

2026 Pacesetter Minnesota State Volleyball Championships

Grades 7-8-9

General Information

Team Roster

Online team rosters MUST be filled out prior to the tournament. The online roster link is <https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/roster-youth-volleyball-tournaments-2026>. Teams that have players from a city that has more than one school district OR teams that have players from more than one school MUST submit their team roster two weeks prior to the tournament. Players on these teams must indicate their school, so enrollment can be verified in advance. **ROSTER REMINDER:** Please print off your online roster and turn it in at the tournament at the team check-in table.

Individual Player Waivers

A parent/guardian of each player must fill out a player waiver form. The online player waiver link is <https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/mn-youth-volleyball-state-championships-2026> (Check with your coach as to your exact team name.) Teams may not play until all waiver forms and a roster have been submitted online.

STATE TOURNAMENT Shirt Pre-Order

Teams have the option to pre-order State Tournament shirts at a \$5 discount. ONLY ONE ORDER PER TEAM. Orders must be received by October 4. No guarantee all sizes will be available for sale at the tournament.

Pre-Order Link: <https://pacesettersports.redpodium.com/mn-state-vb-tournament-shirt-pre-order-2026>

Eligibility

All girls' teams in grades 7, 8 and 9 from Minnesota are eligible to enter. Only players who have played on a high school team – freshman, sophomore, C-squad, B-squad, junior varsity or varsity - come under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota High School League. These players may play in a Pacesetter tournament if their own team's season has been completed.

MSHSL - END OF SEASON

Refer to [Bylaw 411](#)

1. Student Participation on a Non-School Team While the Season is Still in Progress:

A. The season shall end when the student or the student's team has been eliminated from further participation in a League tournament series.

B. Students who have been eliminated from further participation in a League tournament series may participate as an individual or as a member of a non-school team in that sport.

All players on a team must either be enrolled in the same school system or live (primary residence) or attend school in the same city, the same school district, or the same tribal community. Smaller schools may combine to form one team as long as the total enrollment (grades 9-12) of the schools combined is 400 or fewer. Schools that combine should be from neighboring schools. NO ALL-STAR TEAMS. Teams should consist of players that ultimately will play together on their high school team. Younger players may play at a higher grade-level, but older players may not play at a younger grade-level.

Tournament Format

Most state tournament brackets will be "single elimination" from the championship, but all teams will play 3-4 full matches in one day. Matches will be the best two out of three 25-point sets. Sets will be played with a 28-point cap. 3rd set (if necessary) played to 15 points, 18-point cap. NOTE: Caps are waived in Championship final match ONLY - unless noted on bracket.

Coin Toss

A coin toss will determine serve/side.

Referees/line judges:

Referees and scorekeepers will be provided. Each team will be asked to provide a line judge.

Warm-up Procedure

Ten minutes shall be allowed for warm-up prior to a team's first scheduled set. Thereafter, a minimum of five minutes warm-up time shall be allowed for each match.

NOTE: Court warm-up time on a team's first game is 4+4+2 (only net sharing for serving) and thereafter, 2+2+1. Warm-up times may be shortened should the tournament start to run late.

Game uniforms

Numbered jerseys are required and should have numbers on the front and back to help officials. The Libero jersey is required to be a different color.

Dressing prior to the game

Locker rooms are not always available, so players should arrive dressed to play.

Practice volleyballs

Teams should bring their own regulation-sized practice balls, which are the responsibility of each team.

Valuables and equipment

Teams are responsible for their own valuables – always be careful.

Tape, first aid basics, and medical response

Teams should bring some tape and basic first aid supplies: tape, band-aids, bench towels, large baggies for ice, etc. Ice will be available at the tournament.

Time between matches

Every effort will be made to limit the time between matches. **We will start up to 20 minutes ahead of schedule if we are able to do so.** Coaches and players should be aware of the progress of the match proceeding their own match.

Admission and Concessions

An ALL-DAY state tournament pass will be \$10.00 for ADULTS and \$5.00 for STUDENTS K-12. Pre-school children are free. **CASH or CHECKS ONLY.** When possible, a concession stand may be provided by a local team or organization as a fund raiser. If concessions are provided, no other food or beverages may be brought into the building. Nutritional drinks and water bottles are allowed. Please encourage your team to clean up any messes. Pacesetter will update teams whether concessions will be available when brackets are released. Subway is one block away. Fans should not bring in their own chairs without prior approval. If needed, teams will be notified in advance about any special seating guidelines.

Positive attitudes

Please be positive in your actions and words and encourage parents and players to be positive at all times. Attitudes are very contagious and helping a positive one to "catch on" with your group will teach a valuable lesson for life and make it a great day for everyone.

Sportsmanship

Please remind players and fans of the importance of their conduct. There may be calls by the referees that seem unfair to your team --THAT'S A PART OF SPORTS-- but everyone is asked to accept this fact with maturity, setting a good example for all.

Have a Great Tournament!