly basis.	73	38%
MSHSAA should attempt to change sites based on the two-year classification cycle (in other words, the same site for two years, then change)	106	55%
Other	13	7%
Total	192	100%

11. Which of the following do you believe should be criteria for selection of MSHSAA sectional/quarterfinal sites (check all that apply)?

Neutral site	227	78%
Size of the facility	234	80%
Parking	134	46%
Locker room facilities	101	35%
Layout of the gym/bleachers	167	57%
Concessions	27	9%
Other	26	9%

12. Which of the following statements best supports your position on the comments concerning officials evaluations?

The current set of comments and recommendations is fine the way it is	140	48%
Comments and recommendations should be more specific and pertain to volleyball	151	52%
Total	291	100%

13. This question may not apply to all of you, but it was brought up by some coaches. Would you support a change in MSHSAA by-laws to allow 7th and 8th grade MSHSAA teams the option to utilize the 3 out of 5 game format? The idea here is that some middle schools and junior highs have large numbers and it's difficult to get everyone in with the current 2 out of 3 game format.

Yes	57	20%
No	150	51%
No opinion	85	29%
Total	292	100%

14. The next set of questions pertains to the format in which the MSHSAA post-season is conducted. Please keep in mind that in each set of scenarios, there may be MSHSAA By-Law changes or other contingencies necessary to make it happen, but we want to get a general idea of what coaches would prefer to see. If you have another idea separate from these scenarios, you are more than welcome to include it in question #21. Would you support the idea of allowing the top two teams in each district advancing to sectionals and creating an 8-team sectional tournament with one team advancing to state per each of four sectionals?

Yes (see question #15)	210	73%
No	77	27%
Total	287	100%

15. If you answered "Yes" to #14 and there are 8-team sectionals, would you support the idea of a significant change to sectionals to a day-long, multi-court format?		
Yes	203	88%
No (see question #16)	28	12%
Total	231	100%

16. If you answered "No" to #15, what format would you propose that would decide the state qualifiers? There is a constraint where the schedule would not be flexible to allow additional days of competition. Please list your ideas below.

Taking 2 teams out of district does not fix the problem that would allow more quality teams an opportunity to go to State. Let 2 teams from each sectional go to state. KSHSAA allows 8 teams in each class to go to state. Kansas class 6 only has 32 teams. Missouri class 4 has over 100 and only 4 make it?? This does not make sense.
Keep it as it we presently have it.
Top 2 in district come out. Pool play in Sectionals with 8 teams. After pool play top 4 are seeded based on results and play single elimination for state Qualifier.
One day is fine but I think there should be 8 teams at state.
find a way to be flexible!
Keep it the same
I would like to see an 8 team state tournament so that more teams make it to the big dance!
It is fine the way it is.
Teams should not be forced to play complete matches back to back during state competition.
At least in the sectionals teams have proper rest time. The real problem is with the District finals. The teams that receive the number 2 and 3 seeds, which in my district are always very tough end up playing each other a long grueling match, and then they have to play the number one seed. MSHSAA should mandate that district championships will be held on a separate night. This year for example, Summersville had to play Winona in the District 5 semi-finals that went three sets. Then Summersville had to play Eminence for the championship. It is difficult emotionally and physically for a team to be expected to perform under those conditions. We could possible end the season a week earlier to provide ample time for sectional playoffs.
Cross-bracket for sectionals and take top 8 team to state and devise a true state tournament. If we continue to have a state tournament with pool play then lets make it a more accurate tournament and invite 8 teams. Trophies do not have to be awarded to teams beyond 4th but the title of finishing 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th along with the experience of State will be much grander especially if we keep state at a large venue like KC which can host a larger tournament. Let's investigate other state associations and see what they do when they take more than 4 teams to state in both volleyball and basketball. How do they work state? I know that Nebraska takes more than 4 teams in basketball. In Washington they take more than 4 teams to state in girl's basketball. More teams might dilute the experience but it also promotes it. Having more people involved will create more revenue and builds twice the excitement for the girls and their sport. At state it could be an 8 team with two pools and we separate the qualifiers from the sectional then set up the championship bracket for c
Would not support top two teams from district unless one of the team advanced to a different sectional location.
Stay as is
Sometimes the top teams in sectionals are better than the 4 that make it to state. How about the top two teams from each sectional? Better representation of strongest teams. Arizona has 16 team single elimination tournament.
I would recommend the format being single elimination from Districts, Sectionals, and State. I would like to see 8 teams go to state instead of sectionals.

