

North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Association



By-Laws

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Article I: NAME

1.1 The name of this association is **North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Association (NCHSSVA)**

Article II: PURPOSE

2.1 The **NCHSSVA** shall promote the establishment and growth of sand volleyball amongst high schools throughout the state of North Carolina

Article II: GOVERNANCE

3.1 North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Board of Directors

The North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Board of Directors is the administrative unit for the NCHSSVA.

A. Membership:

- a. One (1) President
- b. One (1) Treasurer
- c. One (1) Representative for each conference setup by the association
- d. One (1) Representative from Carolina Region/USA Volleyball

B. Duties:

- a. Develop and disseminate ideas to expand high school sand volleyball program development with the aim of providing positive playing experiences and opportunities for athletes and coaches
- b. Afford general membership the opportunity to participate in the policy making procedures
- c. To serve as a resource for Carolina Region/USA Volleyball and USA Volleyball in offering information on the current state of high school sand volleyball in North Carolina
- d. To serve as the administrative body with duties including, but not limited to:
 - i. collection of member clubs contact info, rosters, and dues
 - ii. oversee competition guidelines, rankings, scheduling, and results
 - iii. selection of playoff eligible teams, if applicable

C. Voting:

- a. Each member shall have one vote
- b. Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted
- c. A quorum is a majority of the voting membership of the Board of Directors and a quorum is required to transact business.
- d. Electronic voting via telephone, video conferencing, or alternative Internet-based methods is allowed
- e. A vote shall be conducted on any motion favored by at least 2 members
- f. A majority vote is necessary for a motion to pass.
- g. The president reserves the right to issue the last vote, which in the event of a tie amongst currently submitted votes, will be the tie breaking vote.

D. Attendance and Removal of Elected Representatives:

- a. A Board of Directors member may be subject to removal for cause or after two consecutive absences from meetings without approval by the President
- b. Removal shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of the Board of Directors (excluding the voting power of the absent representatives)

E. Meetings:

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least on a quarterly basis (and more frequently if agreed upon).
- b. A meeting during the 2nd quarter (April-June quarter) shall serve as the annual meeting to elect board positions with terms expiring on July 1 of that year.
- c. General members (see article IV) are invited to be present at any and all meetings as they feel necessary, but presence is not required unless specifically requested by the Board.

F. Terms of Office:

- a. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve the following terms with terms running from **July 1** to **June 30**. The first term for each position starts on July 1, 2013.
 - i. President – 2 years
 - ii. Treasurer – 1 year
 - iii. Club Representatives – 1 year
 - iv. Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Representative – 1 year

G. Nominations for Position/Elections:

- a. Anyone wishing to run for a position on the board should submit a written request prior to **April 1** for a term beginning on **July 1** of that same year, providing a brief biography and description of why they think they are a good fit to serve in the position they are seeking to fill.
- b. New board members will be appointed based on majority vote by the existing Board of Directors.

H. President

- a. The President of the Board of Directors shall:
 - i. Arrange and preside over any meetings of the NCHSSVA

- ii. Disseminate meeting minutes amongst the Board and the general membership
 - iii. Update as necessary any by-laws and related policy forms
- b. Treasurer**
- i. The Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall:
 - ii. Keep track of the following:
 - 1. Any revenue/expenses related to running of this association
 - 2. Current list of active high school club programs with point of contact information and rosters
 - 3. Recording of schedules/results of competitions between clubs
- I. Club Representative (Total of 4)**
- a. The Club Representatives for the Board of Directors shall:
 - i. Serve as a representative for one or more high school sand volleyball clubs, bringing to the Board's attention any concerns, questions, or suggestions on program execution and development
 - ii. If possible, attempts will be made to have a representative from different geographical regions of the state (Eastern NC, Triangle area, Triad area, and Charlotte/Western NC) based on the current list of actively participating clubs
- J. Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Representative**
- a. The Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Representative shall:
 - b. Serve as a go-between for Carolina Region/USA Volleyball and the North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Association
 - c. Voice concerns, questions, and suggestions from the USA Volleyball perspective.
 - d. Present any ideas that require Carolina Region/USA Volleyball approval to Carolina Region/USA Volleyball's Board of Directors

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Each North Carolina high school with a sand volleyball club is eligible for membership contingent on meeting the following minimum requirements

- A. All participants must adhere to the eligibility rules that apply for participation in other high school level (aka varsity) sports at that school. For example, an independent school that is part of the NCISAA can include participants from 7-12th grade. Conversely, a NCHSAA member school should follow a 9-12th grade policy with rare exceptions. In the event of exceptional cases (example: 8th grader who is over-age for junior high or middle school competition), it is the responsibility of the club supervisor to provide evidence to the board supporting the inclusion of the player in question at which time the board will decide whether to allow the player to participate
- B. A school club must consist of girls and/or boys from the same school. Only 1 club representing a school is permitted. To accommodate the potential for large participant interest, a club can choose in whichever way it feels appropriate to break up the club into 1 or more teams (ie: a Varsity and JV squad or an "A" and a "B" team). However, only 1

bid per school is awarded for any club state playoffs.

