

VOLLEYBALL
SEASON OF SPORT
2008-2010

FIRST CONTEST: August 25, 2008
August 31, 2009
August 30, 2010

LAST CONTEST: November 6, 2008
November 5, 2009
November 4, 2010

NSCIF PLAYOFFS: Division II and III

November 13 & 18, 2008
November 10 & 12, 2009
November 9 & 16, 2010

Division IV, V, and VI

November 13, 18, & 20, 2008
November 10, 12, & 17, 2009
November 9, 16, & 18, 2010

NSCIF CHAMPIONSHIP
(All Divisions at Red Bluff High School)

November 22, 2008
November 21, 2009
November 20, 2010

NORCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Divisions I-V)

November 25, 29, & Dec. 2, 2008
November 24, 28, & Dec. 1, 2009
November 23, 27, & 30, 2010

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Divisions I-V)

December 6, 2008
December 5, 2009
December 4, 2010

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTACTS:

24 (Tournament counts as 2 contacts)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES:

3

Note: All dates and sites are subject to change.

NSCIF

NSCIF VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

I. DIVISIONS

A. The CIF Regional and State Volleyball Tournament will be conducted in five classifications: Divisions I, II, III, IV, & V. The five-division format shall be based upon the previous year, grades 9-12, CBEDS school enrollment figures. CIF sections shall be responsible for advancing schools in their proper enrollment division as described below:

Division I	2800 +
Division II	1600-2799
Division III	1000-1599
Division IV	400-999
Division V	399 and under (See I.B)

B. In addition, a Division VI will be added to the Northern Section tournament for schools with an enrollment of 175 or less in grades 9-12 using their previous year CBEDS school enrollment figures. **Division VI schools must complete a Declaration Form (Appendix D) by October 1st of the current season and are not eligible for Regional or State Playoffs. Schools not completing the Declaration Form will remain in Division V.**

II. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Volleyball Advisory Committee consists of one representative from each of the following leagues: Butte View, Eastern Athletic, Evergreen, Feather River, Mid Valley, Northern Athletic, North Valley, Pioneer, Sacramento Valley, Shasta Cascade, and Tri-City Leagues.

III. SEEDING COMMITTEE

- A. The Seeding Committee shall consist of the existing Volleyball Advisory Committee. The Chairman of the Volleyball Advisory Committee (or designee) shall chair the seeding meeting. The NSCIF Commissioner, or designee, will act as Sergeant-at-Arms at the seeding meeting. All interactions by spectators at the meeting must go through the Section Commissioner/Designee. A league may select a different league representative for seeding purposes.
- B. Tournament pairings must receive Commissioner approval before publication and are final upon that approval.
- C. If a school decides that they do not wish to participate in the NSCIF Championships, the school Principal must notify the Commissioner's office by Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, prior to the seeding meeting. In the event that there are no teams that qualify to fill the tournament bracket, a BYE will be awarded to the appropriate seed(s).

IV. GAME SITES AND TIMES

A. Teams with the highest seed will be the home sites prior to the NSCIF Finals. Home sites must be large enough to ensure adequate court and crowd facilities. The NSCIF Commissioner may change a home site if a site will not adequately accommodate the

game. Teams **may not** practice at alternate sites. Site criteria includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. 18' floor to ceiling clearance.
 2. No overhanging objects that may interfere with normal play.
 3. 10' clearance around the court.
 4. Padded Officials stand.
 5. Tartan, hardwood, or sport court floor.
- B. All games prior to the Section Finals shall be at 7:00 p.m. NOTE: Game times may be changed by mutual agreement of participating schools.
- C. The Section Finals will be held at Red Bluff High School as follows:
1. Division VI 11:00 a.m.
 2. Division V 1:00 p.m.
 3. Division IV 3:00 p.m.
 4. Division III 5:00 p.m.
 5. Division II 7:00 p.m.
- D. The playoff dates may be changed by mutual agreement between participating schools to accommodate a conflict with other school or Northern Section events. The Section Commissioner must approve all changes.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Principal of each participating school to make a sincere effort to play all athletic events on the scheduled time at the assigned site. Dates, times and sites can only be changed by mutual agreement and with the approval from the Section Office. If it becomes necessary to change any dates, times, and/or sites for whatever reason, the NSCIF President, Playoff Committee Chairman and the Commissioner will work in cooperation with the school administrators to make those decisions.

V. QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING CRITERIA

A. Qualification

1. Due to the different ratio of schools in each division, a general statement of qualification cannot be formulated. See Appendix C for the NSCIF volleyball seeding formula.
2. The NSCIF will, whenever possible, send representatives from each division to the NorCal Regional Tournament.
3. The Section Seeding Committee will seed all Playoff teams who qualify for the playoffs until tournament brackets are complete. League champions automatically qualify for the playoffs. A league must consist of at least 4 schools participating in volleyball to automatically qualify as a league champion. In the case of a tie for a League Championship, the League shall designate the Champion for qualification purposes. In some divisions, the tournament bracket may not have enough qualifying teams and will not be filled.
 - a. Schools/Teams accepting entry into the Section Playoff Tournament are committed to complete the tournament as scheduled.
 - b. Schools/Teams accepting entry into the Section Playoff Tournament must also fulfill State and Regional tournament commitments where applicable.
 - c. The School's team failing to fulfill those commitments shall forfeit any profit share of playoffs (if applicable), including transportation reimbursement.

4. In order to qualify for section playoffs, teams must meet one of the following three criteria:
 - a. Win at least half of their overall matches (excluding league matches against higher division opponents).
 - b. Win at least half of their league matches.
 - c. Win at least half of their division matches.
- B. Seeding Criteria for Qualifying Teams
1. The basic premise for all divisions is that the League finish is the most important part of the regular season for any team. Therefore, teams **will not** be seeded out of their league finish (e.g., a third place team will not be seeded ahead of a second place team from the same league, however, a 2nd place team from one league may be seeded below a 4th place team from another league).
 2. Any one-league division will be seeded by league finish. The criteria will be:
 - a. League Record.
 - b. Head to head competition (to break ties).
 - c. If still tied-coin flip. When 3 teams are tied, all 3 flip a coin. The odd school gets the lowest seed. The two remaining flip one coin for the high seed.
 3. Split Teams in Tournament Competition
 - a. A school may only split a Varsity team once during a season for competition to exceed Section contest limitations.
 - b. A split team may be utilized only when a scheduled team drops out of a school's tournament. Split teams may not be used in tournaments when the host school was not able to complete their tournament bracket.
 - c. One of the split teams must be designated as the school's team of record for that tournament. All contests with this team will be recorded as wins and/or losses and used to calculate Section Playoff points.
 - d. Teams playing non-designated teams (split or second teams) are considered No-Contest games and will not be recorded on their record and will not be used to calculate Section Playoff points.
 - e. Frosh and JV programs may split teams providing the team and/or individuals do not exceed the Section contest limitations.
 4. The Seeding Committee shall consist of the existing Volleyball Committee. The Advisory Committee Chair will act as the chairman. The seeding will take place as follows:
 - a. The teams will be placed in order based on league finish, then compared based on the NSCIF volleyball seeding formula (See Appendix C).
 - b. Once this initial seeding is complete teams may be adjusted based on head to head competition if they are in consecutive spots. A team may not be moved more than one place (higher or lower) after being compared by head to head competition in their original spot/rank.
 - c. The seeding committee may use its discretion to adjust the seeding.
 - d. If teams are tied the following prioritized tie-breakers will be used:
 - 1) Head to head competition.
 - 2) Power formula in non-league matches only
 - a) 3 points for win against a team in a higher division
 - b) 2 points for a win against a team in the same division

- c) 1 point for a win against a team in a lower division
 - 3) Head to head in divisional play
 - 4) Percentage league record
 - 5) Percentage non-league record
 - 6) Strength of league (based on record in previous playoffs)
 - 7) Coin flip
5. Consideration should be given to placing top teams from the same league in opposite brackets or at least avoid playing in the first round. Geography needs to be considered (only in drastic situations). Neither of these factors should be used as criteria for initial seeding.
 6. The Commissioner has the right to adjust seeding prior to adjournment of the seeding meeting, if he/she determines an inappropriate situation exists.
 7. Championship brackets may be altered to accommodate changes in divisions by Section schools.

