

ST. IGNATIUS BOYS VOLLEYBALL BYLAWS

I. Player Qualification

- i. In order to be eligible to participate, each boy MUST be a registered member of St. Ignatius Parish AND enrolled in either the school or the PSR Class.
- ii. All boys must attend tryouts in order to be considered for the A(select) and B(second select) teams.
- iii. Players are rated on the following:
 - a) Different skills- passing, setting, hitting and serving
 - b) Receptiveness to instruction
 - c) Compatibility with others
- iv. Skills are reviewed by coaches and knowledgeable outside sources, when available.
- v. Players MUST attend all practices. Unexcused absences may result in reduced playing time.
- vi. Proper care and maintenance of all equipment and uniform provided is required. These items are to be promptly returned in good condition at the end of the season.

II. Grade Levels

- i. 3rd and 4th grade Instructional. combined grade leagues shall be organized in the following competitive levels:
 - a) "A" (Top competitive level) –select league
 - b) "B" (second level) –select league
 - c) "C" (combo) league

III. Team Selection

- i. A compilation of the ratings of the players' skills produce the "A" Team members, with the coordinators and/or head coach having final say.
- ii. The next level of players are slotted into the "B" Team, with the coordinators and/or head coach having the final say.
- iii. After the "B" Team(s) selection is completed, the remaining players are put into a "pool" and selected by ratings of coordinators and knowledgeable outside sources with input from "B" team coaches if possible.
- iv. The head coaches of the "B" (combo) teams may "protect" their child from the pool, as well as the child of one assistant coach.
- v. All teams will have a maximum of ten (10) players.
- vi. It is not acceptable to pull players from another team in order to play a game. Only players on the team's roster may play for that team. If a coach must forfeit due to a lack of available legal players but still wishes to play the game for the game experience, he/she

may bring the necessary player from another team at the same competition level. He/She must notify the opposing coach prior to the start of the game that the team is forfeiting and the playing for the practice.

IV. Game Play

i. Playing time- during regular season games, all three games of the match are played. Each player must play the equivalent of one full game.

a) Examples of “one full game”:

1. Player plays one game from start to finish

2. Player plays the equivalent of 25 points of playing time. If a player starts game 1 and is subbed when the score is 12-13. This does NOT count as one full game. Either the 12 or the 13 is counted towards the players playing time points. Player goes in during the second game when the score is 2-8 and subs out when the score is 10-10. Either 5 or 2 points is counted toward the 25 points. Player continues to sub in/out until the 25 points is met or exceeded.

NOTE: During tournaments, playing time is not guaranteed because not all three games of the match may be played.

Some tournaments have playing time rules and the coach must follow the tournament’s guidelines for playing time.

ii. Serving area- 3rd and 4th grade can serve from behind the 10 foot line with the desire of moving back as the serve improves. If a 3rd or 4th grader wants to serve overhand, he must be behind the 5th and 6th grade serving line. 5th and 6th grades can use the step in box as long as they serve from the right back location where the box is designated. If the player wants to serve from left back, he must serve behind the volleyball endline. All 7th and 8th grades must serve from behind the volleyball endline.

iii. Scoring- all grade levels will use “rally scoring.” A point is scored each time the ball is blown dead. In the first two games of a match, the winner will be the first team to reach 25 points or more with at least a two-point margin. In the third game, however, the winner will be the first team to reach 25 points or more with a two-point margin OR the first team to reach 30 points regardless of the margin.

iv. Uniforms- all players must wear knee pads and non-marking gym shoes. All boys must wear shirts and shorts of identical color and

style. If shirts are to be worn under the official uniform, they all must be of like color.

- v. Line Judges and Home concession stand duties- ever game each team is to provide a responsible person (high school age or older) to act as a line judge for the entire match. At all home games parents will be asked to work the concession stand as well.

Conduct of Players, Coaches and Spectators

Per Boys Western Athletic Conference:

It is necessary for all participants in a sporting event to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Foul language and abusive treatment of officials or players has no place in a BWAC sponsored event. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct by a player include, but are not limited to:

- a. Use of discourteous acts or words when an opponent is about to play the ball.
- b. Derogatory remarks to officials or opponents
- c. Questioning or trying to influence officials' decisions
- d. Showing disgust with officials' decisions
- e. Using insulting language or gestures or baiting acts which engender ill will
- f. Making any contact with opponent which is deemed unnecessary and which incites roughness
- g. Using any part of a teammate's body or any object to gain physical support for advantage in playing the ball
- h. Deliberately serving prior to signal for serve
- i. Abusing the re-serve rule
- j. Abusing the legal uniform rule

Per St. Ignatius Athletic Association:

All of the above plus:

Parents and spectators should support and respect the efforts of the coaches and volunteers. Concerns should first be addressed with the coach, then the coordinator, before presenting them to the Athletic Association Board.

Per St. Ignatius Volleyball Program:

All of the above plus:

Do not address a coach with any concerns immediately following a game or match. Allow yourself and the coach a minimum of 24 hours before addressing your

concerns. The meeting or conversation should be held at an agreeable time/location and not in front of the players or parents that are not involved in the situation.