



MINNESOTA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: SPRING 2021

History: The MN Boys High School Volleyball Association was established in 2018. With the support of Hugh McCutcheon, Walt Weaver, and North Country Region, MN Boys HSVB Association had its inaugural Boys High School Volleyball Season in Spring 2018.

2018:	22 Schools	38 JV/Varsity Teams	400+ Boys
2019:	50 Schools	94 JV/Varsity Teams	800+ Boys
2020:	57 Schools	105 JV/Varsity Teams	1400+ Boys

The 2020 season had 57 schools with 105 JV/Varsity Teams and 1400+ boys registered when COVID-19 pandemic required season cancelation. MN Boys HSVB partnered with Mn Select Volleyball to offer a 2020 summer league season that included 16 metro teams and 160 boys.

Mission: Support and create opportunities for boys to play volleyball in Minnesota High Schools.

CHECKLIST FOR STARTING A TEAM IN 2021

1. Find a Team Director/Coach
2. Talk to Your Athletic Director
3. Become a School Recognized Club - If not a School-Recognized Club, then Identify an Entity to "Host" the Club
4. Determine Individual Team Cost & Player Dues
5. Host an Info Mtg, Open Gym Dates & Recruit 12-15 Boys (minimum)
6. Register with Mn Boys HSVB Assn (League) and JVA (Insurance) - See Coaches Corner on our website for checklist www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com
7. Find Gym Space, Set Practices, and Order Jerseys

WHAT'S ALREADY DONE!

The MN Boys High School Volleyball Association eases start-up by streamlining processes and reducing affordability barriers.

Here's what's already set up:

- **MN Boys High School Volleyball Website:** League Standings, Individual Team Website/Communication Capabilities, Coaches Corner with Checklists and Resource Center
- **League Schedule and Officiating:** Regular Play Schedules and Officials Assigned for Each School
- **Team Budget Template:** Use the Line Item Template to figure out YOUR school's needs and estimate YOUR player fee / club team dues
- **Memberships & Insurance:** Affordable Insurance, Registration, APS Training, & Background Checks through JVA
- **Successful Seasons:** There were 22 schools and 39 JV and/or Varsity teams with OVER 400 boys in 2018. There were 50 schools and 94 JV and/or Varsity teams with OVER 800 boys in 2019. The FIRST EVER Boys Volleyball State High School Tournament was held in Shakopee, Minnesota where Andover was crowned Champion and St. Paul Harding was Runner-Up.

FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL AT WWW.MNBOYSHIGHSCHOOLVOLLEYBALL.COM

STARTING A TEAM IN 2021:

SUGGESTED TIMELINE AND COURSE OF ACTION

(DISCLAIMER: All dates/info subject to change)

TIMING	TASK	SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION
Aug – January	Find a Team Director and/or coach	Could be the same person or 2 different people
	Talk to Your AD, Community Ed, or Park & Rec Department	Create a School Approved Boys Volleyball Club. There can be cost breaks and gym prioritization by being a school approved club as opposed to an association club, but either will work.
	Identify an Entity to Host the Club	This may be the school activities office, an existing Association, a Booster Club, or even a new entity (New entities will need to apply for social club status (SS-4 form) for a Taxpayer ID to open a bank account.)
Sept - February	Host an Info Mtg	Set Up Fall/Winter Open Gym Dates, Etc.
	Consider Fundraising Options	Start Team Go Fund Me Site, Etc., What local organizations could sponsor the team...eg Alumni Association, Lions Club, etc.
December 6 OR December 7	MN Boys HSVB Assn 2021 Season League Info ZOOM Mtg	SCHOOLS WHO HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MEETING CALL WILL RECEIVE \$100 OFF LEAGUE REGISTRATION.
Week of Dec 15	2021 League Registration Opens	\$200 Minimum Down Pmt Needed
February 1	Stars & Stripes Tourney Registration Deadline	Sign up through the Northern Light VB website
February 15	Team Registration Deadline	No additional schools added after this date
March 1	Gym & Team Availability Deadline	ALL schools provide Mn Boys with gym availability to host games (M, T, W, or Th)
March 29	Single Player Application Deadline	Single players submit form to MN Boys for possible team placement
April 1	Final League Payment Due	
Early-Mid April	Schedule Announced	Schedule uploaded to Sport Engine Website
April 12	Practice Begins	Suggested Pre-Season Practice Start Date- This may vary per school.
April 24	Pre-Season Scrimmage Jamboree	Varsity Only Event
April 26	First Competitions Begin	Schools to be scheduled 10-12 Matches
May 1 or 2 *	Eastview Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 8 *	Lakeville Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 9 *	Forest Lake Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 15 *	St. Paul Johnson Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 22 *	Spring Lake Park Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament - Addl Fee
May 29-31	Star & Stripes Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
June 9	Last Day of Regular Season Play	
June 16 & 17	2021 State Tournament – Shakopee, MN	Top 16 Varsity Teams Compete for the Title - Invite Only per Conference Finishing

*- Dates and Tournament Location Subject to Change

FAQ'S

1. Who do I contact if I am interested in starting a team?

A: Contact MN Boys HSVB who can answer questions.

2. How do I convince my administration to allow boys volleyball?

A: First – talk to the athletic administration about starting a boys volleyball program. Explain all the things that are already in place with insurance, scheduling, background checks, and officials to let them know it will not be more work for them and little to no cost for the school.

Get permission for a team and become a School Approved Club, if possible. Find out when you can use gym space and existing PE or girls volleyball equipment. MN Boys HSVB can assist with supportive information or speaking with your AD directly, if needed.

3. What advantage is there to being a School Approved Club?

A: Many schools offer “perks” such as prioritized gym use and reduced fees for gym time to its clubs that have been formally approved by the School. Ask your Activities Department how it works in your school.

4. What is the Team League Fee? What does it cover?

A: The Team League Fee is the cost to run the league. It covers the following:

- Cost of R1 Officials and associated Admin Fees
- Administrative costs to run the league
- Website Platform - SportsEngine
- SportsEngine Page for Every Team
- SportsEngine Scheduling Module
- SportsEngine League Scores & Team Communication
- Team Registration Fee

5. What is the Player Cost and what does it cover?

A: Individual Player Dues are typically used to cover the expense of uniforms, tournament entry fees, coaches, equipment, etc. EVERY program is different. This is not the league fee. Use the sample budget found in the [Coaches Corner](#) to figure out team cost and divide it by the number of players to find your Player Cost. (A team of 10 players would split the overall Cost 10 ways.)

6. How long and when is the boy's volleyball season?

A: Boys' Volleyball is a spring sport. Pre-Season practice begins early April with the first competition in late April and state tournament event in mid-June. You determine your own practice schedule, however, we recommend starting no later than April 26th.

7. How many games and practices will there be?

A: 10-12 Competition Dates (2 of 3 set match for JV and 3 of 5 set match for Varsity teams per date), 1-4 Practices/Week, & Optional Tournaments

8. How do I schedule matches once I have permission to have a team?

A: Contact MN Boys HSVB to let us know you are committed, pay the team registration fee, let us know when your school can host competitions and dates your team is available to play, then we schedule competitions accordingly.

9. How many schools participated and are there conferences?

A: There were 57 schools with 105 JV and/or Varsity teams (OVER 1400 boys) committed to playing in 2020. The League planned for 7 conferences including one in Northern MN and one in Southern MN.

10. Where can I find additional information?

A: Go to the website, www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com Check out the "Coaches Corner" for the checklist and links to all the processes and forms.