2026 1A Volleyball Tournament Bulletin

District 2 Tournament and District 1 and 2 Bi-District Qualifiers

Tournament overview

This bulletin covers the District 2 tournament for Emerald Sound Conference teams and Tyee, if Tyee qualifies, followed by two crossover matches against District 1 representatives.

Under the qualification plan supplied for this bulletin, three District 2 teams advance directly to State. Two additional District 2 teams compete against District 1 representatives for the remaining two State berths.

Nine teams qualify for the District 2 tournament. Matches A, B, and C are loser-out play-in matches. The remaining rounds follow the modified tournament format shown in the approved bracket. All matches are hosted by the higher seed, subject to the approved crossover hosting agreement.

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Tournament sites and schedule

District 2 play is scheduled for October 28, October 30, October 31, November 3, and November 7, 2026. The crossover dates and start times must be confirmed. Host schools will provide the gym address, site manager contact, team arrival instructions, and opening time.

Policies and regulations

Matches are governed by WIAA rules and regulations, NFHS volleyball rules, and applicable conference and district policies. The tournament director and site managers will address operational matters not covered here, within those rules. Appeals and playing-rule protests will follow WIAA procedures.

Tournament Match Schedule

Wednesday, October 28

A	TBD	Seed 9 @ Seed 8	to Game #B	Out
B	TBD	Winner #11 @ Seed 5	to Game #2	Out
C	TBD	Seed 7 @ Seed 6	to Game #1	Out

Friday, October 30

#1	TBD	Seed 3 @ Winner #C	to Game #3	to Game #6
#2	TBD	Seed 4 @ Winner #B	to Game #4	to Game #6

Saturday, October 31

#3	TBD	Seed 2 @ Winner #1	to Game #8	to Game #5
#4	TBD	Seed 1 @ Winner #2	to Game #8	to Game #5

Tuesday, November 3

#5	TBD	Loser #4 @ Loser #3	Third Place	Out
#6	TBD	Loser #2 @ Loser #1	Out	Out

Saturday, November 7

#8	TBD	Winner #4 @ Winner #3	First Place	Second Place

Match Operations

Match format and warm ups

All postseason matches are best of five sets. The official warm-up period for each match is 20 minutes: eight minutes of shared court time, six minutes for the visiting team, and six minutes for the home team. Hitting or serving into the opponent's court is not allowed during shared court time. Teams may not warm up on the sidelines or end lines while waiting for their court time.

Host schools will communicate the warm-up start time and pregame ceremony schedule.

Officials and scoring staff

The tournament director will coordinate R1, R2, and line-judge assignments with the appropriate officials assignor.

Scorekeeper, libero tracker, and scoreboard operator will be provided by the host school. Ground rules will be reviewed by the site manager or head official.

Rosters and eligibility

Each team may roster a maximum of 14 players. For this tournament, postseason rosters must be uploaded to Roster Center at least 24 hours before the team's match.

All players must meet WIAA eligibility requirements, including the cleared-for-participation deadline. Under WIAA Rule 18.2.1, players must have been on the school's cleared-for-participation list by September 28, 2026, for postseason volleyball eligibility.

Game balls and team bench

The host school will supply approved game balls. Each team must bring its own warm-up volleyballs. Teams may contact the host in advance to ask whether additional warm-up balls are available.

Only authorized players, coaches, managers, and other approved team personnel may occupy the bench area.

Medical coverage and locker rooms

An athletic trainer will be available at each match.

Locker rooms will be available for participating teams. Check in with the site manager upon arrival. Participating schools are responsible for supervising their teams and securing valuables.

Games Committee and Protests

A three-person Games Committee will be named for each site: the tournament director or site manager/designee, the head official, and a neutral athletic director, school administrator, or coach. Members must be on-site or readily available by phone. Alternates will be designated when a member has a conflict of interest. The committee's names and contact information will be provided to participating coaches before play.

Playing-rule protests and ejection appeals follow WIAA Rule 22. For a postseason playing-rule protest, the coach must notify the officials before play resumes. The event manager will contact WIAA staff for verification of a rule misinterpretation or misapplication before the Games Committee reviews the protest. An official's judgment call is not subject to a playing-rule protest.

State Qualification

The winner and loser of Match 8 advance to State as the District 2 first- and second-place teams. The winner of Match 5 advances as the third-place team. The loser of Match 5 hosts District 1 #2, and the winner of Match 6 hosts District 1 #1, under the supplied crossover plan. Each crossover winner advances to State.

Host Site Information

Before each match, the host will share the gym opening time, parking and bus drop-off instructions, team check-in location, concessions or food rules, accessible entry information, and any filming or streaming requirements.