



KVCA Kentucky Boys High School Volleyball Initiative

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association intends to bring boys volleyball to Kentucky high schools!

Boys high school volleyball participation has increased 33% over the past 10 years. In college, men's volleyball has added nearly 100 programs since 2011. It is time for Kentucky to jump on board and join the rest of the country!

Why Now?

- Opportunities for boys to play in college have never been greater. These teams need players!
 - In Kentucky we now have 3 college programs with potentially more to come: **Thomas Moore College** (DIII), **Midway University** (NAIA), **Campbellsville University** (NAIA)
- Volleyball is a safe sport. One that can be played long into adulthood.
- Volleyball is inexpensive to add. Schools already have the available gym space, equipment, and potentially the coaches. Operating costs are estimated at between \$1,500 and \$5,000 depending on coaching salaries.

Season Structure

Once basketball season ends, boys' volleyball can begin. Practice and open gyms begin late February/early March. Matches begin mid-March and continue through early/mid-May. Teams play about 16 matches over an 8-week schedule. Yearend tournament at MidAmerica East Sports Complex in Louisville in potential partnership with KBVA

KHSAA Sport Sponsorship

KHSAA polls high school in 3-year cycles to determine if a sport should receive state sanction/sponsor. A sport requires a least 50 schools to say they will sponsor a team and participate in the postseason in order for the KHSAA to sponsor the sport. Next round of polling will take place 2020-21 academic year.

Until the 50-program amount is reached, any school can choose to sponsor volleyball as a club sport.

How Do We Get 50 Programs?

The KVCA plans to establish a base of programs in Louisville, Lexington, and Northern Kentucky and grow from there. It may require that some schools band together in order to start a team. If a school or group of schools from another region of the state is willing to add a team, they will of course be accepted.

How Do You Get Started?

The KVCA needs allies and investment from all levels of the volleyball community. This includes coaches, administrators, parents, and athletes. If you want boys' volleyball at your school, please contact **Brad Wilson** at Bradley.wilson@avca.org. He can share more details, as well as a signup sheet to build interest in your community.



Help us bring boys volleyball to your school!