



VHSL ALL-STATE SELECTION PROCESS

Approved by the VHSL Executive Committee on 9/17/2014. Changes from 2013-14 are shown in red.

TEAM SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. The number of “all-state” teams will mirror the number of championships in that sport.
2. Each classification/Group Board **must** schedule a selection meeting **within 2 weeks of each state championship**. That meeting date may not conflict with the VHSCA established date.
3. **Any coach may attend the all-state selection meeting to speak on behalf of his/her player(s), but the voting membership of the committee will consist of four pre-designated coaches from each region/zone.** It is recommended that each conference be represented whenever possible.
4. Each meeting will be organized by a **Region Tournament Director in the applicable sport, with North and East regions hosting/organizing all selection meetings in 2014-15, and South and West regions hosting/organizing in 2015-16. After 2015-16, North and East regions will coordinate the meetings in even-numbered years, and South and West regions will coordinate in odd-numbered years.**
5. **Meetings may be held electronically as determined by each classification. For details, contact Joyce Sisson at the League office.**
6. Only first-team All-Region/Zone representatives may be considered for All-State recognition.
7. Players may only be considered for All-State recognition in the position in which their name is forwarded by the Region.
8. **All players will be ranked in order, 1 through the total number of players to be selected at that position.**
9. **Ties will be broken as follows:**
 - a. First tie-breaker - Re-vote
 - b. Second tie-breaker - Compare the ranking of the players who are tied
 - c. Third tie-breaker - Region that wins the state title breaks the tie
10. **Players who do not make the first team will be designated as second team all-state.**
11. **Only those individuals recognized as first team all-state will receive certificates.**
12. **Player of the Year and Coach of the Year will be selected in each sport, with ties being broken as specified above (Item 9).**
13. All-State team composition in each sport or activity will be as follows:

SPORT/ACTIVITY	NUMBER SELECTED	# OF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Baseball	14 individuals (Three pitchers, one catcher, one 1 st Baseman, one 2 nd Baseman, one 3 rd Baseman, one Shortstop, four outfielders, one DH, one utility player)	6
Basketball	8 individuals	6 boys/6 girls
Competition Cheer	20 individuals (Ten per region as ranked by that region) – No selection meeting necessary. Regions may use their own processes to identify “All-Conference” and “All-Region” squads. Individuals on All-Region squads must be ranked 1 through 20.	5
Field Hockey	16 individuals (Five forwards, five mid-fielders, five defenders, one goalkeeper)	3
Football	32 individuals (Defense: Three linemen, two defensive ends, four linebackers, four defensive backs, one punter, one punt returner, one “all-purpose” player; Offense: One quarterback, four linemen, one center, three running backs, three receivers, one tight end, one kicker, one kick returner, one “all-purpose” player)	6
Lacrosse	16 individuals (Five attack, five mid-fielders, five defenders, one goalkeeper)	2 boys/2 girls
Soccer	16 individuals (Five forwards, five midfielders, five defenders,	6 boys/5 girls

	one goalkeeper)	
Softball	14 individuals (Three pitchers, one catcher, one 1 st Baseman, one 2 nd Baseman, one 3 rd Baseman, one Shortstop, four outfielders, one DP-Flex, one utility player)	6
Volleyball	8 individuals + Libero	6 girls/3 boys
Scholastic Bowl	Top 5 individuals at State Championship	6

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

In individual sports (Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Swim/Dive, Tennis and Wrestling), All-State selection is based on placement in the state tournament in that sport (see below) so no selection meeting is necessary.

SPORT/ACTIVITY	NUMBER SELECTED	# OF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cross Country	Top 7	6 boys/6 girls
Golf	Top 6	6 boys/1 girls
Gymnastics	Top 3/event + top 3 All-around	1 open
Indoor Track	Top 4/event	5 boys/5 girls
Swim/Dive	Top 3/event	5 boys/5 girls
Tennis	Top 4 singles; top 4 doubles teams	5 boys/6 girls
Track & Field	Top 4/event	6 boys/6 girls
Wrestling	Top 3/weight class	6

REPORTING ALL-STATE RESULTS

All-State selections must be reported to the Virginia High School League (Mike McCall – mmccall@vhsl.org) within two weeks of the state championship in each sport. Only those forms available on the VHSL website may be used and all information must be provided. **NO INFORMATION SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE ATHLETES THEMSELVES OR THE MEDIA. THE SELECTIONS ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL THE VHSL OFFICE ISSUES A PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE SELECTIONS.**

ALL-STATE CERTIFICATES

All-State certificates are to be awarded only to those athletes selected for first-team recognition. Blank certificates will be provided to each member school by the October meeting each year. Schools are responsible for customizing and printing the certificates for their first-team all-state athletes. An all-state template has been posted on the VHSL website under “Forms.”