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**Topic**

Sports Report

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**Sport**

Spring Boys Volleyball

**Positive Developments  
and Highlights**

Being the first year to sanctioned boys' volleyball this year, things went really well. We started out with about 70 schools that declared they would compete and ended up with 60. Those 10 schools that didn't complete shared they would likely be fielding a team in 25-26.

**Issues of Concern  
(legal, playing Rules,  
fiscal management,  
etc.)**

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, state associations may adopt the use of a non-smooth or textured volleyball. There are no restrictions on color or shape of panels for textured volleyballs.

**Championship  
Update/Review**

Both first and second rounds of the State Tournament were held on campus sites. There was some challenges in the turnaround time in schedule of play, but schools worked together to avoid conflicts as best they could. GRC was a great hos for the semifinals and finals and while it was on a Tuesday this year, staff and host site are working to be able to schedule that during the previous weekend for 2026.

**Officials  
Update/Review**

A couple of regions reported lower numbers than expected. All others had sufficient numbers. For 25-26 the rules clinic for both boys' and girls' will be one clinic.

**Fiscal and Budget  
Issues and Review  
(attendance, etc.)**

We will continue to review and monitor the budget to get a good 2-3 years of data to share with the Board.

**Noteworthy Changes /  
Anticipates Changes**

None at this time.