NOTE: It is imperative that all schools report their scores to MaXPreps.com as the information/records posted on that website are used for seeding. Schools are responsible for reporting any errors to either MaXPreps.com or to the Section office (528-9300) before the seeding meeting.

C. Divisional Tournament Format

1. Division II will be an 8-team tournament. Teams will be seeded according to Section guidelines. The winner of this tournament will be the NSCIF Division II Champion and advance to Regional play. The Runner-Up may also be considered to advance to Regional play.
2. Division III will be an 8-team tournament. Teams will be seeded according to Section guidelines. The winner of this tournament will be the NSCIF Division III Champion and advance to Regional play. The Runner-Up may also be considered to advance to Regional play.
3. Division IV will be a 16-team tournament. Teams will be seeded according to Section guidelines. The winner of this tournament will be the NSCIF Division IV Champion and advance to Regional play. The Runner-Up may also be considered to advance to Regional play.
4. Division V will be a 16-team tournament. Teams will be seeded according to Section guidelines. The winner of this tournament will be the NSCIF Division V Champion and advance to Regional play. The Runner-Up may also be considered to advance to Regional play.
 - a. In leagues with mixed divisions, when there are at least four division V schools the top Division V team will be considered the Champion. In cases when there are not four Division V schools, but primarily Division IV schools, a team must finish 1st or 2nd to be considered "League Champion."
 - b. A Division V team will not be considered the "League Champion" when the League Champion opts to be in Division VI.
 - c. For seeding purposes in Divisions V and VI only, the size of school will be determined by non-league games only.

- d. For seeding purposes in Division V, all schools in Division V and VI will be considered to be in Division V for seeding purposes.

NOTE: The League Champions as decided by the Division V Leagues will be seeded in the top 8 teams **only guaranteeing a first round home game.**

5. Division VI will be a 16-team tournament. Teams will be seeded according to Section guidelines. The winner of this tournament will be the NSCIF Division VI Champion. The Division VI Champion or Runner-Up **does not** advance to Regional play.
 - a. For seeding purposes in Division VI, Division V and VI schools will be separated. Div. VI schools will get upper division wins against Div. V schools.
 - b. In Division V and VI only, the size of school will be determined by non-league games only.

NOTE: Schools opting to Division VI must complete the Divisional Declaration Form (See Appendix E) by October 1st and submit to the Section Commissioner.

VI. NORCAL QUALIFICATION

- A. A Section Champion qualifies to advance to the Northern California Regional Championship Tournament (NorCals).
- B. In order to qualify as a Runner-Up and advance to regional play, teams must meet three of the following four criteria:
 1. .500 League Record (excluding league matches against higher division opponents).
 2. .500 Divisional Record
 3. .500 Overall Record
 4. A League Champion
- C. The NSCIF will, whenever possible, send two or more representatives from each division to the Northern California Regional Championships (NorCals).

VII. STATE QUALIFICATION

Schools must be the NorCal Champion in their respective Division to advance to the State CIF Championship tournament.

VIII. OTHER RULES GOVERNING SPORT

- A. Warm-Up Procedure
 1. There will be a five (5) minute general warm-up, both teams on the court together. Time will not start until the officials have met with the coaches and captains in the pre-game conference.
 2. Six (6) minutes with the home team on the court first.
 3. Six (6) minutes with the visiting team on the court second. (The highest seeded team is considered the home team.) Serving times are included in the teams' own warm-up time.

B. Matches

1. All matches will be the best three (3) out of five (5) games.
2. All Varsity games will be rally scoring games with the following components:
 - a. 25-point games (no cap)
 - b. 15-point deciding game (no cap)
3. Tournament Pool Play
2 wins or 2 losses will constitute a match, for seeding purposes.
Split games will not be used for seeding purposes.

