

**PIAA DISTRICT XI GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Presented by St. Luke's University Health Network**  
**2016**

**DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

**A & AA**

Tuesday, October 25	First Round/Quarters	Time TBA	@ Higher Seed
Thursday, October 27	Semi-finals	5:30/7:00 PM	TBD
Tuesday, November 1	Finals	5:30 or 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, November 3	"AA" Play-in game @ District 11	Time TBA	@ District 11

**AAA**

Wednesday, October 26	First Round/Quarters	Time TBA	@ Higher Seed
Tuesday, November 1	Semifinals	5:30/7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, November 3	Finals	5:30 or 7:00 PM	TBD

**AAAA**

<b>Saturday, October 29</b>	<b>First Round/Quarters</b>	<b>Time TBA</b>	<b>@ Higher Seed</b>
Tuesday, November 1	Semi-finals	5:30/7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, November 3	Finals	5:30 or 7:00 PM	TBD

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONSHIP:**

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**ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT XI GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

- A. District XI league champions will automatically qualify for District XI Girls Volleyball Playoffs and will be seeded before the other teams in their respective classifications. To be recognized, a league must include at least five District XI teams.
- B. Teams finishing in the top 6 places in the district ranking in Class A and AAA, the top 4 in Class AA and the top 8 in Class AAAA will qualify for the District XI playoffs.
- C. Teams that have won 50% or more of their league games or 50% or more of their total scheduled games, regardless of ranking, will also be eligible.
- D. Class 4A is a sub-region that includes three schools from District 2. (Hazleton, Delaware Valley, and Wyoming Valley West)
- E. Only games scheduled **prior** to the beginning of the Girls Volleyball season will be considered.
- F. Teams must have played 8 matches to be eligible for qualification.
- G. All games completed by **9 PM on Saturday, October 22, 2016**, will be counted toward entrance into the District XI Girls Volleyball Tournament. **To be considered for tournament play, all schools must complete electronic data entry by 11 PM Saturday, October 22, 2016.**

**METHOD OF SEEDING:** The District XI Power Rating System will be used to seed teams with teams earning preferential seed going to the top of the seeds. Each league girls' volleyball chairman shall inform the District XI Volleyball Chair by Saturday, **October 22, 2016** by 9:00p.m. Tournament Brackets and times are to be posted by **NOON** on **Sunday, October 23, 2016** on the District XI website.

- A. Seeding will be based on the entire regular season schedule. League play-offs and scrimmages are not to be included.
- B. Current standings and results will be available season-long on the District XI website under the Girls Volleyball links.
- C. League champions will be top seeded. They will be seeded according to the rating system noted above. The bracket will be seeded through the minimum qualifying teams (A-6, AA-4, AAA-6, AAAA-8). Teams

that have won 50% of their league or 50% of their total games will also qualify. Seeding method will be done as per District XI policy; league champions first, then minimum qualifiers by ranking, then .500 teams by ranking.

**GAME LOCATIONS:** All first round and quarter-final games will be played on the home site of the upper-seeded team. All games are to begin at 6:00 p.m., unless other arrangements are secured with the volleyball chairman. The visiting team is responsible for contacting the home team to make sure the uniforms are of contrasting color.

**FINANCES:** Reimbursement and expenses will be paid in accordance with District XI Policy.

**ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS:** Officials will be assigned by the District XI Male and Female Officials Representatives in conjunction with the District XI Volleyball Chairperson. Officials will be paid by the District at the conclusion of the tournament. 4 person crews will be used for all games.

**SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT:** PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let all contests reflect mutual respect. Coaches will certify prior to the contest that teams are legally equipped according to the rules of that contest.

**TOURNAMENT MANAGERS:** Assigned by the District XI Volleyball Chairperson.

**TICKET PRICES:**

All Rounds:                      Students/Senior Citizens   - \$3.00                      Adults - \$ 6.00

**AWARDS PRESENTED FOR EACH SPORT:**

Championship Trophy for each classification Champion  
15 gold and silver medals will be awarded in each class

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Each school is responsible to provide for their own trainer. District XI will have medical service on call. The **top seeded team** will be the home team, regardless of their position in the bracket. Seeding is only recognized for sites on the first and second rounds of play. For the semifinal and final games, the sites are chosen by the District Committee and consideration is given for TV coverage in selecting the sites.

**GAME REGULATIONS**

- A. The higher seeded team will be the home team. The visiting team is responsible for making sure their uniforms are of contrasting color with the home team.
- B. Each team is required to furnish three (3) official game condition volleyballs meeting the National Federation Rules and PIAA requirements. (see OFFICIAL BALL below)
- C. First and second place medals will be presented to the first fifteen (15) individuals from each school at the conclusion of the championship game. Additional medals may be purchased for remaining individual team members at the discretion of each school (see section on ordering additional medals in this handbook).
- D. All District XI Championship teams will be committed to represent this district in the State Tournament per the tournament bracketing and playoff information. **State Tournament information, when received, should be reviewed very carefully by each school to assure that our District XI winners will meet State deadlines.**

**OFFICIAL BALL:** All Participants in the tournament must use the **Rawlings** Ball PIAAVB1001 (VB1001). The ball must be red, white, and blue.

**WARM-UPS:** District XI will use a 6-7-7 format for warm-ups. The coin toss will take place 25 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. After the coin toss, the following warm-up schedule will be used:

- 6 minutes of warm-ups/ stretching for both teams
- 7 minutes for serving team
- 7 minutes for receiving team

Scheduled teams may occupy their court for purposes of stretching prior to competition. However, no balls shall be permitted on the court until the scheduled warm-up time, unless permission has been granted by the Tournament Director. Matches will not be permitted to begin prior to the published Tournament schedule starting time.

**SCORING:** Each match shall consist of best of five, 25-point (no cap), 2-point advantage rally scoring sets. If a fifth game is necessary, it will be a 15 point (no cap) 2-point advantage rally scoring set. The team that is the winner of the greater number of games in each match shall be declared the winner.