

## **GHSA/GVCA Volleyball Area Coordinators Manual**

### *Guidelines to Understand*

- The GHSA does not mandate how each area determines what teams advance to the state tournament, only the number of teams advancing (4 teams from each area). The GVCA encourages each area to conduct an area championship tournament to determine the 4 teams to advance. For area schools, these decisions lie solely with the coaches of the area schools. A GHSA selected committee will reseed the Elite 8 teams.
- As the Area Coordinator, you are the most important piece in the chain of communication. Area Coordinators must be diligent in passing on information from the GHSA and GVCA to their area coaches. Familiarize yourself with all information contained in this document.

### *Area Coordinator Responsibilities*

Coordinate with your area teams and decide the following:

1. The area tournament does not fall under the same guidelines as a regular season tournament. The tournament may be spread out over three or more days, as needed. When setting up the area tournament schedule, coordinators should try to avoid the making a team play more than three matches in a single day. There should never be a situation where a team plays more than four matches in one day.
  2. Areas may choose between a single elimination tournament, a double elimination tournament or the regular season standings to establish the four teams that advance to the state tournament.
    - A. When the area tournament is a double elimination event, all matches except the championship match will use the best of three format. For the championship, the format will be a single, best of five match. Even in the double elimination tournament, there will not be an "if" match played after the single best of five match. The best of five format is used in place of playing two best of three matches to determine the champion.
  3. Other Area Considerations:
    - A. How many times will teams play each other?
    - B. Will you have an area tournament? If so, what will be the format of the tournament? Single or double elimination? Criteria for seeding the teams for the tournament. Who will host the tournament? Date(s) of the tournament? How will the cost be covered?
    - C. Method to determine the ranking of those advancing to the state tournament if no tournament is used.
    - D. Will the area have an All-Area Team? If so, what methodology will be used to determine the team? How will coaches nominate players for consideration? (example: Attachment 1 and 2). How many players will be on the team? Will awards be given? If so, what awards and how will the awards be paid for?
    - E. Will the area have a coach of the year? If so, what methodology will be used to determine the person? Will an award be given? If so, what award and how will the award be paid for?
- Produce and distribute an area schedule and tournament brackets (if applicable) to the coaches in your area (see attachment 3 and 4). Send a copy to your GHSA representative for your classification. Send a copy to your official's coordinator. Strive to have this done by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Post results of area matches to <http://ga.prepcountry.com> if not already done so by the area coaches (within one (1) day of completion of the match).
  - Ensure that the host school for the area tournament knows the GHSA admission fee guidelines and the requirements for hosting an area tournament. Insure that the host institution is given the necessary paperwork to report income/expenses to the GHSA. Advise that the local school athletic director can assist.
  - Coordinate the purchase and presentation of all area awards, if applicable. Delegate☺
  - Notify your GHSA representative as soon as the teams advancing are determined and their rank.

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  - Ensure that your area coaches are members of the GVCA.
  - Ensure that your area coaches know the GHSA dates and deadlines for competition as published by the GHSA. No regular season matches may take place after the GHSA submission deadline for state qualifiers.
  - Remind area coaches to complete the yearly online coaches clinic at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net)

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*All -State Selection Process* (share with each Area Head Coach)

1. All nominations are done by the players Head Coach using [www.ga.prepcountry.com](http://www.ga.prepcountry.com)
2. Each Head Coach has the responsibility to nominate his/her players (grades 9-12).
3. Opening and closing dates will be published each season on [www.gavolleyball.net](http://www.gavolleyball.net) and A.C.'s will receive email notification.
4. Make sure your coaches know these dates.
5. A selection committee will meet to select up to 12 players in each classification.

*Senior All Star Process*

1. Senior All Star nominations are done by the players Head Coach using [www.ga.prepcountry.com](http://www.ga.prepcountry.com)
2. Statewide voting will then open and each Head Coach can then vote for the players that stand out as the best senior players in the state.
3. The top 40 players receiving votes will be invited to participate in the All Star Event.
4. Each Head Coach has the responsibility to nominate his/her senior player/s.
5. Opening and closing dates will be published each season on [www.gavolleyball.net](http://www.gavolleyball.net), [ga.prepcountry.com](http://ga.prepcountry.com) will send weekly reminders, and A.C.'s will receive email notification.
6. Make sure your area coaches know these dates.
7. This is not a team award for the best senior on a team. The Senior All Star vote should be given to a player considered as one of the best senior players in the state.
8. Only GVCA member schools are eligible to participate.

Websites to know: (Please share with your Area Coaches.)

