Utah High School Activities Association

2026 Girls Volleyball State Championships

STATE TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND – HOME SITES
1A/2A-Oct. 21

State Volleyball Tournaments at UVU (UCCU Center)

- 1A/2A Tournament Friday & Saturday, October 23-24
- 3A/4A Tournament Thursday & Friday, October 29-30
- 5A/6A Tournament Tuesday & Wednesday, October 27-28

TEAM DROP-OFF, PARKING & ADMISSION

For UVU:

- After being dropped off by the entrance to the ticket lobby, teams enter as a group through the single loading dock door to have their hands stamped. **24 is the maximum allowed on the floor**. Only officials, tournament personnel, UHSAA reps, credentialled coaches and those with their hands stamped are allowed on the floor. Because of heightened security at UVU all participants' bags will be checked upon arrival at the facility.
- **Buses must follow the designated route through the UVU parking lot to the team drop-off area** by the entrance to the West ticket lobby **(see map on Volleyball Page at uhsaa.org).** After being dropped off by the ticket lobby, teams walk through the back service lot and enter through the single loading dock door. After dropping off the team, buses proceed north out of the parking lot and follow the designated route as outlined on the map**. Bus parking will be available at UVU West Campus in Lot 1. Drivers can take UTA's UVX Bus Service from Orem Central Station to UVU free of charge.**
- **Parking and transportation guidelines are located on the Volleyball page on the UHSAA website.**
- **Teams are allowed free admission for 24 people (any combo of players, managers, coaches or scorers).**
- Only certified coaches with a UHSAA coaching credential will be allowed to coach and sit on the bench.
- Teams may enter 90 minutes prior to the first match of the day. The ticket office opens 60 minutes prior to the first match of the day.
- There is no charge for parking.
- Admission prices: $15 for adults, $10 for students.
- UVU will allow teams to bring in **ONE COOLER** with nourishment for their team. **The cooler must be brought in with the team when they check-in.** Teams will not be allowed to set up banquet tables to feed their teams. Plan accordingly for this requirement. Please have teams clean up after themselves with any food that they bring in their one allotted cooler. All food must be consumed on the floor level.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS & PLAYERS REQUIRED

All tickets will be available through GoFan, with links on the UHSAA website.

- Bus drivers, mascots & photographers must have a digital ticket and enter through a main ticket entrance.
- UHSAA passholders must show a picture I.D. at the ticket window. **Passes are non-transferrable**.
- An administrator or athletic director must be present during their tournament matches to supervise the students, spectators, and fans. Fans shall not harass players on the floor.
- A school administrator should be seated on the gym floor in front of the student section to be clearly visible to the students and the venue staff in case their assistance is needed.
- Administrators enforce "Do Rowdy Right," cheer FOR your team and NOT against your opponent.
- Teams & players must always be under the supervision of a certified coach or administrator.
- Teams are responsible for their own belongings and should not leave them unattended.