After sectionals, have a regional/quarterfinal round. Top 4 from each class advance, single elimination matches at the state tournament. North Vs. South; East vs. West; Winners advance to championship round. We should look at how the state of Texas does theirs. It is a much better process instead of silly round robin. Who else does that? crazy!
I think it should be more related to the Kansas state tournament, where a sub-state is played. Top 2 teams come out of sub-state to produce 8 teams into the state tournament. Still a 2-day state tournament.
2 teams need to come out of sectionals for state more teams at state
as is
Due to some districts being "strong" and others not, I like the idea of two teams coming out of a district. It is not fair to the district winner to have to face that team again to move on. First in the district should go to one sectional and second to another. Continue to have sectionals with four teams, but have 8 of them and then bring 8 teams to the final two days. Have two pools of four play on Friday and then the top two from each pool play a four team bracket on Sat. Semis then a third place and championship match. I know this goes against regional representation somewhat but at the class 1 level we had two teams from the southeast anyway.
Bracket it like normal, but have 4 teams at one site. If you win you continue, lose and you are done. I would love to see more success opportunities for the kids. I don't understand the current way in that it is elimination until the final 4 and then round robin.
Seeding teams and them putting into two pools. Top two teams from each pool come out. 1st from pool a plays 2nd from pool b and the opposite for a semifinal round and then the winners play to move onto state.
Single elimination bracket play.

17. Would you support the idea of allowing one team in each district advancing to sectionals and allowing the sectional match to be a state qualifying match so that two teams advance to state from each sectional? This would create an 8-team state tournament.		
Yes (see question #18)	194	69%
No	88	31%
Total	282	100%

18. If you answered "yes" to #17 and there is an 8-team state tournament, would you support the idea of a change to the state tournament that would add one day of play? This may result in some teams playing Thursday and Saturday only.		
Yes	180	84%
No	34	16%
Total	214	100%

19. Which of the following statements best supports your position on the format of the state tournament itself?		
I support keeping the pool play format of the state tournament.	184	65%
I support creating a single-elimination bracket for the state tournament and eliminating the third place match.	16	6%
I support creating a single-elimination bracket for the state tournament and keeping the third place match.	83	29%
Total	283	100%

20. Would you support MSHSAA utilizing the 3 out of 5 game format for all post-season (district, sectional, quarterfinal and state) play?		
Yes	123	43%
No	162	57%
Total	285	100%

21. If you have another idea concerning the MSHSAA district, sectional, quarterfinal and state tournaments, that is not listed among those above, please describe it below.

