



# Minnesota Sports Federation

## 2019 Adult Volleyball Guide

38th Annual State Championships  
Official Program Information

## ◆◆ The Role the MSF Plays ◆◆

The Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) is a non-profit, non-tax supported public service organization which solely conducts recreational-amateur sports activities in the state of Minnesota. Members of the Federation receive many valuable services which enable them to enjoy recreational-amateur sports to their fullest extent.

The MSF mission is to provide wholesome community based amateur-recreational sports opportunities that promote fitness, personal growth, good sports and the development of lifetime leisure skills.

Since 1982, the Sports Federation has become a major organizational force in planning and executing amateur sports events for over 200,000 youth and adults in Minnesota.

To implement and conduct a program of this magnitude, the MSF relies on individuals who dedicate many hours of their time to the benefit of recreational sports enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota.

The MSF serves as the local association of the National Softball Federation, National Youth Basketball Council (NYBC), USA Broomball and the National Sports Federation.

The MSF is governed by an 15-member board which is comprised of players, coaches, program administrators and officials active in the sports community.

Through the union of all eligible leagues, organizations, groups and affiliations with organizations devoted wholly or partially to the promotion of recreational sports, the MSF hopes to expand programs and services in the future.

The MSF is committed to serving amateur sports enthusiasts in an effort to enhance the quality of life for all Minnesotans regardless of age, gender, race, economic status or handicap.

### **SERVING MINNESOTA THROUGH SPORTS<sup>SM</sup>**

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## ◆◆ General Information ◆◆

The rules and regulations contained in this guide are not intended to limit or restrict play, but to promote fair play and provide a more enjoyable experience for all. Representatives designated by the MSF are empowered to apply the rules found here and also render decisions on situations not specifically covered by rule.

These rules and regulations apply only to those sports communities/leagues sending representative(s) to tournament play. Sports communities/leagues who wish to send representatives to district and/or state tournaments shall adopt and abide by the rules contained in this guide. Sports communities/leagues may augment these rules and regulations with any special rules so long as these rules do not create conflicts which result in ineligibility for MSF play.

If questions arise concerning the rules and regulations contained in this guide, please contact Federation offices for assistance. Questions on playing rules should be directed to the state rules interpreter.

## ◆◆ MSF Board of Directors ◆◆

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## ◆◆ Definitions ◆◆

**“BOARD OF DIRECTORS”** signifies the governing board of the Minnesota Sports Federation.

**“BONAFIDE RESIDENT”** is defined as an individual who actually physically resides full-time in the state of Minnesota.

**“ELIGIBLE LEAGUE”** is defined as a league in a sports community which has registered all of the teams in the league, thereby making it eligible to be represented in post-season MSF competition. The league must have a minimum of four teams and conduct an intra-league schedule totalling a minimum of 24 games (24 games is combined total for all teams in the league).

**“ELIGIBLE PLAYER”** is defined as a player who competes on an eligible team and qualifies under the eligibility rules in this guide.

**“ELIGIBLE TEAM”** is defined as a team and its rostered players which has been registered, is eligible for local league playoffs and qualifies under the eligibility rules in this guide.

**“FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE”** is defined as an individual who is physically working as a full-time employee in the state of Minnesota (30-40 hour work week). The full-time employment must be the individual's main livelihood and the individual must be compensated accordingly.

**“FULL-TIME RESIDENT”** is defined as an individual who is physically residing as a full-time resident in the state of Minnesota.

**“LEAGUE PLAYOFF”** is defined as a playoff held after the conclusion of regular season league play for the purpose of determining an MSF post-season tournament representative(s).

**“MSF”** signifies the Minnesota Sports Federation.

**“POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT”** is defined as an MSF state tournament.

**“RESIDE OR WORK”** is defined as an individual who physically resides full-time or physically works as a full-time employee in the state of Minnesota.

**“STATE QUALIFIER”** is considered a post season tournament held before state tournament play for the purpose of filling an at large berth(s) to an MSF state tournament. Teams must compete with their regular season rosters. No pick up players are allowed and participating players are frozen to that team for post-season play. See exception (if applicable), on frozen players under the specific sports eligibility rules).

**“UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT”** is defined as conduct that is detrimental to the MSF program.

## ◆◆ Team Membership Information ◆◆

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

To avoid misfortune, please carefully review the entire MSF program guide prior to registering your teams.



#### MSF Team Membership

\$16.00 per team on or before January 5

\$19.00 per team if postmarked after January 5



### MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

To receive the services listed below and be eligible to send a representative(s) to MSF post-season tournament play, all of the teams in the league must be members. For example, if a league has eight teams, all eight teams must be MSF members to receive the membership services listed below.

# HOW TO ADMINISTER AN MSF LEAGUE

The registration and administration of MSF volleyball league is very simple. Follow the below step by step process:

1. Complete the team membership form and forward with MSF per team membership fee to MSF state offices by January 5.
2. MSF will award your league post season berths no later than January 25. The awarding form and fees must be in MSF offices by February 25.
3. Forward regular season rosters of teams advancing or possibly advancing to post season play (yellow copy of three part roster provided by MSF) to MSF offices by February 25.
4. Distribute post season tournament packets (rules, map, etc) and the championship roster (white copy of the three part roster) to the teams advancing from your league with the team number designated circled. Actual tournament schedule will be posted on MSF web site at [www.msf1.org](http://www.msf1.org) no later than seven days preceding the start of the tournaments.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### Publications/Materials

1. Official Rule Book
2. MSF Volleyball Guide
3. Teams may call the MSF "Tournament Hotline" for updated tournament information.
4. Access to [www.msf1.org](http://www.msf1.org) web site which features results, schedules and program summaries.

