



TO: **VHSL VOLLEYBALL REGION RUNNERS-UP**
FROM: Joyce Sisson, Assistant Director
RE: Information for State Quarterfinal Volleyball Games
DATE: November 6, 2016

POSTED ON WEB: All necessary forms and event guides are posted on the VHSL website.

CONGRATULATIONS on your advancement to the VHSL Volleyball Championship series.

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 you will travel to play the opposite Region's champion. You should be contacted by that host school no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, November 14. The match will begin at 7:00 PM unless an earlier time is agreed to by both participating schools.

OFFICIALS for your match have been assigned and will be paid from the VHSL office.

TEAM ADMITTANCE LISTS should be completed by each participating school. The Volleyball Team Admittance List can be found on the VHSL website under "Forms." Only team personnel should be listed on the team admittance list. Team personnel includes uniformed players, coaches, managers, statisticians, etc. It does not include coaches' spouses or children, non-uniformed JV players, videographers or others. Each participating school must email this list to the semifinal host school and to the State Tournament Director, Chris Robinson (jcrobinson3@henrico.k12.va.us). Only those individuals listed properly on the signed admittance list will be allowed free admission to the contest. (Owners of VHSL "acceptable passes" will also be admitted with proper proof of identification.)

SPIRIT GROUP ADMITTANCE LISTS should be completed by each school that plans on having cheerleaders, a pep band, or other spirit group at the match. The Spirit Group Admittance List can be found on the VHSL website under "Forms." Only uniformed cheerleaders or band members with instruments should be listed on the team admittance list. Each school that wishes to bring a spirit group must email this list to the semifinal host school and to the State Tournament Director, Chris Robinson (jcrobinson3@henrico.k12.va.us).

INFORMATION FOR WINNING TEAMS and Siegel Center procedures will be posted on the VHSL web site.

TICKETS were shipped to Region Directors (or Region Chairperson if no director was listed). **Admission is \$10.00 for all state tournament contests.** Children six and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Individuals who leave the facility must pay to reenter. No presale tickets have been provided.

QUARTER-FINAL (6A Boys) AND SEMIFINAL DIRECTORS may allow teams on the court **one hour prior** to match time. The official 20-minute warm-up will follow the 8-6-6 protocol, that is to say that teams will share the court for 8 minutes; and then each team will have the full court for serving for 6 minutes.

GAME BALL is the Wilson I-COR, red/white/blue volleyball. Each region champion should have three new Wilson I-COR Volleyballs for use in the semifinal. These volleyballs were sent to Region Volleyball Directors (or to Region Chairpersons if no director was identified) for distribution to the region champion school.

GAME ADMINISTRATION AND CROWD CONTROL –Adequate security must be provided at each site. Plan for larger than normal, highly enthusiastic crowds, **but you must demand appropriate behavior!** Administrators from participating schools must help in ensuring that their school's followers behave appropriately. Particular attention should be paid to the behavior of fans sitting behind or near the opposing team's bench area, as well as to areas in which fans from opposing teams are seated in close proximity to one another. Taunting, baiting, booing of cheerleaders, throat-slashing and other gestures directed at opponents or opponents' fans, and any other behavior intended to ridicule, threaten, intimidate or demean officials, players, coaches, cheerleaders or team followers should not be tolerated. Behaviors often seen in televised college and professional contests are not acceptable. Keep in mind that this is a high school competition intended to provide a framework in which our student athletes learn valuable lessons about ethics, integrity and respect. The price of admission is not an entitlement to behave

badly. Spectators are expected to observe the etiquette and traditions of the sport of volleyball. **Insist that everyone – RESPECT THE GAME.**

SPORTSMANSHIP - Each participating school should review “VHSL Sportsmanship Guidelines for State Events (on the website) with their players, coaches and student body prior to your match.

BANNERS -- All banners must be approved by the site director. Banners which block the view of spectators or which are not in the spirit of good sportsmanship shall be prohibited.

BROADCASTS/TELECASTS -- Site directors shall provide space to accommodate a radio broadcast crew if requested. If additional phone lines are needed, it is the responsibility of the requesting radio station to arrange for installation. Broadcast fee to VHSL is \$50 per game per station outlet (radio) paid to the site director prior to hook-up. A complete list of VHSL video and broadcast policies is posted on the VHSL web site.

CONCESSIONS -- Host facility will provide concessions.

NOISEMAKERS – Artificial noisemakers are not permitted.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS will be online. Go to the VHSL website and click on “Publications.”

REPORT GAME RESULTS to the local media and to the individuals identified below. Additionally, email or text results immediately following the match to mmccall@vhsl.org; jsisson@vhsl.org; and jcrobinson3@henrico.k12.va.us. Scores should also be emailed to the Associated Press (see below).

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If you need additional information from me, do not hesitate to call. My phone number at work is 434-977-8475. If you need to reach me over the weekend, call my cell phone – 540-903-2670. Thanks again for all you do, and good luck to your team!

REPORT RESULTS to State Tournament Director Chris Robinson and to the VHSL Office immediately following your match.

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