Have 8 teams qualify in each class. Reseed the teams into 2 pools of 4. The top 2 teams from each pool advance and form a semi-final match with 1vs2 and 1vs2. Winner's play for 1st, losers play for 3rd.
If we are not playing 3 out of 5 sets in regular season, I see no reason to play 3 out of 5 sets in the post season. Keep things consistent.
Take 8 teams at least to State.
State tournament should be an 8 team, two pool format, just like the tournaments are that we play in throughout the year. After 8 teams have qualified, those teams should be ranked and placed in pools accordingly (Pool A : 1, 8, 4, 5; Pool B: 2, 7, 3, 6). Pool play takes place on friday, with the top two advancing. Saturday morning are the cross pool semifinals (1A vs. 2B and 1b vs. 2a). Winners play for championship.
the state tournament should be double elimination with an 8 team format
If we would do 3/5 in post season, then varsity teams should have their entire season 3/5.
Like any other volleyball tournament, the state tournament should begin with round robin play. Districts should be round robin, with two teams advancing. The rest should be single elimination playoffs throughout.
I do not believe high school should go to the 3 out 5 format.
I really think 2 teams should advance from districts. There is not a coach around that would not love that opportunity. It would get more kids and parents to the state level and raise the awareness of volleyball. It would promote the hotels and food vendors in the area as well. I see it only being positives. We take 4 teams from a field of so many teams. It would make life so much nicer
8 teams minimum should be allowed to experience state. 4 is not enough.
Top two from districts & top two from sectionals should advance. At the state level another idea would
be two pools of four teams each and then advancing from there to single elimination.
I don't think the same school should have districts and sectionals in the same year
Either ALL teams play 3 out of 5 during the season or NO ONE does.
I would like to see the "set" pools for districts eliminated. The teams in the four districts throughout the state should be seeded first to last with first playing last and so on. Then the two best teams from each section go to state. To often, very good teams get eliminated in districts because two or three of the teams are very strong. Two four-team pools for the state championship would be more representative. After pool-play is finished, first in pool one would play fourth in pool two, and so on. This would give our sport a true champion.
I think top two out of districts AND top two out of sectionals to make 8 team state tourny. That way the best and most qualified teams will be in the state tourn.
I support the 8 team tournament. Maybe not a complete round-robin but two pools of 4. . . ranked like Kansas Does. I think MO needs to really look at how KS does it too.
either do pool play throughout post season...or not at all! bringing 8 teams to state would improve the experience for all. it is financially possible, stop giving 2nd place district plaques and use that money for more officials etc for a bigger state tourny. more teams will generate more revenue to cover costs.
maybe just do 3 out of 5 for sectional, quarterfinal and state. Not for districts
3 out of 5 only for sectional, quarterfinal and state play

3 out of 5 for all varsity matches, excluding regular season tourneys... but including districts, sectionals, etc...
Regarding Question 19: I would support bracket play if more teams were involved with state, and if top two district teams advanced but were cross bracketed and finally if there were consolation brackets available so that more than one match was always available once a team advance to state. If a team looses its first match then they should still have a chance to play for at least 5th place or work all the way back. I would support the pool play format if the state tournament remains as is and only 4 teams advance to state. I would also support taking 8 teams into 2 pools to set up a championship bracket and consolation bracket where teams would compete to play for either 1st/3rd/5th/ & 7th place. Lots of possibilities but basically because of the easy to run structure of volleyball it's feasible to have more teams advance to find the true best our state has to offer and to promote the sport.
Class 1 and 2 need to be one weekend, Class 3 and 4 need to be the next weekend, that would allow the tournament to be played on two consecutive days and would alleviate hotel congestion. Much like they do for basketball.
The other option would be to play Class 1 and 2 at one location and class 3 and 4 in a different location all on the same weekend and then the next year flip flop. If you could find two facilities in the same city that could accomodate all teams then this could be an option to use.
I like the idea of having 8 teams from each class competing at State. I feel that you would get a better representation of the best teams!!!
I think MSHSAA shouldn't utilize the 3 out of 5 game format, unless all teams in the state are required to use this format all season.
I also feel that MSHSAA should carefully look at teams they place in sectionals together, so they don't have the top 4 teams in the state in a class in one or two sectionals.
I beleive that the post season game format should stay consistent with the regular season format.
I agree, more teams need to leave out of the district than one and state needs to be expanded to AT LEAST eight teams, if not more. We have some top teams being eliminated at the district and/or sectional levels. Expand state!!!!
Two four team pools at State w/ round robin play. Then top 4 play for 1st-4th, & bottom 4 play for 5th-8th.
I would like to see the top 2 in districts go to sectionals. Have a sectional tournament with top 4 going to state and have a 16 team state with pool play and bracket play. A 3 day state tournament.
There should not be more than one match per day when you reach the playoff matches. It is crazy to ask these girls to play a first round possibly 3 out of 5 and then turn around an hour later and play the next round. No other sport does that, except tennis!! Same with districts playing the semifinals and finals on the same night. That needs to change.
Neutral site for sectionals. Some schools host districts and sectionals of the same year and are competing in both competitions on their home court.
Whatever is chosen with 3/5 please make sure everyone is doing that. We played all 3/5 matches this year, yet others did not, and post-season was 2/3! The Missouri State should make a decision and EVERYONE should do it, not half do 3/5, half do 2/3.
I believe an 8 team state tournament would make sure the best teams are in the state tournament. There are many times the best teams come from the same sectional. If we want the best teams at state, open the field to 8 teams.
A neutral site possibly a college or civic center for all sectionals/quarters to be played for a certain region. It would be a volleyball extravaganza. All 1, 2, 3, and 4's at the site playing all day on "THE SATURDAY" to determine who goes to STATE. It would be a volleyball lovers dream and the neutral site issue would be resolved as well as the ceiling, seating, and concession questions. Thank you
Two teams out of districts and two teams out of sectionals will allow you to have your best teams at state. Some really good teams have a hard district and won't make it to the final eight, and could be capable. Some teams have an easy rode to sectionals and are not as good as teams that have already been eliminated.