### Uniform Eligibility and Classification Rules

All MSF member teams are governed by a uniform set of eligibility and classification rules which are designed to promote fair play and equalized competition.

### Uniform Playing Rules

All MSF member teams compete under the National Federation rules as modified by the Minnesota Sports Federation. Member teams are encouraged to contribute to the development of the game by suggesting rule changes to their local sports director.

### Championship Competition

The MSF conducts state tournaments in three divisions and four classes of play. Teams are eligible (through their registered league) to compete in qualifying and post-season tournaments.

### Settlement of Protests

If your league so desires, the State Rules Interpreter will serve as your league's rule interpreter.

### Technical Assistance

Members of the MSF staff are available to provide expertise in the development of by-laws, league and tournament schedules and general assistance.

### Qualified Officials

The MSF is continually striving to improve the understanding and quality of officiating. MSF officials are encouraged to attend an annual rule interpretation clinic. Players are also encouraged to attend a rule interpretation clinic.

### MSF is a Clearinghouse

The MSF is affiliated with other state and national organizations which promote amateur/recreational sports.

### Annual Meeting

Option to attend the MSF Annual Meeting.

### Voice in Your Program

Voting representation on the MSF Board of Directors.

### Promotion of Amateur Sports

By joining the MSF, your league is helping improve and promote the game of volleyball. The MSF is instrumental in the promotion and development of the sport. The MSF promotes the sport in your community and works for better facilities and league programs.

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Membership forms and fees for all teams must be sent to MSF offices.

**Please type or clearly print each item. Team membership forms which are not legible will not be processed.**

## TEAM ROSTERS

All leagues are required to submit regular season team rosters to the MSF for all registered teams that are or may be advancing to post-season tournament play. Universal roster forms are available from MSF offices and must be used for this purpose. **Exception: Park and Recreation and Community Education Departments may send a copy of their own regular season roster in place of the MSF universal roster provided it provides legible names and addresses of all players. However, all teams that are or may be advancing to post-season tournament play. Must complete and utilize the universal roster. In spite of this exception it is highly recommended that all departments endeavor to utilize the universal roster form for all teams as it helps prevent the use of ineligible players.**

**Regular season rosters for all teams advancing or that may be advancing to post-season tournament play must be sent directly to MSF offices.**

Also, please read the "Roster" section of this guide.

## TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Please refer to the section in this guide entitled "Tournament Entries".

Do not submit tournament entry fees until you have received the tournament entry form which will be mailed no later than January 25. Tournament information (i.e. field maps, etc.) will be forwarded to the league director no less than seven days in advance of the tournament. Actual tournament schedule will appear on MSF website at [www.msf1.org](http://www.msf1.org) no later than seven days prior to the tournament. Do not request tournament information earlier than this as it will not be available.

## CLASSES OF COMPETITION

Please see the applicable section in this guide.

## TEAM MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS

All team membership materials (i.e. guides, rule books, membership cards, etc.) may be picked up at MSF offices or, if your league prefers, may be shipped via UPS. For shipping charges please refer to the below chart. Team materials are supplied for the number of teams a sports community guarantees they will register. If multiple winter sports (i.e. basketball, broomball, volleyball) are registered at the same time, only one shipping charge applies.

Shipping Chart		
4-12 Teams	=	\$6.00
13-30 Teams	=	\$8.00
31 & Above Teams	=	\$10.00

### DEADLINES

Failure to meet listed deadlines may result in exclusion from program and will result in late fees

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| January 5   | - Deadline for submitting team membership and payment of team fees.   |
| February 25 | - Deadline for submitting regular season rosters for teams that are or may be advancing to post-season tournament play. |
| February 25 | - Deadline for payment of tournament entry fees for each team being entered in a state tournament.                      |

**Late teams registrations and tournament entries (if accepted) are subject to a \$3.00 per team and \$10.00 per tournament late entry penalty.**

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE VOLLEYBALL GUIDE PRIOR TO TEAM REGISTRATION**

## ◆◆ Eligibility ◆◆

### PLAYERS

#### General Rule

If eligibility is claimed by employment the participant must be employed full-time (30-40 hour work week) in the state of Minnesota. The full-time employment must be the individual's main livelihood and the individual must be compensated accordingly. A position which involves travel through the state may not be interpreted as employment in the state. These participants must compete in the state where they reside. If eligibility is claimed by residence the participant must physically reside full-time in the state they represent.

**Residence, work or church attendance must be established prior to January 1 of the current year and be maintained through the team roster deadline.**

All participants must have competed on four regularly scheduled league nights on the team in the league they are representing in an MSF post-season tournament. **Exception:** Class AA/A - Four league nights or eight weekend tournament games is acceptable.

### **Border Players**

Players who live in a bordering state and within 30 driving miles of the Minnesota border are eligible for leagues held in Minnesota provided they petition and receive the approval of the state commissioners involved and are accepted by the nearest sports community prior to the roster deadline.

### **Post High School Students (College, Vo-Tech, Jr. College)**

The January 1 "reside or work" deadline is waived for students. The deadline is January 30. Students must select one of the following three options for participation:

1. Compete where their permanent residence is located.
2. Compete where they work. (Summer employment does not qualify).
3. Compete where their school is located.

A college student is defined as a full-time student living away from home for the purpose of attending college. Summer school students are not considered to be resident students unless they are attending the same school they attended full-time during the preceding year.

### **Professionals**

A professional volleyball player who is released prior to the February 5 team roster deadline, is placed on the roster by that date, and meets the four league night or eight weekend tournament games requirement, is eligible for MSF play.