C. Continuous Play

When every team in a division receives a bye in the tournament to the next round, the date of the first scheduled matches will be used to expedite the playoffs. Teams will be allowed to schedule one scrimmage per round of the play-offs that they do not play as a result of a bye, lack of divisional teams, or a forfeit. **Note:** Schools may not carry over scrimmages that were not used or scheduled during the regular season.

- D. Artificial noisemakers other than an organized pep band are prohibited. Pep bands must have approval of the home school prior to their arrival at a facility and may only play during time outs and/or at the end of each game.
- E. Painted faces are allowed. Painted bodies are not. Shirts must be worn at all times.

NSCIF GAME MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

I. OFFICIALS

- A. The host school is responsible to contact their officials association to notify them of the date and time of their playoff game.
- B. Four (4) officials will be assigned from the host school's assigning area. Any exceptions must have prior approval from the Section Commissioner.
- C. For the Championship match, on odd number years, the Chico Association will officiate Divisions II and IV. The Redding Association will officiate Divisions III and V. The Feather River Association will officiate Division VI. On even number years, the Chico and Redding Associations will switch Divisional assignments. Lines people will be assigned from a different Association on a rotational basis.

II. OFFICIAL BALL

The Spalding volleyball will be used **exclusively** for all Northern Section CIF Playoff and Championship events. **Schools not using an Official Northern Section sponsored ball for NSCIF Championship games without Section approval, will forfeit their allotment of playoff money.** The Spalding sponsorship is a 5-year contract and is valid until June 30, 2012.

Volleyball: **TF 4000 NCAA Gold Volleyball (Style 61-885)**

III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Any player whose name appears on an official high school volleyball roster for the last league game and who is currently eligible under CIF guidelines is eligible to participate.

IV. UNIFORMS

Follow the National Federation Rulebook for this sport regarding uniforms.

V. GAME SUPERVISION

- A. An administrator from each participating school or his designee shall be present and make contact with the host school prior to the contest.
- B. The host school shall be responsible for security personnel.

VI. ENTRY FEES (All entry fees are subject to change)

No entry fees are charged for volleyball.

VII. ADMISSION FEES (All admission prices are subject to change)

	<u>One Match</u>	<u>NSCIF Finals</u>	<u>09-10One Match</u>	<u>09-10NSCIF Finals</u>
Adults	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Senior Citizens (60 +)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Students (w/ASB card)\$	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Elementary (K-8)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00

The host school will arrange to admit the following: Supervisory personnel, pep bands, cheerleaders, and credentialed media. Gold Lifetime, State CIF Courtesy Cards, and Official Administrative School Passes will be honored.

VIII. HALF-TIME ACTIVITIES

Does not apply to Volleyball.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

Following each game the host school will forward a financial report to the NSCIF Commissioner's office within 30 days. A 10 % penalty will be imposed on the host school for reports not received within 30 days. (See Financial Report form in the General Information Section of these Guidelines). This report shall include:

1. Gate Receipts.
2. Itemized list of all permissible expenses.
3. A check for the net amount after all expenses has been paid. Make checks payable to NSCIF.
4. The Commissioner will remit shares to the leagues or schools. The distribution shall be 75 % to NSCIF and 25 % divided equally between the leagues or schools.
5. The host school retains program and concession revenues.

X. PERMISSIBLE GAME EXPENSES

- A. The host school, while following season customs, is expected to hold expenses to a minimum. A standard reimbursement of a maximum of \$100 is provided for the schools to secure support personnel (excluding officials). If an additional amount is anticipated, the Section Commissioner **must pre-approve** that amount.
- B. A \$1.00 per mile/one vehicle/round trip is reimbursable for the **Section Finals only** providing application is submitted within 30 days of the contest. (See Appendix D).
- C. \$125 will be paid to the Tournament Director.
- D. All support personnel will be assigned and paid by the host school. Officials will be billed to and paid through the Section Office.

