

Name	Associate Commissioner Butch Cope
Topic	Sports Report
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Sport	Fall Volleyball
Positive Developments and Highlights	Season completed and no major issues. Positive feedback on the change to the jewelry rule.
Championship Update/Review	State First Rounds were well attended and staff will be working to provide feedback to the development of postseason site specs to host. This was the first year of the six-year rotation that was adopted to assist with travel. All State First Round matches were played on Monday.
Officials Update/Review	We finished the year with 562 licensed officials compared to 566 in 22-23, however of the 562, 93 were new first-time officials. We had 9 junior officials to register. We must work with our Assigners as well as schools and lower levels of play to ensure that opportunities exist for the junior officials to gain training and the ability to work matches.
Fiscal and Budget Issues and Review (attendance, etc.)	While final figures have not been finalized, state finances were down around \$2,000. This is with the ticket prices including fees this year, rather than ticket price plus fees last year.
Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes	Continue to discuss with staff the implementation of boys' volleyball in 2025 and how that will affect the registration process of officials.