### **Service Personnel**

Players called into the armed forces active duty may be replaced by otherwise eligible players (training programs do not apply). Discharged service personnel returning to their sports community are eligible for post-season tournament competition provided they meet local eligibility rules and the local sports community accepts them. The January 1 deadline for employment or residence is waived for service personnel. The deadline is January 30. Service personnel on temporary leave are not eligible for post-season tournament competition.

## **TEAMS**

All players must be rostered by February 5 and compete in a minimum of four regular season league nights in the sports community they are representing in MSF post-season tournament play. **Exception:** Class AA-A - four league nights or eight weekend tournament games is acceptable. (Playoff games are not considered regular season league games.)

To be eligible for MSF tournament play, teams must be registered, qualify through their local league/playoffs, and meet the player and league eligibility rules in this guide.

Roster Limit - 12 (includes player/manager)

Masters Men's and Women's teams shall be composed of players who are 35 (Men's) and 32 (Women's) years of age or over respectively by December 31 of the current post-season tournament year.

## **LEAGUES**

To be eligible to send a representative to an MSF post-season tournament all of the teams in the league from which the representative comes must be registered. (For example, if a league has eight teams, all eight teams must be registered. It is not permissible to register only four of the eight teams). The league shall have a minimum of four teams and conduct an intra-league schedule totaling a minimum of 12 games. (12 games is a combined total for all teams in the league.)

### **League Playoffs**

Players are permitted to participate in more than one league playoff provided their local league does not invoke a local rule which prohibits it. It is highly recommended that leagues require players who are participating on more than one team declare in writing by February 5, which team they will be participating on in post-season tournament play. A space is available on the official MSF roster for doing so. This will assist in eliminating forfeits due to a shortage of available players.

## **POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

A team or player may not participate in more than one MSF volleyball state tournament in the same division of play. Divisions of play are defined as men's, women's and co-rec.

Once a player participates in an MSF qualifier or state tournament they are committed to that team and that player is not eligible to participate with another team in a qualifying or state tournament in the same division of play. **Exception:** Players who have played in a qualifying tournament may petition to switch teams prior to the February 5 roster deadline providing they are released by their current team and are going to a like (same) classified team.

**Any team found to have an ineligible player(s) shall be immediately disqualified from MSF tournament play.**

# SPORTS COMMUNITIES

## Definition

A sports community is defined as the city(-ies) school district(s) from which an eligible league draws its players who are eligible for a direct seed, or league playoffs, which qualify a team(s) for MSF post-season tournament competition.

Sports communities may be:

1. A single city
2. A school district
3. Combination of two or more cities.
4. Combination of two or more school districts

Sports communities may be formed by adjoining open areas, other cities, and other school districts.

## Representation

A sports community must conduct an “eligible league” to qualify representatives for MSF post-season tournament competition.

Each MSF sports community will be allowed a designated number of entries for state tournaments. The number of entries is based upon the number of team registrations in a specific class. The greater the number of team registrations in a specific class the greater the number of tournament entries that will be allowed. Please refer to the “MSF tournaments” section of this guide for specific details on tournament entries allowed.

# ROSTERS

## Regular Season

**All member leagues must submit regular season rosters for teams that are or may be advancing to post-season tournament play to the MSF prior to February 25. Universal roster forms are available from MSF offices and must be used for this purpose. Exception:** Park and Recreation and Community Education Departments may send a copy of their own regular season roster in place of the MSF universal roster provided it provides legible names and addresses of all players. However, all teams that are or may be advancing to MSF post-season play must complete and utilize the universal roster. In spite of this exception it is highly recommended that all departments endeavor to utilize the universal roster form for all teams as it helps prevent the use of ineligible players.

## State Qualifying/State Tournament Rosters

Teams shall hand carry their correctly completed white copy of the roster to the post-season tournament site and hand deliver it to the MSF tournament manager prior to commencing play. Important Note: White copy must match identically the regular season roster (yellow copy) which was previously submitted by the league director with the exception of:

- a. Those players who are not eligible for post-season tournament play by virtue of their participation with another team (see MSF play-off rules) **SHALL HAVE A SINGLE LINE DRAWN THROUGH THEIR NAME BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR/ TEAM MANAGER AND THE SPACE INITIALED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.**

All players' names must appear on the tournament roster and must be accompanied by their signature. Players who are listed on the official tournament scorecard and not on the roster, or players who participate without previously completing the signature block, shall cause their team to be eliminated from competition. League directors signature block must be completed prior to commencing play. League directors may submit the regular season roster (yellow copy) without players' signatures, but the copy must contain all players' names and addresses. Rosters which are incomplete or not legible will be rejected and the team eliminated from competition.

League directors are responsible for reviewing the roster, crossing out the extra blank spaces and signing the post-season roster (white copy). League directors are also responsible for designating and circling the “team number assigned” on the white state tournament roster at the time the team advances to state tournament play. This number identifies the team number the team is advancing as from your community and corresponds to the number located on the tournament draw.

**Rosters must be verified and signed by the team manager and league director who registered the team and league and submitted regular season rosters.** In order for the team manager to be eligible as a player, their name must also be listed and signed in the players section.

**Do not mail the tournament roster. Teams without “official tournament rosters” will not be permitted to participate.**

Players appearing on the official roster shall be prepared to immediately prove their eligibility upon request of the tournament manager or MSF representative.



In addition to presenting a valid Minnesota Driver's License or alternative picture I.D. listed below, **players claiming eligibility through employment** shall be prepared to exhibit **one** of the following items:

1. Previous years W-2 tax statement.
2. Two payroll receipts or check stubs with player's and company's name dated prior to January 1 of the current year. Check stub must reflect full time employment.
3. Company I.D. Badge dated with current year.