22. Did your varsity team play at least one 3 out of 5 game format match this season?		
Yes	62	22%
No	226	78%
Total	288	100%

23. Would you support MSHSAA mandating the 3 out of 5 game format for all varsity matches (regular season and post-season)?		
Yes	107	37%
No	180	63%
Total	287	100%

24. Would you see any benefit for the sport of high school volleyball in Missouri by adding a fifth classification? Obviously, adding a class would have huge implications, but the question is just asking for your general impression concerning the topic.		
Yes	159	56%
No	124	44%
Total	283	100%

25. The following questions pertain to the organization of the Missouri High School Volleyball Coaches Association (MHSVCA)—these issues do not pertain to MSHSAA. Would you be in favor of a study to look at realigning the schools within each region (i.e.: Central/South Central, Southeast, Southwest, Kansas City/Northwest, St. Louis/Northeast)? The purpose would be geographically and numerically align schools better for purposes of All-Region teams.		
Yes	227	80%
No	55	20%
Total	282	100%

26. Currently, the MHSVCA attempts to have All-Region teams selected by the end of the regular season to allow time for coaches to send in their players' profiles prior to the state tournament. A committee of coaches from all classes and areas of the state then select the All-State teams at the state tournament. This process was instituted several years ago to complete the process in a timely manner. Do you support this process of selecting All-Region and All-State players?		
Yes	248	90%
No, please describe your changes here.	28	10%
Total	276	100%

27. If you have any additional comments, ideas or suggestions that weren't among the topics above concerning anything associated with Missouri high school volleyball, please list those below.		
Statewide computer based format for seeding districts(for all districts)Teams that could make it to District Championships or beyond sometimes are restricted by block voting--same concerns for all-state voting.		
Maybe there could be a computer format that uses win/loss, stats, etc.		
I think freshman should be allowed to play the same amount of matches and tourneys as the jv and varsity teams		
Something has got to be done with format for qualifying for the state tournament. It has not been representative of the best teams in the state for many years.		

