

3-Division Volleyball Proposal

**Presented to the
North Dakota High School Activities Association**

**For Consideration for the
2024 – 2025 Season**

April 2023

General Information

The NDHSAA Board of Directors approved and updated a draft for a third division of basketball on February 8, 2023, beginning with the 2023-24 season. The following document follows similar guidelines and proposes the NDHSAA Board of Directors approve a plan for a third division for volleyball beginning with the 2024 season.

There are several key points in this proposal to be aware of, which are explained in more detail below:

History of Volleyball

Volleyball was first sanctioned by the NDHSAA in 1983-1984. The NDHSAA split volleyball into 2 divisions in 1988-1989.

Coop Deadline

The deadline for 2024 volleyball coop applications is June 1, 2023.

Divisions vs. Classes

Previous Boards have classified any sport or activity not split into Class A and B in accordance with Article II, Section I as “divisions”. This included football from 1997 through the 2020 season and Division B softball from 2012-2017 when Bishop Ryan was approved to participate in Division A despite having an enrollment of less than 200 (see Article II, Section I).

Division A Regions

This proposal recommends two regions in the A Division and is based on survey information collected for the 3-Division basketball plan approved by the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

Division B Districts

This proposal recommends eight districts and four regions in the B Division and is based on survey information collected for the 3-Division basketball plan approved by the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

State Qualifier Games

This proposal recommends challenge games within the four Division B region tournaments to determine two state qualifying teams. Due to the logistical issues with both venues and officials when having potential “if” games, the approved plan includes a day of state qualifier games in both Division A and B that would match up the runner-up in a region tournament with the third place finisher in another region. This will make every game of A & B region tournaments meaningful, including the third place games.

Deadlines

Deadlines for B district tournaments are listed on Wednesdays, but working under the assumption all districts would schedule their tournaments to end on Monday or Tuesday.

The deadline for teams to “opt up” a division will be the end of the state tournament the previous season. The deadlines for the 2024-25 season will be determined by the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

Division Enrollment Framework

The framework to place teams into divisions follows the same guidelines developed by the NDHSAA for the 3-Division basketball plan. The enrollment line between A and B was determined by cutting the traditional line of 325 in half. The enrollment line between AA and A was determined by doubling 325.

Framework

1. Classification of schools for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 volleyball seasons will be in three divisions of volleyball with the following enrollment ranges:
 1. Division AA – Enrollment of 650+: Calculated using the average of grades 9-12 enrollment in the Fall of 2022 and Fall of 2023
 2. Division A – Enrollment of 162.5 – 649 students: Calculated using the average of grades 9-12 enrollment in the Fall of 2022 and Fall of 2023
 3. Division B – Enrollment below 162.5 students: Calculated using the average of grades 9-12 enrollment in the Fall of 2022 and Fall of 2023
2. Public and non-public schools located within a Division AA school district with 100-399 students shall be placed in Division A. Public and non-public schools located within a Division AA school district with 400 or more students shall be placed in Division AA.
3. Teams may choose to participate in a division higher than their enrollment places them for a minimum of two seasons.
4. Following the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons, teams will move divisions after their enrollment has been in a different division range for two consecutive years.
5. A reclassification committee will be established to review any petitions from teams to move to a division lower than their enrollment places them, as well as success factor criteria, beginning with the 2025 season.

August 2024

Sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Division AA, A & B First Allowable Practice					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Division AA, A & B - First Allowable Contest	

November 2024

Sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
			Division B Deadline for District Tournaments			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Division A & B Region Tournaments	Division A & B Region Tournaments Division AA EAST Region Tournament		Division A & B Region Tournaments Division AA WEST Region Tournament	Division AA WEST Region Tournament Division AA EAST Region Tournament	Division AA WEST Region Tournament Division AA EAST Region Tournament Division A & B State Qualifier Games
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Division AA, A & B State Tournaments	Division AA, A & B State Tournaments	Division AA, A & B State Tournaments
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Three Division Volleyball Draft Postseason Format and Tournament Locations

Division AA

- Region Tournament - Same format as current Class A
 - West Region Tournament - TBD – November 14, 15, & 16, 2024
 - East Region Tournament – TBD – November 15 & 16, 2024
- Combined State Tournament – November 21, 22, & 23, 2024 at TBD

Division A

- Four regions - Each champion advances to state tournament
 - Region Tournaments – November 11, 12 & 14, 2024
 - Sites TBD in November 2023
 - State Qualifier Games - Saturday, November 16, 2024 - Winners advance to state tournament
 - East - Site TBD in November 2023
 - Region 1 Runner-up vs. Region 2 Third Place
 - Region 2 Runner-up vs. Region 1 Third Place
 - West - Site TBD in November 2023
 - Region 3 Runner-up vs. Region 4 Third Place
 - Region 4 Runner-up vs. Region 3 Third Place
- State Tournaments
 - The state tournaments will be seeded by the eight qualifying coaches
 - Combined State Tournament – November 21, 22, & 23, 2024 at TBD