In addition to presenting a valid Minnesota Driver's License or alternative picture I.D. listed below, **players claiming eligibility through residence** shall be prepared to exhibit **one** of the following items:

1. Previous years property tax statement.
2. Two copies of rent receipts dated prior to January 1 of the current year.
3. Notarized statement from landlord indicating occupancy was held prior to January 1 of the current year.

**Teams unable to prove the eligible residence or employment address of each of their participating players upon request of an MSF representative will be disqualified from tournament competition.**

Any team without a properly completed roster (includes team manager and league director's signatures) or found to have an ineligible player(s) (i.e. a player who has: illegally participated in two state tournaments, not signed the roster or not listed on the roster, etc.) shall be immediately disqualified from competition.

All players participating in qualifiers or state tournament play must have their current Minnesota or bordering state driver's license picture I.D., military picture I.D., tribal enrollment picture I.D., company picture I.D., college picture I.D., Minnesota drivers permit or license revocation slip in their possession (at the team bench) for each game they play in. If a rostered player is under 16 years of age and does not have a driver's license, they must bring either a student picture I.D. or birth certificate. **No other form of I.D. will be accepted.** If a player's last name is different on their license versus the roster due to a name change (i.e. marriage) they must also bring a copy of their marriage license. If a driver's license has been revoked, the player must have the state revocation/application slip. Teams/players will be checked at random during state tournament play. Teams found with player(s) not in possession of the required I.D. will be required to deposit a \$200.00 identification bond in order for the team to continue tournament play (teams with illegal players should immediately drop out of the tournament to mitigate harsher penalties). Teams who do not pay the \$200.00 deposit will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. In addition, **each player** without required I.D. who testifies they are legal and are the player listed on the scorecard/roster, may continue tournament participation by submitting a \$25.00 **non-refundable cash** (no checks) participation fee (this non-refundable **cash fee** will be divided equally between the state Junior Olympic program and Softball Hall of Fame). In addition, the unidentified player(s) must pose for a photograph and sign a statement of identification in order for their team to continue play. Upon proof of each player(s) identification and legality, either at the site or at MSF offices, the \$200.00 bond will be returned. Failure to pay the \$200.00 cash bond, pose for a picture and sign the I.D. statement will disqualify the player and team from the game, tournament and advancement to further competition. Failure to exhibit proof of identification by the Wednesday after the tournament will cause the team to forfeit the \$200.00 bond.

## DISQUALIFICATION

### Individuals

A player or participant shall be immediately disqualified from the MSF Program for any of the following acts:

1. Failure to comply with the eligibility rules set forth in this guide.
2. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying a roster, or giving false information to MSF officials.
3. Participating in the MSF program against non-member teams.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
5. Engaging in a fight with an opponent which results in an ejection from the game carries a minimum one-year suspension. (Effective through the sport the player was disqualified from in the previous year.)
6. Verbal abuse of a game or tournament official results in a game/tournament ejection plus one game suspension. Repeated acts carry an indefinite suspension.
7. Physically touching a game or tournament official results in a game/tournament ejection plus a minimum six game suspension. Repeated acts carry an indefinite suspension.
8. Physically assaulting (e.g. bumping, butting, striking, slapping, shoving, kicking, etc) a game or tournament official results in a minimum one year suspension and likelihood of criminal penalties.

For a current list of player/team suspension see the most recent issue of the **"Minnesota Amateur Sports Review."**



## DISQUALIFICATION

### Teams

A team shall be immediately disqualified from the MSF Program for any of the following acts:

1. Failure to comply with the eligibility rules set forth in this guide.
2. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, falsifying a roster, or giving false information to MSF tournament officials or wrongful sports community classification.
3. Failure to provide 48 -hour advance notice to the MSF office when forfeiting a tournament contest. (Carries penalty of team/players ineligibility for tournament play the following year.) It is recommended that local communities impose a "48-hour" rule.
4. Participating in the MSF program against non-member teams.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
6. Failure to exhibit required player identification upon the request of MSF tournament director, game official or other MSF representative.
7. Tendering non-sufficient fund or stopping payment on checks.
8. Causing damage to playing facilities, equipment or accommodations.

For a current list of player/team suspension see the most recent issue of the ***"Minnesota Amateur Sports Review."***

## DISQUALIFICATION

### Leagues

A league shall be disqualified from sending a team to a post-season MSF tournament if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this guide.

### Sports Communities

A sports community shall be disqualified from sending a team(s) to a post-season MSF tournament if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this guide.

## REINSTATEMENT

Suspensions shall be immediate and remain in effect until such time that the suspended party appears before the MSF Sportsmanship and Eligibility Committee. Should the suspended party fail to appear the original suspension shall continue in effect until such time that it expires.

## ◆◆ Classes of Competition ◆◆

### CLASSIFICATION PHILOSOPHY

The intent of the Federation team classification system is to place teams in a division in which they are competitive. The Federation philosophy that **"winning is not everything" but striving to win** is the most important consideration must be kept in mind when classifying teams.

Consequently, teams which go 0-2 in a tournament are by no means automatically considered to be inappropriately classified. Many factors such as the margin of defeat, the sports community's history, the teams which were played, and the number of teams in the division, etc. are carefully weighed before permission is granted for a sports community or a team to move down.

Not all teams can win championships and success in Federation play should not be related to winning or losing, but rather related to the amount of effort put forth. When a league or team disregards all principles of fair play by intentionally competing at a level below their ability in an attempt to win a championship, the team has not only cheated themselves, but also the entire program. The opportunity to match skills against an equally skilled opponent is what "sport" is about. Many teams, in their efforts to win games, leagues and tournaments, purposely match their superior skills against less skilled opponents. The intent of sport is being sacrificed for the sake of a won/loss record and the accompanying material rewards.

