

ARTICLE 30
VOLLEYBALL
BOYS AND GIRLS

Section 1. RULES

All Volleyball matches of the RIIL shall be played according to the National Federation of State High School Association Volleyball Rules, except for any special rules adopted by the Committee.

- A. Any team not ready to start play at the scheduled time will forfeit the game.
- B. The home school shall make the playing area available at least thirty [30] minutes prior to the start of the game.
- C. The home school is responsible for conditions involving spectators and shall always have present an authorized representative to assume this responsibility. When necessary, police protection shall be obtained.
- D. The home school must make every effort to insure that the players, officials and spectators are protected.
- E. All coaches are required to submit an approved RIIL Volleyball game report.

Section 2. SCHEDULE/MATCHES

The Director of Volleyball shall make up the schedules and the order of the games with the Committee's approval. No school may make any change to the schedule without the approval of the Director of Volleyball and the League. See Article 1, Section 17 (Home Confirmation Schedule).

- A. Every team will play a home and away match (the best of five (5) games) with each team in its division.

Section 3. POSTPONEMENTS

The postponement rules contained in Article 4, unless otherwise stated, shall govern all postponed Volleyball matches.

Section 4. OFFICIALS

RIIL assigned officials shall have supervision of the playing area from the start of the game, unless otherwise designated, until it is finished. It shall be the responsibility of the officials to see that benches are cleared of everyone except coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers, players, school physician, and a representative of the press.

- A. Officials will be assigned through the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Office. Each team will provide a linesman and scorer.

Section 5. PLAYOFFS

The Championship Playoffs will be conducted under the direction of the Director of Volleyball using a format determined by the Director of Volleyball, approved by the Committee, and published with the RIIL Volleyball Schedule.

- A. A team must possess a 40% win/loss record to become eligible for participation in playoffs. If there are not enough teams to complete a playoff bracket, teams with a lower win/loss record may be included.
- B. Tie Breaker – After all other tie breaker criteria are used, the following will be used:
 - 1. The total number of games won in head-to-head matches
 - 2. If both teams win the same total of games, a coin toss will be used to determine the higher seed



