



MINNESOTA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: SPRING 2023

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. Metro Volleyball Association and Junior Volleyball Association have been integral to the league since 2019, assigning officials statewide and providing league insurance.

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 (Covid Canceled Year)	1400+ Boys
2021:	41 Schools	74 JV/Varsity Teams (Covid Limited Year)	700+ Boys
2022:	53 Schools	120 JV/Varsity Teams – 24 JV2 Teams	1400+ Boys

The 2022 season had 53 schools with 120 JV/Varsity Teams and 24 JV2 (middle school/inexperienced teams). There were 1400+ boys registered! MN Boys HSVB Assn season included 7 Conference Titles, Individual All-Conference Awards, season ending Playoffs, and a third State Tournament with Elk River/STMA as the new Champion and Champlin Park as Runner-Up.

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

CHECKLIST FOR STARTING A TEAM IN 2023

1. Find a Team Director/Coach
2. Talk to Your Athletic Director and Superintendent
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 – See Budget Template Form
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 Junior Volleyball Association (JVA)
- **Successful Seasons:** This will be the 6th season for the boys high school volleyball league in Minnesota! The number of schools added each year, and programs expanding their numbers is growing exponentially!

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



STARTING A TEAM IN 2023:

SUGGESTED TIMELINE AND COURSE OF ACTION

(DISCLAIMER: All dates/info subject to change)

TIMING	TASK	SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION
Aug 2022 – January 2023	Find a Team Director and/or coach	Could be the same person
	BECOME A SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED CLUB!	Create a School Board Approved Boys Volleyball Club. There can be cost breaks and gym prioritization by being a school board approved club as opposed to an association club, but either will work.
	Talk to AD/Superintendent/ Principal or School Board	
	If School Board approved Club isn't an option, talk to Community Ed, or Park & Rec Department as a Host Entity	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 Taxpayer ID to open a bank account.)
	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	
September 18 6:30PM or 8PM	MN Boys HSVB Assn 2023 SEASON INFO ZOOM Mtg	SCHOOLS WHO HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CALL RECEIVE \$100 OFF LEAGUE REGISTRATION
November 1	Registration Opens	\$200 Minimum Down Pmt Needed Sign up Early – Receive \$100 Off!
December 4 6:30 OR 8PM	MN Boys HSVB Assn 2023 Season League KICK OFF ZOOM Mtg	REGISTER BEFORE DEC 15 - RECEIVE \$200 OFF LEAGUE FEE
December 15	Early Bird Registration Discount ENDS	
January 15	Team Registration ENDS	NO MORE SCHOOL ADDED after this date

February 24	Gym Hosting & Team Play Date Availability Due to MN BOYS – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!	ALL schools provide Mn Boys with hosting availability and days of week you can play
SINGLE PLAYER Applications TBD - March	<p>The Single Player Program MAY NOT exist for the 2023 season.</p> <p>TO BE GUARANTEED TO PLAY:</p> <p>START YOUR OWN SCHOOL TEAM OR SCHOOL COOPERATIVE (2 schools with minimum of 3 students from each school).</p> <p>CO-OP Examples: 3 students from Buffalo & 7 students from Monticello OR 5 students from Woodbury & 6 students from East Ridge</p>	
March 26 & 27	Mandatory Coaches Zoom Mtg – Review Rules & League Guidelines	
March 31	Final League Payment Due	
Late Mar - Early April	Schedule Announced	Final Schedule on MN Boys Website
April 10	Latest Suggested Practice Start	This can vary per school.
April 15	Pre-Season Jamboree / Scrimmage	Optional Varsity Only Scrimmage
April 17 or April 24	Competition Begins! Start either week depending on your schedule.	Schools scheduled 11-12 Matches
April 29	Eastview JV Tournament	Optional Tournament – Addl Fee
April 30	Eastview Varsity Tournament	Optional Tournament – Addl Fee
May 1-26	JV2 League – Addl \$125 per school (League for new players – 7 th -12 th graders)	4 Locations – 1 Play Date per Week – Days of Week Vary per Host Site Shakopee – Thursdays (9 teams) Maple Grove - Thursdays (6 teams) Spring Lake Park – Wednesdays (9 teams) Hmong Prep Academy – Wednesdays (9 teams)
May 6	Lakeville South Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 7	Park Center Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
May 13	St. Paul Johnson Tournament	Optional JV & Varsity Tournament – Addl Fee
June 5 - 8	LEAGUE PLAYOFF WEEK (Qualifying Varsity Teams Only)	High Seed Hosts – Dates TBD
June 14 - 15	2023 State Tournament – Shakopee, MN	Top Qualifying Teams Only Compete for 2023 Title

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 Superintendent or 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. If the Athletic department is hesitant, speak directly to your Superintendent and/or School Board.

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:

- All Assigning and Payments for R1 Officials
- Administrative costs to run the league including all initial season schedule, managing of officials, setting up playoffs, league awards, tournaments and State tournament.
- 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 12 players would split the overall Cost 12 ways.)

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

A: Boys' Volleyball is a spring sport. Pre-Season practice begins mid-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 11th.

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 (You set your own number of practices), & 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 53 schools with 120 JV and/or Varsity teams (OVER 1400 boys) playing in 2022. The League had 7 conferences including one in Northern MN and one in Southern MN. This, or potentially more, are expected for the upcoming season.

The League will host a state tournament with teams representing every conference at the end of the season.

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.