All Federation sports participants need to assure that their motives for participating are in line with the original purpose of sport. If this is done the program will continue to flourish.

### GENERAL CLASSIFICATION RULES

The classification rules listed below apply to volleyball.

To avoid misunderstandings please carefully review all classification rules and procedures prior to team registration.

1. The class(es) of competition in which a sports community's team(s) compete are designated by MSF. This classification system has been developed to provide equalized competition at several levels. "New" teams are not automatically classified in the lowest class.

2. A volleyball team is defined as the number of players required to play a particular sport, not the number of players allowed on a roster. (Example: Triple Crown Gaming wins the class "BB" state championship and returns or recruits any combination of three or more players who were registered on a "BB" team the preceding year. Triple Crown Gaming must move up to class A the following year since they returned or recruited one-half or more of the players that comprise a volleyball team.) For purposes of this rule a volleyball team is comprised of six players.
3. Sports community classifications are reviewed annually by the MSF. Communities/teams may be raised or lowered at the discretion of these ruling parties.
4. Sports community directors may **raise** a team's class at their discretion at any time.
5. MSF reserves the right to combine two or more classes of competition when an insufficient number of tournament entries exist to conduct a specific class of play.
6. Sports communities/teams may not move down without the written permission of the MSF. Petitions to move down shall be forwarded to MSF offices prior to December 1 of the current year and include league director's signature indicating their knowledge of, and position on, the petition.
7. **Sports communities/teams which have been moved up may not petition to move down for a minimum of two years unless they have less than three players returning from the previous years team roster.**
8. A minimum of the top two teams in "BB" and top four teams in "CC" shall automatically move up one class the following year.
9. Once teams are registered in a specific class they shall remain so registered for the entire season unless the league director submits a written request for a class change and it is approved by MSF offices. League directors or local sports community classification committees are responsible for applying the rules found here. Teams which are registered in different classes may compete in the same league but must be separated into respective classes for playoffs which qualify a team(s) for MSF state tournament play.
10. If the same team (three or more players) plays in two leagues, it must assume its highest classification.
11. Sports communities that have been newly formed or inadvertently omitted from the class designation lists should contact the MSF to ascertain their proper class designation.
12. Sports communities/teams found in violation of MSF classification rules shall be immediately disqualified from competition.

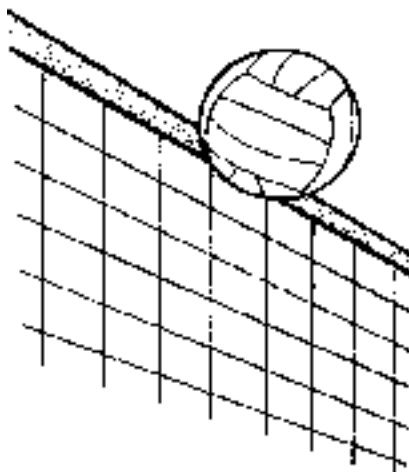
## SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION RULES

1. Teams with any combination of two or more USAV "A" players or current college players shall automatically be classified "A".
2. "AA" or "A" USAV players may not play in Class B.
3. "BB" or "B" USAV players may not play in class C.
4. "C" teams are limited to one current or two former college players. (30 years old and above may petition.)
5. Men's teams with three or more college club team players must participate in Class A.
6. Co-rec volleyball teams with two or more class A MSF or USAV players (providing one of the players is male) shall automatically be classified "A".
7. Co-rec volleyball teams with a class A MSF or USAV male or female player may not be classified lower than "B".
8. Co-Rec volleyball teams with three or more "A" women must be classified "A".
9. Co-rec teams with three or more MSF "B" players may not be classified lower than B.

**Note:** The class designation of a MSF player for application of co-rec restrictions is determined by the class of the current or last men's or women's MSF team they played on. Above rules apply to players listed on the state tournament roster.

## CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES AND CLASS DESIGNATIONS

Classification procedures and class designations accompany the volleyball guide on a separate special yellow addendum. After you have reviewed the "Classes of Competition" section in the current volleyball guide, please refer to the yellow addendum for the classification procedures and percentage requirements which must be adhered to.



## TEAMS RECLASSIFIED FOR 2019

By recent action of the Sports Federation Board of Directors and in accordance with the reclassification rules, the top finishers in 2018 state tournament competition have been moved up in an effort to maintain parity within classes and balance the number of teams in statewide competition.

This process occurs on an annual basis.

Teams which have been moved up may not petition to move down for a **minimum of two years** unless they have less than three returning players from the previous year's team roster.

The teams and communities which are affected for 2019 are listed below.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### 2019 TEAM RECLASSIFICATIONS

#### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL B RECLASSIFIED TO A

None

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL B RECLASSIFIED TO A/B

Holub's, Brooklyn Center

#### CO-REC VOLLEYBALL B RECLASSIFIED TO A/B

None

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL C RECLASSIFIED TO B

Mike's Collision, New Ulm

#### CO-REC VOLLEYBALL C RECLASSIFIED TO B

None

## ◆◆ Playing Rules ◆◆

### GENERAL

All play shall be governed by the current Minnesota Sports Federation rules with any modifications listed in the front of the rule-book. Refer to National Federation rules for any rules not specifically covered in MSF rule book.