Libero uniform regulations
The All-State Team selection process is horrible. Numerous players were left off teams who had better stats than players who did make the team. If stats are being considered, then why do we send them in? The committee needs to see players compete more than once and not just choose players whose teams made it to the State Tournament. The committee should also call coaches of the players nominated to discuss in further detail who is to make the team. All coaches in the state should be given the opportunity to serve on the committee. I feel that if your coach isn't on the committee then you get an unfair advantage as a player
Coaches should be able to stanf to coach.
Everyone should be going 3 out of 5. We are compared to ourselves, not to other sports. Yes, it would increase the amount of time coaches and kids are at school, but it is the right thing for the sport. No other sport has all 3 levels travel together. There is no way a freshman basketball game should go over an hour as a minimum, where varsity volleyball contests regularly end in under an hour when going 2 out of 3. Often they can end in around half an hour. If time or money is a concern, then cut down the number of contests in a season. I would rather play 12 quality contests instead of 16 to 18 short contests.
The Al State and All regional is to hard to pick. I do not know any of the kids unless we play them in the year. It seems very difficult to me to vote for a player when I don't know them and I am overwhelmed with all the emails from coaches.
Creating another class would be great for the sport, most other states are doing this. This benefits the kids and thats why we are all here.
I would like to see the all-regional team nominees in one space ie.. on the website or in a survey like this to vote.
Change the new warm-up time. I don't like the idea of being off the court 6 minutes before a match.
How can we get more BOYS volleyball teams in the state of Missouri?
1. Do away with rally scoring. 2. Either all teams play 3 of 5 or no one does. 3. Do away with line judges. 4. Do not have the home team be the libero tracker if they don't have one! 5. These things put too much on the coaches.
I think All-State should come from 1st Team All-Reg. only, instead of all teams.
3 out of 5 games topic. It is hard for a small school to play and last thru 5 tough sets. Our numbers are small and often too hot to even sit in the gym, much less play 5. This is more of a health concern for me because it happened more than once to teams in our area and we only play 2 out of 3. Most gyms in our area are not AC.
We really need to move to 3 out of 5... Many neighboring states have moved already moved to it and it puts our athletes at a severe disadvantage for college
Coaches having to sit down the whole time is something that needs to be addressed. There is no reason why we can't stand up and coach, just like every other sport.
I would like to see the practice of the receiving teams yelling "Ball Up" when a player is trying to serve banned. I understand the intent but it has evolved into trying to distract the server and borders on unsportsmanlike conduct.
In reference to question 26 and the All-State selection process, I believe that not enough consideration is given to teams who do not make the post season and even to those who do make the post season. It seems that the coaches who are on the All-State selection committee push for their players, no matter how well other teams have done. Perhaps the All-State selections should not be done by a select few coaches. More of an input is needed by other coaches who would be willing to put their time into such a process.
I would like to see a rule that if the Libero's feet leave the floor to "attack" a ball it be illegal. The purpose of this position is for defense, not to be set of purpose to attack because they are short and will not be above the net.
There should be a line judge rule preventing players from lower levels from line judging a match, and requiring an adult to do varsity matches. Numerous times we've seen opposing coaches stick a freshman player in to do varsity lines.
Home teams should provide both line judges with visiting team having the option of using 1 of their own. Travel time is my main reason for this - at the start of some JV games, I don't have parents their yet. We drive up to 2 hours for conference games.
Going to a 3 out of 5 format would destroy our 9th grade program and add too much cost

<p>Could we get the proper definitions of statistics for all coaches to learn? Some don't know and it really makes some individual player statistics unfair and biased.</p>
<p>All coaches should be sent a document to fill out for all Region all state players, New coaches are not aware of how to do this, if there were some type of document sent with the rule book reminding them or telling them how I think more players will benefit</p>
<p>Can the associations create an on-line membership payable with credit card and make several categories of 1, 2, 3 yr memberships so we do not have to do it every year. Many districts are giving coaches District credit cards to do their purchasing with now and it would make the membership process much easier.</p>
<p>he effect of tplayer set limitations on smaller schools</p>
<p>Having participated at the mechanics day with newer refs, I notice that the instructor at our session is encouraging the new refs to call the game as if the last 9 years of emphasis regarding ball handling never occurred. As coaches we want the kids to have the same expectation from one ref to the next and one area of the state to the next.</p>
<p>Once again I truly believe in opening the state tournament to 8 teams so we can truly see the best teams in Missouri competing against each other. Many great teams don't make it to state because they are stuck in a sectional with a powerhouse that always wins.</p>
<p>The all state selection is very biased et poor. There needs to be more reps and publicised as to how these reps are selected. There are kids getting cheated out of this award because they are not being represented fairly. No team should have 2-3 players when other sectional qualifying teams have none.</p>

28. Please select your MSHSAA volleyball classification.		
Class 1	63	22%
Class 2	67	23%
Class 3	69	24%
Class 4	89	31%
Total	288	100%

29. Please select which city or area below that best describes which part of Missouri your school is located.		
St. Louis (east central)	82	28%
Columbia/Jefferson City (central)	24	8%
Springfield (southwest)	59	20%
Kansas City (west central)	59	20%
Maryville (northwest)	14	5%
Poplar Bluff (southeast)	40	14%
West Plains (south central)	9	3%
Kirksville (northeast)	1	0%
Total	288	100%