**Volleyball Divisioning Criteria**

**DIVISION I**

Playing all High School Rules including:

1. Foot faults
2. In the net
3. Carries
4. Blocking serve

**CRITERIA**

1. Majority of servers (4 out of 6 starters) could serve 15 straight if not returned, other (1 or 2) could serve 6 – 8 straight, possible one who could not serve 6 – 8
2. Majority of players (4 out of 6 starters) can return a serve or a volley routinely; rest of the team occasionally
3. Majority of players can set teammates and play on ball set by teammates
4. Majority of starters would move for a ball

**DIVISION II**

Some leniency in rules:

1. Call all foot faults
2. Can touch net if does not interfere with opponent, but call if during attempt to spike, and call if at least whole foot touches past center line or interferes with opponent
3. Call only obvious carriers
4. Call spiking serve

**CRITERIA**

1. Half of starters could serve 15 straight if not returned. 1 or 2 could serve 6 – 8 straight if not returned. 1 or 2 have at least 50% of serves that would be good. 1 or 2 could not serve 50% from the back line
2. Half of the players can return a serve or volley routinely, 1 or 2 can return a serve or volley occasionally. 1 or 2 might return a serve or volley hit right to them, if in the front row
3. Half of the starters can set a teammate and play on ball set by teammates
4. Half of the starters would move for a ball

**DIVISION III**

Added leniency in rules:

1. Call foot faults if whole foot is over line
2. Can touch net if does not interfere with opponents – call if more than one foot is touching under net or interferes with opponents
3. Call only very obvious carries
4. Call spiking a serve

**CRITERIA**

1. 1 or 2 players could serve 15 straight if not retuned. 1 or 2 would regularly serve 6 – 8 straight if not returned. 1 or 2 would have at least 50% of serves good. 1 or 2 could serve at least 50% of the served good.
2. 1 or 2 players can return a serve or a volley routinely. 1 or 2 can return a serve or volley occasionally. 1 or 2 might return a serve or volley hit right to them if in the front row. 1 or 2 players who rarely would return a serve or volley event if hit right to them when in the front row.
3. 1 or 2 players can set a teammate and play on a ball set by teammates.
4. 1 or 2 players would move for a ball

**DIVISION IV**

Increased leniency in rules:

1. Call foot faults if whole foot is over line, may move service line closer to the net, but not closer than 14’9” but if server is reaching back row they should serve from end line
2. Any touching of the net or going under the net allowed first time if it does not interfere with opponents playing the ball. Warn athletes, if same athlete repeats, then call as in Division III
3. Call only catch and throw
4. Can block serve

**CRITERIA**

1. Half of the starters could serve 5 straight serves in, if not returned from either end line or 3 feet in. 1 or 2 starters at least 50% of serves would be good from either line. 1 or 2 starters could not serve at least 50% of serves good from line 3 feet in
2. 1 or 2 players can return a serve or volley occasionally. 1 or 2 might return a serve or volley hit right to them if in the front row. 1 or 2 players rarely would return a serve or volley event if hit right to them when in the front row.
3. 1 or 2 players might set a teammate or play on a ball hit by a teammate
4. 1 or 2 players might move for a ball

**DEVELOPMENTAL DIVISION**

1. Very lenient on rules similar to Division IV.
2. Play on smaller court, lower net, lighter, larger ball.

**Rule Reminders:**

Rules for volleyball are available through the state office and online at www.soiow.org. Please review these rules

and make sure your team is trained and aware of the proper play. Rally scoring will be used with pool play in the morning and match play in the afternoon. Please have players line up at the net and shake hands with opposing team at the conclusion of the game.

**Rules Committee:**

There will not be a coaches meeting. However if problems arise, the rules committee should be informed. It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure the athletes know the rules. Divisions I, II, and III play by the rules. In Division

IV the service line may be moved closer to the net, but no closer than 14' 9" to the net. We will use the five point service rule. Once a player has scored 5 points there will an automatic sideout. Rules Committee members are Ray Strekal, Rob Wagner, Nadine McNeal and Rhonda Schwarzkopf.

**Competition:**

Rally scoring will be used in all divisions. In rally scoring is every time the ball is served a point is scored. In the Developmental Division all competition will be single games, with the winners being the first team to 15 points by 2. In all other divisions there will be pool play in the morning, consisting of single games with the winners being the first team to 15 point by 2. This will provide the seeding. In the afternoon we will have match play. 2 out of 3 games in a single elimination format or round robin format.