XI. PUBLICITY/REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The host school should provide local newspapers with advance publicity of the teams involved in the play-offs, including game times and locations as well as admission prices.
- B. The host school should provide the local newspapers with a summary and highlights of the play-off game.
- C. Play-off teams should provide their own local newspaper with summaries, details and outcome of the games
- D. It is imperative that all schools report their scores to MaXPreps.com as the information/records posted on that website are used for seeding. Schools are responsible for reporting any errors to either MaXPreps.com or to the Section office (528-9300) before the seeding meeting.**

XII. RADIO/TV

The Section Commissioner must approve all commercial radio and TV coverage of section play-off contests. The broadcast fee is \$ 100.00 payable to NSCIF prior to the contest.

XIII. VENDORS

A fee of \$100 at 10% will be charged per vendor payable to prior to any Section Playoff contests where vendors will be present. The Fee will include all Divisional and Section Championships. The fee DOES NOT include Regional and State CIF Contests. Any and all display materials are to be provided by the vendor.

XIV. AWARDS (Volleyball)

The following awards have been approved by the Northern Section. Any additional awards must be approved by the Section office. Additional awards may not have any financial impact on member schools.

Championship Shadow Box for each Division (Div. II, III, IV, V, & VI-5 total)

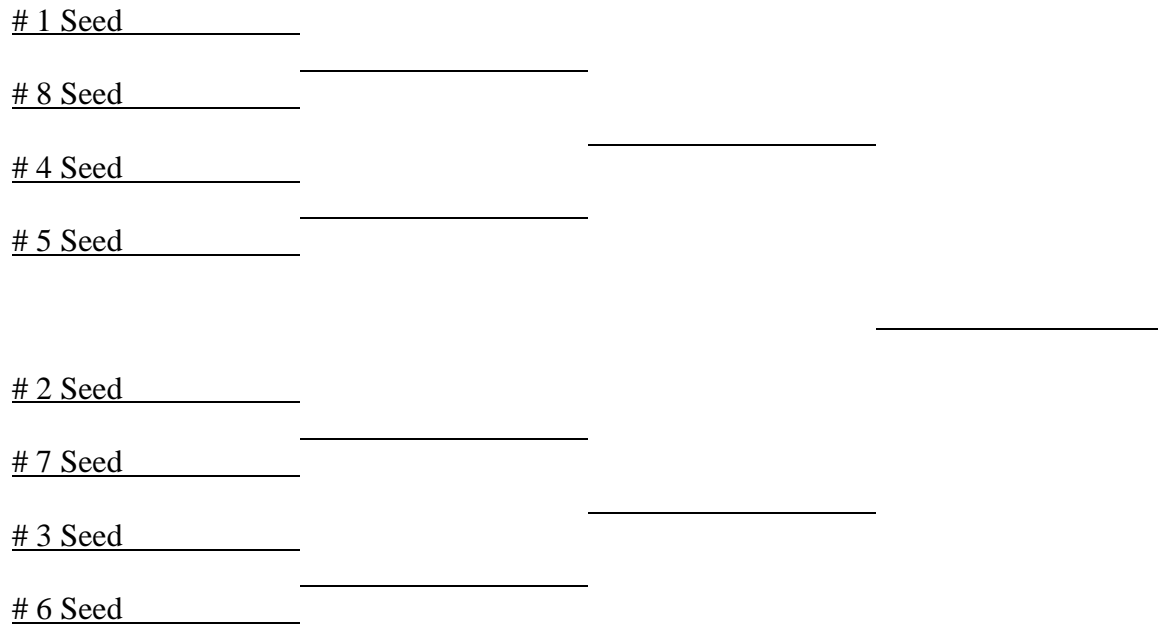
Runner-up Shadow Box for each Division (Same as above-5 total)

15 Individual Championship Patches for each Championship team (75 total)

15 Individual Pins for each Championship team (75 total)

APPENDIX A

Division II and III Championship Bracket



APPENDIX B

Division IV, V, and VI Championship Bracket



APPENDIX C

NSCIF Volleyball Seeding Formula

The NSCIF volleyball seeding formula used to rank teams for the Northern Section volleyball playoffs. The formula utilizes three criteria to compare all schools:

- A. Overall Record: Teams are ranked in each division by their overall record based as a percentage.