1. Protests on the interpretation of game rules shall be decided on the playing field. Decisions of the State Rules Interpreters are final. Judgement plays may not be protested.
2. Protests on eligibility may be made before or during, but not after a game has been officially completed. The MSF reserves the right to investigate eligibility matters at any time, including after a game or tournament has been completed and then take action deemed appropriate.
3. A game which is suspended due to inclement weather or any other reason shall be resumed from the exact point of suspension.
4. Home team shall be determined by a coin toss.
5. In the event a team is disqualified from tournament competition it only affects the status of the last team the disqualified team played, and then only if a protest had been filed by the team prior to the completion of the game unless the MSF takes other action deemed appropriate.
6. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game for an Unsportsmanlike act shall be prohibited from participating in any remaining contests in the tournament.
7. MSF tournament managers, referees in chief and state staff have the authority to eject unsportsmanlike players, coaches/ managers or fans prior to, during and after a game has been officially completed.
8. Players receiving two or more and teams receiving three or more Unsportsmanlike fouls, Unsportsmanlike technicals or misconduct penalties in an MSF tournament game shall be disqualified from the game and tournament.
9. There shall be no use of tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages in, near or adjacent to the playing facility.
10. Only individuals listed on the official tournament roster may occupy a position on the team bench.
11. A ten-minute grace period shall be allowed on the team's first scheduled game before a forfeit is declared. Game time is forfeit time for succeeding games. Teams which forfeit their first game in a state tournament shall have twenty minutes from their initial game time to contact the MSF tournament representative regarding their second game. Should no contact be made the second game shall be declared a forfeit.

12. Teams are asked to form a line and shake hands following the conclusion of each game.
13. Following completion of the first round of tournament play the official tournament schedule becomes the bracket board posted at tournament headquarters. Managers/players must check it after each game played.
14. Teams are asked to support the tournament host by purchasing their food and beverages at the concessions stand. Coolers or picnic lunches may not be brought into the complex. **Penalty:** Tournament disqualification of violating team.
15. **Infectious Disease Control Rule:** A player, coach or official who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. Appropriate treatment is:
  - 1) Bleeding has stopped
  - 2) Injury is covered
  - 3) Uniform changed or disinfected with acceptable disinfectant\*
  - 4) Competition area/equipment disinfected with acceptable disinfectant

If treatment can be administered within three minutes, the individual would not have to leave the game. Otherwise, substitution of the individual must take place.

\* Acceptable disinfectants are:

- 1) A solution of 1/4 cup of sodium hypochlorite and one gallon of water
- 2) A solution of 1/4 cup of 70% isopropyl alcohol and one gallon of water
- 3) A commercially produced infectious disease spray

## CLASS C MODIFICATIONS

The below rules apply to class C men's, women's and co-rec play and a violation results in a point or side out.

1. No quick set/hit (ones or twos) or shoot sets allowed. (A quick set is approximately one-two feet above the net right next to the setter. A shoot set travels quickly about 1-3 feet above net toward the antennas.)
2. No fake spikes.
3. No jump serves or jump sets.
4. No back row attack from behind (or in front of) the 10' line by back row players.
5. Not more than one current and/or two former college players or any combination thereof.

**Note:** The official signal for a Class C playing rule violation shall be the right or left hand, palm down patting top of head.

## EQUIPMENT

1. All game equipment shall be approved by the game officials and shall be in accordance with current Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) rules.
2. All teams must supply and wear jerseys which have a legible **nonduplicate arabic numbers** and in which the shirt bodies are of identical color (**duplicate numbers or tape numbers are not acceptable**). Teams with two sets of jerseys available are asked to bring both sets. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Teams must supply and wear jerseys which have at least 4" high non duplicate arabic number on either the front or back of the jersey.**

\* VIOLATION \*

Illegally uniformed player(s) shall be withheld from competition by their team until they become legal. If a player(s) violates this rule by entering the game prior to becoming legal they shall be disqualified from that game.

3. Game balls shall be supplied by the participating teams. For specific ball requirements please see volleyball rule book.
4. Teams are responsible for providing their own first aid equipment.

# ◆ State Tournament ◆

## TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

The number of state tournament entries a sports community receives in each class of play is determined by the number of teams that are registered by that sports community in each specific class.

To assist sports communities in determining the approximate number of entries they will receive in a specific class, a chart is provided below.

The figures provided are close approximates and may vary depending upon the number of statewide team registrations received in a specific class.

Number of Registrations		Number of Entries
1-6	=	1-2
7-10	=	2-3
11-22	=	3-5
23 & Above	=	5-6

## ENTRY DEADLINES

Deadline for submitting state tournament entries is February 25.

**Tournament entries postmarked after these dates (if accepted) include a \$10.00 per tournament entry late penalty.**

Sports community directors will receive written notice no later than January 25 regarding the number of tournament entries their sports community has been awarded. A tournament entry form will accompany the written notice.

To reserve positions in state tournaments the sports community director must complete and return the tournament entry form along with payment or purchase order number prior to February 25. Once a tournament entry fee has been submitted and a tournament position reserved, there is no refund.

## ENTRY FEE

\$175.00 per team. Eight Game Guaranteed - Four out of every five teams will play a minimum of 10 games.

## TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL/STRUCTURE

1. The top two teams in each five, six or seven team pool advance to the double letter final with the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> advancing to the single letter final. The fifth, sixth and seventh place teams do not advance. place team does not advance. Except in Class AA/A, the top two teams in each four team pool advance to the double letter final with the third and fourth place teams advancing to the single letter final.
2. Pre-scheduled four team pools play three, three game sets with each game to 25 with 27 point cap. **Exception:** In four team pools where all four teams advance teams play two game sets. Pre-scheduled five team pools play four two game sets with each game to 25 with 27 point cap. Pre-scheduled six team pools play five two game sets with each game to 20 with 22 point cap. Championships series in each division will be played on best 2 of 3 basis with 27 point cap; the third game if necessary, will be played to 15 points with no cap.
3. A ten minute grace period shall be allowed on a team's first scheduled game in pool play only before a forfeit/tournament disqualification is declared. (**Note:** If a team has five legal players at game time of their first scheduled game a grace period is not allowed; the game shall begin.)
4. Game balls are supplied by the teams. Each team shall supply one properly inflated official game volleyball in good playing condition for each game they play. If a Tachikara, Baden, Mikasa, Spalding, Molten, Mizuno or Wilson volleyball is available it shall be used. If two teams can not mutually agree on an official game ball and the referee determines both balls meet requirements a coin toss shall determine the game ball.
5. All teams must supply and wear jerseys with at least a 4" number (6" high is recommended) on either the front or the back of the jersey (number on front is recommended). Numbers on shorts or sleeves do not meet this requirement. Tape numbers are not acceptable. Shirt bodies must be the same color. Illegally uniformed player(s) shall be withheld from competition by their team until they become legal. If a player(s) violate this rule by entering the game prior to becoming legal they shall be disqualified from that game. (**Note:** In Co-Rec play men and women may wear jerseys of contrasting style and color, provided all (men's) and all (women's) jerseys are identical. (**Note:** In masters play reasonable exceptions to the jersey color rule will be allowed but all jerseys or sweatshirts must have a number.)
6. Headbands, sweatbands and bandanas are legal, but if any of these items fall off a player and lands on the floor, a point and serve shall be awarded.
7. Line judges will not be used. If necessary, honor calls are expected.
8. Charged time-outs shall not exceed 45 seconds and each team is limited to two time-outs per game. A minimum of three minutes shall be allowed for pre-game warm-up and the "three minute clock" shall start immediately following conclusion of preceding pool/match play set on the court. The time between games of a match shall be two minutes, which begins immediately after the winning point has been scored.
9. A men's or women's team may start, continue or finish a game with 4 players. A co-rec team may start, continue or finish a game with 4 or 5 players provided there are an equal or greater number of women in the game. (See Co-Rec Modifications.) If a fifth or sixth player arrives or returns they may not enter or reenter until the next game. When a team uses five players, three players shall be considered front row and two back row. The open position shall always be considered the center back. When a team uses four players, two are considered front row and two back row. The open positions shall always be considered as the center front and center back. When serving, four or five player teams are not penalized for the missing fifth or sixth player in the rotation.

10. The serve may not be touched until the entire ball completely crosses the plane of the net.
11. Back row players may attempt to block provided they do not touch the ball and are not part of a composite block in which the ball is touched. (See co-rec exception)
12. Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with play.

Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antenna, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.

A player interferes with the opponent's play by:

- touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm (2' 7.49") of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball, or
- taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or
- creating an advantage over the opponent, or
- making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.

13. Use of libero position is permitted if in a contrasting shirt.
14. Legal contact is a touch of the ball by a player's body above and including the foot.
15. A team is allowed a maximum of 10 substitutions per game. Starting the game is not considered a substitution.
16. The below rules apply to Class C men's, "C" women's and "C" co-rec play and a violation results in a point or side out.
  - a. No quick set/hit (ones-twos) or shoot sets allowed. (A quick set is approximately one-two feet above the net right next to the setter. A shoot set travels quickly about 1-3 feet above net toward the antennas.)
  - b. No fake spikes.
  - c. No jump serves or jump sets.
  - d. No roundhouse top-spin serves.
  - e. No back row attack by back row players.
  - f. No more than one current and/or two former college players or any combination thereof.  
(**Note:** The official signal given by the referee for a Class C playing rules violation shall be the right or left hand palm down putting top of head.)

In addition to the Class C Modifications and Procedures listed above the following modifications apply to Class D.

- a. No 6-0, 6-2 offense allowed.
- b. No middle (attack) sets allowed.
- c. Underhand serves are mandatory. (No sidearm serves)
- d. No current or former college players allowed.  
**Note:** The official signal for a Class C or D playing rule violation shall be the right or left hand, palm down patting top of head.
17. **Co-Rec modifications:**
  - a. Men and women shall be positioned alternately on the court. When an unequal number of men and women are in the line up, positions must alternate when possible.
  - b. Maximum of 12 substitutions per game are allowed.
  - c. When the ball is touched more than once by a player on a team, one of the contacts shall be made by a woman. (Blocking the ball is not considered a touch.)
  - d. One back court player (man or woman) may also block when there are less than two male players in the front row position.
  - e. At no time shall the number of men in the game exceed the number of women. (There must always be one man on the court).
  - f. Net height shall be 7' 11 5/8".
  - g. In co-rec play, it is permissible for the men and the women to wear contrasting shirt colors. (i.e. all men's shirts must be the same color and all women's shirts must be the same color.)
18. The tournament management reserves the right to switch officials during a two or three game set or match in an effort to keep the tournament running smoothly and on time. This is sometimes necessary due to a court which is running behind schedule. If possible, switches will be made **between** games of a set or match.
19. The tournament management reserves the right to switch a team's pool, prior to the start of pool play, to balance the number of teams in a pool(s).

## AWARDS

Team trophies to the first, second and third place finishers and individual awards to first and second place. Banner to championship team. **NOTE: In tournaments of eight teams or less, a third place trophy will not be awarded.**

## INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Organizations sponsoring invitational tournaments may advertise their event through the Federation free of charge. The tournament will be listed on the MSF website. To advertise your event, email the flyer to [staff@msf1.org](mailto:staff@msf1.org).

## GAME OFFICIALS

All officials who officiate MSF volleyball state tournaments must attend the pre-tournament clinics for state tournament officials/players. The date and time will be announced and the clinic will be held the week of state tournament play. To be eligible to officiate MSF state tournaments please contact Sports Federation offices.

It is highly recommended that all member leagues conduct a local clinic for their game officials/participants. The MSF State Rules Interpreter is available to provide this service. The clinician fee is \$35.00 plus mileage at the rate of \$.40. Please contact Federation offices if you desire this beneficial service.