<http://ga.prepcountry.com/> used to post schedules, results, find state brackets, etc.

[www.gavolleyball.net](http://www.gavolleyball.net) the Georgia Volleyball Coaches Associations website

[www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com) officials scheduling website used by AAOA

[www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org) American Volleyball Coaches Association

[www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net) Georgia High School Association – beginning/ending dates, rules, online coaches clinic

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## Attachment 1

### 2009 AREA 6AAA All Area Watch List

#### Example Only

Please start watching the following players during our area play in order to vote for the All-Area Team at the conclusion of the area tournament on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. The All-Area awards will be presented at the area finals on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be six players on the All- Area Team and one Player of the Year (who will not be on the All-Area Team).

<u>Team</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Jersey #</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>
Blue	Sally Smith	#12	OH	12 <sup>th</sup>
Green	Jane Doe	#4	S	10 <sup>th</sup>
Green	Mary Parks	#7	MB	11 <sup>th</sup>
Red	Susie Short	#21	MB	12 <sup>th</sup>
Etc...				

## Attachment 2

### 2009 Area 7 AA/A All-Area Ballot

#### Example Only

Please vote for the six players for the All-Area Team by placing a “A” next to the player’s name. To vote for a player for the Player of the Year, place a “P” in the box next to the players’ name. Player of the year votes will also count as All-Area votes if the player is not voted as Player of the year.

	Team	Player	Jersey #	Position	Class
___	Blue	Sally Smith	#12	OH	12 <sup>th</sup>
___	Green	Jane Doe	#11	OH	10 <sup>th</sup>
___	Green	Mary Parks	#3	MB	12 <sup>th</sup>
___	Red	Susie Short	#21	setter	12 <sup>th</sup>

Etc....

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Attachment 3

2010 Area 3 AAA Volleyball  
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**EXAMPLE ONLY**

(\*) These matches do not count in area standings  
\_\_\_ Denotes Home team

*If 2 of 3 matches:*

**September 13, 2010 @ Blue**

**Court 1**

5:30pm Blue vs. Black  
6:30pm Blue vs. Red

**Court 2**

5:30pm Red vs. White  
6:30pm Black vs. White

**September 20, 2010 @ Green**

**Court 1**

5:30pm Blue vs. White  
6:30pm Blue vs. Purple

**Court 2**

5:30pm Green vs. Purple  
6:30pm White vs. Green

Etc...

*If 3 of 5 match:*

Varsity can play one (1) 3 out of 5 match on any given school night. The best 3 of 5 format is only for Non-Area dual matches.

Suggestion: play 9<sup>th</sup>, JV match before the varsity match. 9<sup>th</sup> and JV can only play 2 of 3.

**September 27, 2010 @ Green**

5:00pm	JV Blue vs. <u>JV Green</u>	2/3
6:30pm	Var. Blue vs. <u>Var. Green</u>	3/5

**Oct. 9, 2010 @ Red**

Area Tournament

## **Season and Tournament Guidelines**

- A. During the area regular season, all teams will play each other once. All matches will be best 2 of 3 games to 25 points.
- B. Area Tournament will be seeded based on won/loss ratio for all qualified area matches. Tie-breaking procedures are listed below.
- C. During the area tournament, all matches except the finals will be best 2 of 3 games to 25 points. The finals will be best 3 of 5 games to 25 points with the fifth game being to 15 points. The tournament will be a modified double-elimination tournament.
- D. During the regular season, payment for the officials will be done according to GHSA guidelines.
- E. The winner of the area tournament will be the #1 seed for the state sectionals, the second place team will be the #2 seed for the state sectionals, the third place team will be the #3 seed for the state sectional, and the fourth place team will be the #4 seed for the state sectional.
- F. The area will award the following: 2 trophies (Tournament Champion and Runner-up), naming an All-Area Team (medals or certificate) and an Area Player of the Year (Plaque), and Area Coach of the Year (plaque).
- G. All teams in the area will be responsible for the cost of the area tournament. The Area Coordinator will bill each team prior to area tournament.

### **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

If 2 or more teams are tied in terms of match records (qualifying matches only) within the area for a seeding spot in the area tournament, the following criteria will be used to break the tie.

- 1) Head-to-Head Results.
- 2) Game Percentage (games won/total games played) for matches between tied teams.
- 3) Point Differential (points won – points lost) for matches between tied teams.
- 4) Game Percentage (games won/total games played) for all area matches.
- 5) Point Differential (points won – points lost) for all area matches.
- 6) Coin Toss.
- 7) Repeat steps 1 – 7 if needed.