- a. [Exception]: Participants in the home school program can coordinate in forming their own clubs.
- b. [Exception]: "Mixed-school clubs" are those sand volleyball clubs which are not formed entirely from players of a single high school. They exist to allow players to participate when their own school has not yet formed a club. It is a transitional association of players meant to help grow our sport and give more players a chance to participate for cases when their own school has not yet created a program or lacks the participation numbers to field a full team. Rules that apply to for "mixed-school clubs":
 - i. players may not participate on a mixed-school club if a club already exists for their school
 - ii. no more than 5 female players from one school on a mixed-school club roster (form a separate club if more than that)
 - iii. mixed-school clubs may be formed with players from multiple high schools or home schooled high school age players
 - iv. mixed-school clubs can compete in any division match as usual, but they are ineligible for a "best club" states bid (to prevent cherry picking players from multiple schools)
 - v. mixed-school clubs MAY be eligible to have a pair competed at the states "best pairs" event if that pair is able to earn a bid subject to their division's rules for awarding best pairs bids
- C. One (1) representative from each club should be designated as a club administrator with school and contact information provided to the Treasurer of the Board. The duties of the representative include:
 - a. Serving as primary point of contact on all communications between Board of Directors and their respective school's club
 - b. Submit any concerns, questions, feedback, suggestions related to his/her club that should be brought to the Board's attention
 - c. Provide scheduling/competition results to the Board's Treasurer when completed and when specifically requested by the Treasurer.
 - d. Submit one (1) vote for any topics where general membership voting has been requested by the Board of Directors.
 - e.

Article V: SEASON OF PLAY

5.1 General Guidelines: Actively participating clubs must adhere to the following guidelines in order to be eligible for the NCHSSVA playoffs

- A. Start club activities on or before the week of the 2nd Sunday of March (start of daylight savings time)
- B. Contest a minimum of 8 competitions before the Monday before the playoffs tournament which will be a Saturday in mid-May [**2015 Season Update:** This requirement has been relaxed. Each region can decide how they want bids to state playoffs be awarded.

NCHSSVA board will issue a number of bids to each region after registration period has ended]

- C. Must meet their school guidelines regarding proper club organization and participant eligibility

5.2 Competition Formats:

- A. The typical match format will be best 2 out of 3 sets. First 2 sets are to 21, win by 2. Third set, if necessary, will be to 15, win by 2. Participating clubs may agree to change the format based on time/weather considerations if necessary.
- B. USA Beach Volleyball rules of play will apply to all competitions.
- C. **Officiating:** Contests will be self-officiated by participating players or, in the event of multiple club competitions or tournament events, other club players will officiate. In cases of dispute of a call, teams should notify the tournament director or onsite club administrators to discuss whether the proper call was made. If the call was not correct or a consensus cannot be reached, the point will be replayed.
- D. **Head-to-Head Competitions:** Clubs with a minimum of 3 same-gender teams can compete against each other with same-seeded teams from each club playing each other. For example, seed #1 from Club A plays seed #1 from Club B and so on. Each match counts as a point with the club earning the majority of points getting the win. Any additional teams available to play can compete as exhibition matches.
 - a. If a team fails to show, the other team will be awarded a win by forfeit
- E. **Open Tournaments:** Multiple clubs, including ones who cannot field the minimum 3 teams for head-to-head competitions, can field up to 5 same-gender teams in designated open tournaments during the season where points are awarded to the top 3 finishing teams from each club.
- F. **Weather Delays/Postponements:** In the event of life threatening weather, it is up to the club administrators to decide whether and how long to delay a contest. In a head-to-head competition, if the already completed matches can determine a winning club based on which club has more points, then the competition can be considered final. Otherwise, a rescheduling of competition, if possible, should be made.

Article VI: PLAYOFFS

6.1 **Date/Site:** Shall be scheduled in mid-May at a central site that affords general membership a reasonable opportunity to attend

6.2 **Qualification/Seeding Process:** Initially, the only requirement is that both players on a team have competed in at least 8 contests during the competition season. The Board of Directors reserve the right to define and modify the qualification process based on participation numbers.

6.3 Format:

Open tournament where teams are seeded based on the combined average points per competition earned by the team's players during the course of the competition season. Pool play will determine whether a team advances to a championship bracket or a consolation

bracket. The Board of Directors reserve the right to modify the tournament format based on participation numbers and facility availability.

6.4 Point Awarding: Teams will earn points for their club based on their finish using the following point breakdown:

- 1st place – Total number of teams in tournament
- 2nd place – Total number of teams in tournament - 1
- 3rd place – Total number of teams in tournament - 2
- And so on...

6.5 Tie-Breaker: If there is a tie amongst 2 or more clubs after competition is concluded, then the club with the team finishing at the highest place will be crowned club champions

6.6 Championship Trophy/Awards: The overall club champions will get a school trophy and first through third place finishers in the championships bracket will receive awards.

Article VII: AMENDMENTS

7.1 Authority: The North Carolina High School Sand Volleyball Association by-laws may be amended by majority approval of the Board of Directors.

- A. Proposals for additions, deletions, or changes to the by-laws should be submitted, in writing, to the Board of Directors President at least 30 days prior to the next meeting of the Board and circulated to Board members at least 15 days prior to the next meeting.

Article VIII: DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

8.1 Dissolution: Dissolution of the association shall not occur unless voted upon by the Board and approved by a unanimous vote or if mandated by Court order or law.

8.2 Distribution of Assets: In the event of dissolution, all assets will be distributed according to Internal Revenue Code regarding distribution of assets of 501 (c) (3) corporations. All assets including both monetary and real property are to be given to a similar type of non-profit volleyball organization or educational institution determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

These by-laws were last approved on Jan 25, 2019.



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