Example:	%	Rank for A
Team A is 20-2	91%	1
Team B is 18-4	82%	2
Team C is 21-7	75%	3
Team D is 7-15	32%	5
Team E is 8-14	36%	4

- B. Record Within Division (This criteria has two parts)

1. Ranked by total number of actual wins within their division
2. Ranked by winning percentage within their division.

These two ranks are added together. The lowest sum receives the highest rank, the second lowest sum receives the second rank, etc.

Example:	Div. Win	Rank	Div. %	and Rank Sum	Rank for B
Team A	14-2	1	88%	2	3
Team B	2-0	5	100%	1	6
Team C	7-7	2	50%	4	6
Team D	3-7	4	30%	5	9
Team E	5-4	3	56%	3	6

- C. School Enrollment Ranking (This criteria has two parts)

1. Size of School (SOS) is determined by adding up all of the enrollment divisions of every opponent and then dividing that total by the number of opponents. The lower the number is, the tougher the schedule. The higher the number, the weaker the schedule. (Wins and losses do not matter).

Example: Team A has a schedule that includes 5 Division III teams, 5 Division IV teams, 10 Division V teams, and 2 Division VI teams. That gives Team A, a total of 97 points (15+20+50+12) divided by 22 games which equals 4.4. The Strength of Schedule percentage shall be rounded to the nearest tenth.

2. Upper Division Wins (UDW) is calculated by adding the total number of wins with opponents in a higher division and ranking them accordingly. **NOTE:** If two teams are tied at rank 2, the next team is ranked 3 in Part C only.

Example:	SOS pts.	Rank	UDW	Rank	Sum	Rank for C
Team A	4.4	2	6	2	4	1 (tie)
Team B	4.5	3	8	1	4	1 (tie)
Team C	4.3	1	2	4	5	2
Team D	5.0	4	1	5	9	4
Team E	4.4	2	3	3	5	3

NOTE: If teams are tied at a rank, the next team follows in order in categories A-C. For example, teams tied at rank 2, the next team is ranked 3.

- D. Final Ranking

Total the rankings in the three areas (A, B, and C). The lowest total receives the higher rank. See Playoff guidelines for ties in final total points.

Team	Rank in A	Rank in B	Rank in C	Total	Rank
Team A	1	1	1	3	1
Team B	2	2	2	6	2
Team C	3	2	2	7	3
Team D	5	5	5	15	5
Team E	4	4	4	12	4



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NSCIF DIVISIONAL VI DECLARATION FORM

(Duplicate as needed)

For NSCIF competition in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball, a Division VI has been utilized for schools with an enrollment of under 175 (150 – basketball) students in their previous year 9-12 CBED report. Schools opting for Division VI are not eligible to advance to Regional or State competition.

Petitioning Up: Northern Section schools are required to participate in the division that has been established using the previous years', grades 9-12, CBEDS enrollment. (Adopted May 2003 Federated Council).

Schools opting to Division VI must complete the following and submit to the NSCIF office by the time frame listed for each sport. (See below).

_____/_____/_____

(Date submitted-See following pages for deadlines)

_____ High School declares to compete in Division VI in the following sports:
(School)

_____ Girls Volleyball (October 1st of the current season)

_____ Boys Basketball (December 1st of the current season)

_____ Girls Basketball (December 1st of the current season)

_____ Girls Softball (March 1st of the current season)

(Principal Signature)

(Print Principal name)

BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, and VOLLEYBALL: Division is determined by previous year 9-12 CBED enrollment as follows:

- Division I 2800 +
Division II 1600-2799
Division III 1000-1599
Division IV 400-999
Division V 399 and under
Division VI 175 or less (Section only)