FIRST AID, TRAINER & LOCKER ROOMS

- A certified trainer will be on site to assist with injuries.
- An ice chest filled with bags/ice will be located by the tournament table.
- Schools are responsible for providing their own first aid supplies, tape and athletic supplies for their athletes.
- Locker rooms are for temporary use for dressing and showering only. Players must furnish their own locks, towels and are responsible for their own belongings. The UHSAA is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- At check-in, coaches should ask which locker rooms have been assigned to the home and visiting teams.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- Brackets are posted on the Volleyball page at www.uhsaa.org (Sports&Activities>FallSports>Volleyball)
- The home team is the highest seed of the PSR.
- The HOME TEAM selects their team bench immediately and the VISITING TEAM will call the toss and will be first on the net for the **5-5 warm-up.** Teams must be on time for their warm-up time, as additional time will not be provided for teams that are late.
- **The Nova**, 3 color paneled volleyball, will be the official game ball at the state tournaments.
- Teams are responsible for furnishing their own practice and warm-up balls at the state tournament.
- **Teams will not switch sides between sets.**
- **All** consolation matches will be best 2 out of 3 sets with all sets played to 25 (this includes 3rd and 4th place match).
- Participants should bring their own water bottles.
- The 3-ball system will be used during each match. Each coach **must furnish a representative** to serve as a shagger on their side of the net (9th grade or older).
- Only coaches, players and trainers will be allowed to sit on the team bench. No one under 9th grade will be allowed to sit on the bench.
- At UVU there are two (2) auxiliary warm up courts (cts. 5 & 6) on the upper east mezzanine level. These auxiliary warm-up courts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please be considerate of other teams wishing to use these courts, by limiting your court time when teams are waiting. Teams waiting to move onto their assigned court should hold all balls until the match being played has ended.
- A Championship Match Protocol meeting will be held for the coaches, captains and seniors participating in the championship match. The Protocol meeting will take place 90 minutes prior to the **first** championship match of the day. Following the semi-final match, coaches will be contacted regarding the meeting.
- The only power source for videotaping is found on the east side of the UCCU Center in the permanent seats.
- **The court assignment for any match may be adjusted on the day of the competition if necessary.**
- **Only certified coaches, wearing their credentials, will be allowed on the court to coach.**

PRESENTATION OF STATE TROPHIES & AWARDS

- All Academic All-State recipients will be mailed their award for presentations at their individual schools.
- Immediately following the championship match, the second-place trophy will be presented followed by the first-place trophy. Awards other than those made by the UHSAA will not be allowed without prior approval.

CHEERLEADER, MASCOT & FAN GUIDELINES

- **Cheerleaders will enter through the participant entrance at the back service lot at UVU.** Cheerleaders will receive a handstamp. A maximum of 15 cheerleaders will be admitted free of charge. Schools will be invoiced for any additional cheerleaders admitted. Cheerleaders must be in school uniform upon check-in. Cheer coaches must sign in and be present upon check in.
- **No more than 8 cheerleaders are allowed on the floor until the championship match. A mascot counts as one of the cheerleaders if he/she is on the floor.**
- A mascot does not have privileges other than as a spectator unless he/she is part of the cheerleading group and then he/she must always stay with the cheerleaders.
- No stunting, tosses, or tumbling are allowed at this tournament.
- Cheerleaders must wear tennis type shoes or shoes with soft non-marking soles.
- Cheerleaders should assist in keeping students from coming onto the playing floor.
- Children under high school age may not participate with cheerleaders.
- No individuals or groups, other than the regular school cheerleaders, will be permitted to perform on the court or apron area at any time during the tournaments.
- **No poms are allowed for cheerleaders or spectators at the state championships.**
- **FANS REMEMBER TO "DO ROWDY RIGHT" – Cheer FOR your team and NOT against your opponent!**
- Disrespectful or demeaning behavior will not be tolerated.
- School administration will be responsible for the supervision of their students and spectators.
- **UVU IS IMPLEMENTING A CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR ALL SPECTATORS- PLEASE ADVISE FANS OF THIS REGULATION.**

THE FOLLOWING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED (See UHSAA Handbook- State Event Guidelines)

- **BANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED** at the State Volleyball Tournaments.
- *Fans must always wear shirts.*
- Balloons, large school flags, signs or banners of any kind, including the type which teams run through.
- Noisemakers of any kind such as whistles, cow bells, horns, popguns, etc.
- Megaphones, either in the stands or used by the cheerleaders.
- Confetti or shredded paper in the stands or on the floor.
- Articles of any type thrown onto the playing floor. Schools will be fined $100 if their students are involved.

MEDIA/Photographers should review the UHSAA media policy and request a media pass at www.uhsaa.org. Floor access is limited to those wearing UHSAA media credentials and one school photographer (who must shoot from approved areas). School photographers should bring the media pass issued by the UHSAA to be able to have floor access. No flash units are allowed on or around the playing level.

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