Class B

- Eight Districts
 - District Tournaments - Top four teams qualify for region tournament
 - Deadline of November 6, 2024
- Four Regions - Same format as current Class B region tournaments
 - Region Tournaments – November 11, 12, & 14, 2024
 - Sites TBD in November 2023
 - State Qualifier Games - Saturday, November 16, 2024 - Winners advance to state tournament
 - East - Site TBD in November 2023
 - Region 1 Runner-up vs. Region 2 Third Place
 - Region 2 Runner-up vs. Region 1 Third Place
 - West - Site TBD in November 2023
 - Region 3 Runner-up vs. Region 4 Third Place
 - Region 4 Runner-up vs. Region 3 Third Place
- State Tournaments
 - The state tournament will be seeded by the eight qualifying coaches
 - Combined State Tournament – November 21, 22, & 23, 2024 at TBD

• Two Year Enrollment Average						
Division AA - Enrollments 650 and up					Total	
1096.5	928.5		Minot (Magic City/Central Campus)	2025		
1513			West Fargo Sheyenne	1513		
1449			West Fargo	1449		
1401.5			Bismarck Legacy	1401.5		
1379.5			Bismarck Century	1379.5		
1362			Williston	1362		
1350			Fargo Davies	1350		
1286			Bismarck	1286		
1236.5			Mandan	1236.5		
1115.5			Grand Forks Central	1115.5		
1095.5			Grand Forks Red River	1095.5		
1058	17.5		Dickinson (Hope Christian)	1075.5		
1064.5			Fargo North	1064.5		
925			Fargo South	925		
760			Jamestown	760		
340			West Fargo Horace	456	Located in AA district	
320			Shanley	320	Indicated they would petition up	
			Minot North		Varsity program in 2024-25 Located in AA district	
Division A - Enrollments 162.5-650						
558			Turtle Mountain	558		
495.5			Devils Lake	495.5		
461	11.5		Watford City/Johnson Corners	472.5		
397.5			Wahpeton	397.5		
366			Valley City	366		
341.5	15		St Mary's/School of the Holy Family	356.5		
302.5			Central Cass	302.5		
256.5	27		Standing Rock/Selfridge	283.5		
278.5			New Town	278.5		
275			Grafton	275		
186	76.5		Four Winds/Minnewaukan	262.5		

239			Kindred	239	
161.5	57.5		Hillsboro/Central Valley	219	
218.5			Dunseith	218.5	
208			Beulah	208	
149	54		South Praire/Max	203	
202.5			Stanley	202.5	
200.5			Des Lacs-Burlington	200.5	
198			Lisbon	198	
196.5			Bottineau	196.5	
194.5			Northern Cass	194.5	
191.5			Rugby	191.5	
101	85.5		Heart River (South Heart/Belfield)	186.5	
174			Killdeer	174	
172			Hazen	172	
168.5			Carrington	168.5	
167.5			Nedrose	167.5	
167			Thompson	167	
164			Oak Grove	164	
154.5			Shiloh Christian	154.5	Located in AA school district
148			Dickinson Trinity	148	Located in AA school district
Division B - Enrollment 162.5 and below					
134.5	26.5		May-Port CG/Finley-Sharon	161	
154.5			Oakes	154.5	
36.5	40	74.5	Tri-State (Fairmount/Campbell-Tintah/Rosholt)	151	
120	9	21.5	Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	150.5	
102	47.5		Harvey/Wells County (Fessenden)	149.5	
55.5	92.5		Hatton/Northwood	148	
131.5	16.5		Surrey/Sawyer	148	
41	56.5	47.5	Sargent County (Milnor/North Sargent/Sargent Central)	145	
143.5			Bowman Co	143.5	
42.5	67.5	31	Central McLean (Turtle Lake-Mercer/Underwood/McClusky)	141	
67.5	40.5	32.5	Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier	140.5	