# 2019 Minnesota Sports Federation

## state Tournament Schedule

### Tournament

### Date

### Site

AA/A Women's Volleyball

Sunday, March 24

Hutchinson Rec Center

B/C Women's Volleyball

Sunday, March 24

Becker High School

AA/A Co-Rec Volleyball

Sunday, April 7

Becker High School

B/C Co-Rec Volleyball

Sunday, April 7

Becker High School

Women's Masters (32) Men's (35)  
& Over Volleyball

Sunday May 5

Monticello High School





# Adult Volleyball State Championships



## Women's VB Class A

### CHAMPION:

Rambow/Lakes Area, Alexandria

2) Always On Top, Hutchinson	T-3) All About The Ace, Rockford	T-3) Renegades, Rochester
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## Women's VB Class B

### CHAMPION:

Holub's, Brooklyn Center

2) Serves You Right, Hutchinson	T-3) Prime Lending, St. Cloud	T-3) Pojo's Auto Body, St. Cloud
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## Women's VB Class C

### CHAMPION:

Smack That, Roseville

2) Lady Biscuits, St. Cloud	T-3) Snap Girls, Rockford	T-3) Dan's Auto Body, Winona
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## Women's VB Class CC

### CHAMPION:

Mike's Collision, New Ulm

2) Hard Hitters, Hutchinson	T-3) Prime Lending, St. Cloud	T-3) Some Spike It Hot, Hutchinson
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## Co-Rec VB Class A

### CHAMPION:

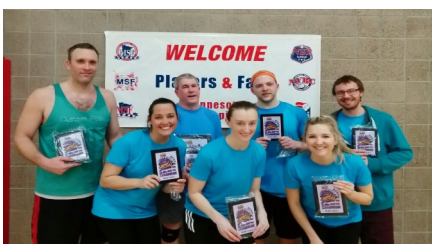
Flap Jacks,  
Hutchinson



## Co-Rec VB Class B

### CHAMPION:

Team Bob,  
Maple Grove



## Co-Rec VB Class C

### CHAMPION:

Sudden Impact, Roseville

2) ACC Transport, Hutchinson	3) Stone Creek Dairy, Sauk Centre
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## Master's VB Class A

### CHAMPION:

Brooke's Babes, Avon

2) Hot Mess, Forest Lake
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## Master's VB Class B

### CHAMPION:

Smack That, Plymouth

2) Aces, St. Cloud	T-3) All About The Ace, Waverly	T-3) Passing Fancy, Woodbury
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# 2019

## Men's (35 & Over), Women's (32 & Over) Masters Volleyball State Tournaments

### Dear League Directors and Team Managers,

Your team is invited to participate in the 25th Annual Minnesota Sports Federation Women's Masters - 32, Men's Masters - 35 Over Volleyball State Championships.

Participating teams will have the opportunity to compete for the MSF State Title.

The tournament will be conducted in a round robin/championship bracket format. The tournament guarantees teams plenty of playing time (eight games).

The trophies which are awarded are of distinction and top quality.

For further information on the Masters State Tournaments, please contact [perry@msf1.org](mailto:perry@msf1.org).

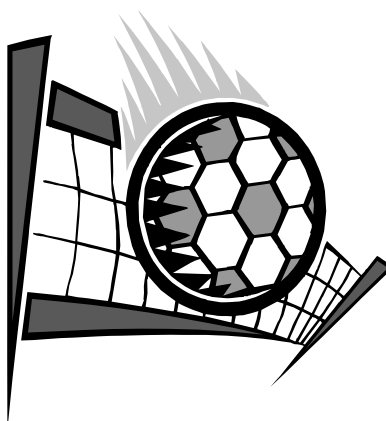
A reminder that the tournament deadline is Friday, April 26.

We look forward to hosting your team in the 25th Annual Masters State Championships.

Sincerely,

Perry Coonce  
Executive Director

Dan Bradley  
Program Administrator



### DATE/SITE:

May 5th, 2019 in Monticello.

### ENTRY FEE:

\$170.00

### ENTRY DEADLINE:

Friday, April 26, 2019



### ELIGIBILITY:

Male/Female players must be 35/32 and over as of December 31 of the current year. Teams can be composed of players from anywhere in the state as long as these players reside or work within the state boundaries.

Players participating in the masters division are also eligible to compete in one women's, men's and/or co-rec MSF classification postseason tournament.

### ROSTER LIMIT:

12 players including player/manager.

### AWARDS:

Appropriate awards will be presented to the first, second and third place finishers in the tournaments of eight or more teams and first and second place in tournaments of seven or less teams. Individual awards will be presented to the state champion and runner-up. A championship banner will also be awarded to the first place team.

### OFFICIALS:

MSHSL Registered

----- Minnesota Sports Federation Masters Volleyball State Championships Entry Form -----

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPORTS COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the class & division that best describes your team:    A    B            Men's    Women's

TEAM MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND \$170 ENTRY FEE AND FORM TO: MSF • 118 12th Ave N. • SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075**

YOU MAY ALSO ENTER ONLINE AT [WWW.MSF1.ORG/?CAT=21](http://WWW.MSF1.ORG/?CAT=21).

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## **2019 ADULT VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **Tournament**

#### **Date**

#### **Site**

**AA/A Women's Volleyball**

**March 24**

**Hutchinson**

**B/C Women's Volleyball**

**March 24**

**Hutchinson**

**AA/A Co-Rec Volleyball**

**April 7**

**Becker**

**B/C Co-Rec Volleyball**

**April 7**

**Becker**

**Women's (32) and Men's (35) Masters**

**May 5**

**Monticello**