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Dear Athletic Directors and Volleyball Coaches,

As we move further into the fall sports season, I hope your volleyball programs are enjoying a successful and rewarding year. Thank you for the time and commitment you continue to give to your student-athletes and to the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA). Your efforts play an important role in maintaining the quality and competitiveness of independent school athletics throughout Virginia.

With postseason play approaching, I would like to share some important information regarding the **2026 VISAA Volleyball State Tournament**, including tournament dates, ranking procedures, eligibility requirements, and postseason expectations.

2026 VISAA Volleyball State Tournament

The tournament will feature the top eight teams from each of the four divisions. Quarterfinal and semifinal matches will be hosted by the higher-seeded teams.

Tournament Schedule

- **Quarterfinals:** Tuesday, November 10 – Higher Seeds
- **Semifinals:** Thursday, November 12 – Higher Seeds
- **State Championships:** Saturday, November 14 – The Steward School

Championship Match Times

- Division IV – 10:00 AM
- Division III – 12:00 PM
- Division II – 2:00 PM
- Division I – 4:00 PM

Membership and Tournament Eligibility

Participation in VISAA postseason competition is limited to member schools that have completed their registration and paid the required membership dues. Membership ensures that eligible programs receive consideration for weekly rankings, postseason tournament selection, and individual All-State recognition. Please understand that membership does not guarantee a postseason invitation.

Volleyball programs are assigned to one of four divisions based on the girls' enrollment figures submitted through the VISAA membership process.

The divisional breakdown is as follows:

- **Division I:** More than 161
- **Division II:** 76–160
- **Division III:** 47–75
- **Division IV:** Fewer than 46

The current divisional alignments can be viewed [here](#).

Weekly Rankings and MaxPreps Reporting

Throughout the season, the VISAA Volleyball Committee will publish weekly rankings highlighting the top teams in each division. These rankings will be distributed to athletic directors and coaches and posted on the [VISAA website](#).

Maintaining accurate and complete information on MaxPreps is essential for every program seeking postseason consideration.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that all schedules and match results are entered into [MaxPreps](#) in a timely manner. This includes regular-season contests, preseason matches, tournaments, and non-conference competition in which a winner was determined, regardless of whether the match was played as a best-of-three or best-of-five format.

Please remember that matches against schools whose rosters include homeschool players cannot be included in your official VISAA record.

The committee will review and vote on rankings each Sunday. To help ensure an accurate evaluation of your program, we ask that all match results be updated prior to Sunday voting.

Programs that fail to report results for two consecutive weeks will receive notification and may be removed from consideration for future rankings and postseason competition.

Ranking and Selection Criteria

The Volleyball Committee evaluates teams using several factors to provide a fair and comprehensive assessment of each program. These include:

- Overall win-loss record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results against common opponents
- Strength of schedule
- Performance against ranked teams within the division
- Weekly evaluations and reports submitted by committee members assigned to follow specific programs

While overall records are important, the committee considers the complete body of work when determining rankings and tournament selections.

Final Rankings and Tournament Pairings

The final rankings and state tournament brackets will be released following the committee's final review.

When determining tournament seeds and first-round matchups, the committee will also consider opportunities to reduce excessive travel and avoid conference opponents meeting in the opening round whenever possible.

Additional Postseason Information

All participating schools should familiarize themselves with the VISAA Sports Guidelines, available in the members-only section of the VISAA website.

Schools selected to host postseason matches should carefully review the tournament hosting procedures to ensure all VISAA requirements are met.

Additional tournament details and reminders will be shared as we approach the conclusion of the regular season.

Thank you again for your continued support of VISAA volleyball and for everything you do to provide meaningful athletic opportunities for your student-athletes. We appreciate your cooperation throughout the ranking and selection process and look forward to another exciting postseason.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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