

Spring Branch Independent School District Middle School Volleyball Policies 2025

Team Organization

- A. The participation numbers will determine the number of teams per school. No player shall be “cut” from the volleyball program.
- B. Players on teams 1 and 2 may be assigned to an athletic period. Players on all subsequent teams may or may not be assigned to an athletic period. This is a site-based decision made by each campus administration.
- C. Team members of team 1 and team 2 are assigned to one of these two teams based on their skill level at the time of team tryouts. Additional teams in excess of team 2 will have team membership determined by a draw or lottery.
- D. Teams 1 and Team 2 should have at least 10-12 members each. Teams 3-12, if available, shall be comprised of approximately 12-15 members each.

Regular Season & Tournaments

- A. Regular season matches will be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) matches with no more than two (2) tournaments. No more than one match per week will be played. One tournament may be played in the same week as a match.
- B. The 2025 UIL Sportsmanship Announcement (The Texas Way) will be read prior to each match and during if necessary.
 - a. Make an announcement towards the conclusion of the match to remind fans to stay in the bleacher area and off the court.
- C. Players who are moved up for a match must stay moved up on that team for the remainder of the season unless approved by Coach Stokebrand.
- D. Coaches are to keep the results of each match. At the conclusion of each match, the coach will update the results into Rank One.
 - a. **The home team coach is responsible for recording the match results in the provided Google Doc by 12 noon the next day.**
- E. Coach Stokebrand will confirm officials are assigned in RefTown each week prior to the day of the match. If the officials are late, start the game with a coach officiating until at least one official arrives.
- F. Coaches are to contact the opponent each week to confirm the match, site, and times prior to the day of the match.
- G. Coaches are to call the opponent before the game if you know you will be late.

- H. Teams will switch benches, unless opposing coaches mutually agree to remain on the same bench throughout the match.
- I. Coaches receiving a red card and/or ejection from a contest will sit out the next contest. A player receiving a red card should be immediately removed from the contest and will also miss the next contest. SBISD Athletic Directors will review each ejection on a case-by-case basis to determine if the coach or player ejected needs to miss additional contests.
- J. All teams will participate in one tournament with the other SBISD school teams.
 - a. 3-12 Tournament will be Pool Play on Saturday, September 20.
 - i. Locations TBD.
 - b. B Tournament will be Bracket Play on Saturday, October 4.
 - i. 7B – Memorial MS
 - ii. 8B – Northbrook MS
 - a. 3-12 team players may move up for B Team Tournament if necessary and approved by Coach Stokebrand.
 - b. B team roster limit - 8 maximum when moving 3-12 players up.
 - c. 3-12 player must move back down to 3-12 team after B Tournament.
 - c. A Tournament will be Bracket Play on Saturday, October 18.
 - i. 7A – Spring Branch MS
 - ii. 8A – Landrum MS
 - a. B team players may move up for A Team Tournament if necessary and approved by Coach Stokebrand.
 - b. A team roster limit - 8 maximum when moving B players up.

Match Regulations—Teams A and B

- A. 2 out of 3 sets will be played to 25 points with a cap at 30 using rally scoring. The third set will be played to 25 with a cap at 30. **No Developmental Set will be played this year.**
- B. Results of each match shall be kept by each coach and recorded in Rank One.
- C. The home team coach is responsible for recording the match results in the Google Docs.**
- D. Warm-up is 4-4-2.
- E. Let serve shall be allowed.
- F. Each team is limited to two timeouts per set.
- G. Timeouts may be taken consecutively without play between them.
- H. All National Federation High School (NFHS) rules will be in effect.
- I. The Athletic Office will secure two officials. They may be rated or from a locally secured group of men and women.
- J. The home team will provide two people for each match:
 - a. A scorekeeper (book). It is required that the official scorekeeper (book) be an adult.
 - b. An official timer (clock) to keep the score on the scoreboard.
- K. Each participating team will be responsible for furnishing one qualified player as a line judge for each match.
- L. All players are encouraged to serve overhand. Coaches will use discretion for overhand servers not able to complete the serve from the end line. Underhand serves are permitted in 7th and 8th grade on all levels.
 - a. **For 7th grade only:** Painter's Tape will be placed 6 feet in from the end line to allow athletes to overhand serve closer to the net.
 - i. No underhand serve from inside the court.

- ii. After 3 successful overhand serves in a row from this spot, athletes must move back to the end line and continue to serve from the end line for the remainder of the match.
- iii. Once server commits to serving location, foot fault rule is in effect.
- iv. The last match we will use the 6-foot serving line will be Thursday, September 25. (Match #4).

Match Regulations—Teams 3-12

- A. 2 out of 3 sets will be played to 25 points with a cap of 30 using rally scoring. The third set will be played to 15 with a cap of 20. **No Developmental Set will be played this year.**
- B. Results of each match shall be kept by each coach and recorded in Rank One.
- C. The home team coach is responsible for recording the match results in Google Docs.**
- D. Warm-up is 4-4-2.
- E. Let serve shall be allowed.
- F. Each team is limited to two timeouts per set.
- G. Timeouts may be taken consecutively without play between them.
- H. All National Federation Rules will be in effect.
- I. The Athletic Office will secure two officials. They may be rated or from a locally secured group of men and women.
- J. The home team will provide two people for each match:
 - a. A scorekeeper (book). It is required that the official scorekeeper (book) be an adult.
 - b. An official timer (clock) to keep the score on the scoreboard.
- K. Each participating team will be responsible for furnishing one qualified player as a line judge for each match.
- L. Each player must be allowed to serve at least once per set before they are substituted for.
- M. All players are encouraged to serve overhanded. Coaches will use discretion for overhand servers not able to complete the serve from the end line. Underhand serves are permitted in 7th and 8th grade on all levels.
 - a. **For 7th and 8th grade:**
 - i. No server shall serve more than 5 consecutive points. After 5 points have been scored the ball shall be returned to the opposing team without a loss of point being scored.
 - b. **For 7th grade only:** Painter's Tape will be placed 6 feet in from the end line to allow athletes to overhand serve closer to the net.
 - i. No underhand serve from inside the court.
 - ii. After 3 successful overhand serves in a row from the 6-foot serving line, athletes must move back to the end line and continue to serve from the end line for the remainder of the match.
 - iii. Once server commits to serving location, foot fault rule is in effect.
 - iv. The 6-foot serving line will be in effect all season.
 - v. No server shall serve more than 5 consecutive points. After 5 points have been scored the ball shall be returned to the opposing team without a loss of point being scored.