

PIAA DISTRICT XI GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Presented by St. Luke's University Health Network
2026

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

DATES & LOCATIONS ARE TENTATIVE

Monday, October 26	Pigtails (if needed – 3A, 4A, 6A)		
Tuesday, October 27	1A Quarterfinals	HIGHER SEED	(If needed)
	2A Quarterfinals	HIGHER SEED	(If needed)
	3A Quarterfinals	HIGHER SEED	
	4A Quarterfinals	HIGHER SEED	
Wednesday, October 28	6A Quarterfinals	HIGHER SEED	
Thursday, October 29	3A Semifinals	TBD	
	4A Semifinals	TBD	
Monday, November 2	1A Semifinals	MINERSVILLE	
	2A Semifinals	MARTZ HALL	
Tuesday, November 3	3A Final	TBD	
	4A Final	TBD	
	5A Semifinals	TBD	
	6A Semifinals	CATASAUQUA	
Wednesday, November 4	1A Final	MARTZ HALL	
	2A Final	MARTZ HALL	
Thursday, November 5	5A Final	CATASAUQUA	
	6A Final	CATASAUQUA	
	Possible play-in games for 3A & 4A (2 nd seeds)		
	** Awaiting PIAA approval		

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 all classifications that are not part of a sub-regional. Classifications that are part of a sub-regional will not have preferential seeding to league champions. To be recognized, a league must include at least five District XI teams.
- B. Teams finishing in the top 4 places in the district ranking in Class 1A, 2A and 5A, the top 6 in Class 3A and Class 4A, and the top 8 in 6A 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. Only games scheduled **prior** to the beginning of the Girls Volleyball season will be considered.
- E. Teams must have played **8** matches to be eligible for qualification.
- F. All games completed by **11 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, 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 Wednesday, October 21, 2026.**

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 no later than Saturday, **October 24, 2026** by 9:00 AM. Tournament Brackets and times are to be posted no later than **NOON** on **Sunday, October 25, 2026** on the District XI website.

- A. Seeding will be based on the entire dual match regular season schedule. League play-offs, in-season tournaments and scrimmages are not to be included.
- B. Current rankings 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 (1A-4, 2A-4, 3A-6, 4A-6, 5A-4, 6A-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 games will be played on the home site of the upper-seeded team. All single games are to begin at 6:00 PM, unless other arrangements are secured with the volleyball chairman. Double-header times are 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM. 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: The District XI Volleyball assignor in consultation with the District XI Volleyball Chairperson will assign Officials. District XI will pay officials 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: All tickets - \$ 7.00

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 **higher 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 two (2) 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 District XI 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 **Baden** Ball Perfection VX5EC-210. 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.

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CLASS	SCHOOLS	DXIQ	SQ	NOTES
1A	6	4	1	
2A	7	4	1	
3A	10	6	1*	Shared with D4 – 2026 (4-2), 2027 (11-2)
4A	10	6	1*	Shared with D12 – 2026 (11-2), 2027 (12-4)
5A	4	4	1	
6A	13	8	2	

	1A	2A	3A
1	Marian Catholic	Shenandoah Valley	Allentown CC
2	Nativity	Schuylkill Haven	LV Academy
3	Weatherly	Innovative Arts	Salisbury
4	Bethlehem Christian	Minersville	Tamaqua
5	Salem Christian	Lincoln Leadership	Palmerton
6	Lehigh Christian	Tri Valley	Pine Grove Area
7		Williams Valley	Pen Argyl
8			Catasauqua
9			Executive Education
10			Mahanoy Area
	4A	5A	6A
1	ES North	PM East	Parkland
2	Blue Mountain	Pleasant Valley	William Allen
3	Saucon Valley	Southern Lehigh	Emmaus
4	Lehighton	Pottsville	Easton
5	Notre Dame GP		Liberty
6	North Schuylkill		Northampton
7	Northwestern Lehigh		Freedom
8	Panther Valley		PM West
9	Jim Thorpe		Dieruff
10	Bethlehem Catholic		Nazareth
11			ES South
12			Whitehall
12			Stroudsburg

STATE QUALIFIERS

	2026	2027
1A	1-1	12-1
2A	1-1	@ 1-1
3A-1	@ 1/12-1	2-1
3A-2		@ 1/12-1
4A-1	3-3	12-3
4A-2	@ 2-1	
5A	1-4	3-4
6A-1	1-4	
6A-2	@ 2/4-1	