138			Tioga	138	
136.5			Velva	136.5	
54	81.5		Midway/Minto	135.5	
86	46.5		Nelson County (Dakota Praire/Lakota)	132.5	
118	13		Park River/Fordville Lankin	131	
72	54.5	2	Griggs-Midkota (Griggs County Central/Midkota/Kensal)	128.5	
83.5	42.5		Linton/HMB	126	
86	39.5		Hettinger/Scranton	125.5	
65.5	55		Wyndmere/Lidgerwood	120.5	
59	59		North Prairie (Rolla/Rolette)	118	
116.5			St John	116.5	
114.5			New Salem-Almont	114.5	
92	21.5		Kenmare/Bowbells	113.5	
111.5			Cavalier	111.5	
110			Larimore	110	
110			Divide County	110	
110			Ray	110	
80.5	27		LaMoure/Litchville-Marion	107.5	
105			Garrison	105	
59	44		Valley-Edinburg/Drayton	103	
63	40		Medina/Pingree-Buchanan	103	
48.5	54.5		South Border (Ashley/Wishek)	103	
64	35.5		North Border (Walhalla/Pembina)	99.5	
58	41		Maple River (Maple Valley/Hope-Page)	99	
49.5	49		Hebron/Glen Ullin	98.5	
52.5	44		TGU (Towner/Granville)	96.5	
95.5			Kidder County	95.5	
94.5			Trenton	94.5	
94			Bishop Ryan	94	
93			Enderlin Area	93	
70	23		Napoleon/Gackle-Streeter	93	
93			Beach	93	
92			MLS	92	

69	23		Powers Lake/Burke Central	92	
65	25		Wilton/Wing	90	
90			Richardton-Taylor	90	
89			Ellendale	89	
87			New Rockford-Sheyenne	87	
75	11		North Star/Starkweather	86	
85			Washburn	85	
80.5			Parshall	80.5	
77.5			Hankinson	77.5	
76.5			Barnes County North	76.5	
76.5			Flasher	76.5	
76.5			Lewis & Clark-Berthold	76.5	
74.5			Alexander	74.5	
73.5			Richland	73.5	
72			Center-Stanton	72	
72			New England	72	
72			Mott-Regent	72	
69			Glenburn	69	
28	40		Benson County (Leeds/Maddock)	68	
67.5			Our Redeemer's	67.5	
48.5	11		Strasburg/Zeeland	59.5	
39	15		Westhope/Newburg	54	
47.5			Williston Trinity Christian	47.5	
45			Drake-Anamoose	45	
45			White Shield	45	
44.5			Mandaree	44.5	
41.5			Grant County	41.5	
38.5			North Shore-Plaza	38.5	

Division AA Regions

East Region	West Region
West Fargo Sheyenne	Minot
West Fargo	Bismarck Legacy
Fargo Davies	Bismarck Century
Grand Forks Central	Williston
Grand Forks Red River	Bismarck
Fargo North	Mandan
Fargo South	Dickinson
West Fargo Horace**	Jamestown
Shanley*	Minot North** - 2024-25
*Petition Up	
**Located in AA School District	

[3 Division VB - AA Map](#)

Division A Regions

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Wahpeton	Devils Lake	Turtle Mountain	Watford City
Valley City	Grafton	New Town	Standing Rock
Central Cass	Four Winds/Minnewaukan	Dunseith	Beulah
Kindred	Hillsboro/Central Valley	Stanley	Killdeer
Lisbon	Carrington	Des Lacs-Burlington	Hazen
Northern Cass	Thompson	Bottineau	Shiloh Christian*
Oak Grove		Rugby	Dickinson Trinity*
		Nedrose	Heart River
		South Prairie/Max	St. Mary's*
* Located in AA School District			

[3 Division Volleyball A Maps](#)

Division B Regions

Region 1		Region 2	
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Wyndmere/Lidgerwood	Linton-HMB	Drayton/V-E	New Rockford-Sheyenne
Maple River	Ellendale	Cavalier	Benson Co.
Enderlin	Kidder County	North Prairie	Nelson County
Hankinson	Napoleon/G-S	North Border	Larimore
Richland	Strasburg/Zeeland	St John	Griggs/Midkota
Oakes	South Border	North Star	May-Port-CG
Tri-State	M-P-B	Langdon-E-M	Hatton/Northwood
Barnes County North	LaMoure/L-M	Park River - FL	
Sargent County	Edgeley/Kulm/M	Midway/Minto	
Region 3		Region 4	
District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
Hettinger-Scranton	Mandaree	Divide County	Glenburn
New England	New Salem-Almont	Parshall	Drake-Anamoose
Beach	Garrison	Trinity Christian	Velva
Mott/Regent	Wilton/Wing	Trenton	Our Redeemers
Grant County	Center-Stanton	Alexander	Mohall-L-S
Richardton-Taylor	Washburn	Tioga	L&C-Berthold
Glen Ullin-Hebron	Central McLean	Ray	Westhope/Newburg
Flasher	White Shield	Kenmare/Bowbells	TGU
Bowman County		Powers Lake-Burke Co.	Harvey/Wells Co.
		North Shore-Plaza	Bishop Ryan
			Surrey

[3 Division Volleyball B Maps](#)

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