



**2023**  
**AIA BEACH VOLLEYBALL**  
**BEACH VOLLEYBALL PAIRS STATE TOURNAMENT**  
**DIVISION I- 24 PAIRS BRACKET**  
**DIVISION II- 24 PAIRS BRACKET**  
**STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING**

**DIVISION I/DIVISION II – PAIRS STATE TOURNAMENT**

- 24 pairs bracket single elimination tournament

**Qualifying**

- Top eight teams at the end of the season power rank for the division can automatically place their #1 pair into the pairs tournament.
  - To be an automatic qualifying #1 pair for a school, each individual player must have competed in the #1 pair in at least half of the team's season competition opportunities that the player was eligible for. **This automatic qualifying pair must be the best pair the school team has.**
- **The remaining sixteen pairs will be determined at the Division I/Division II Coaches Pairs State Tournament seeding meeting Thursday, April 20th at the AIA Office**
  - **The seeding meeting will start at 6:00pm**

All head coaches may submit, for consideration, their #1 pair for the sixteen at-large entries that they feel are one of the top twenty-four beach volleyball pairs in the division.

- To be a #1 pair for a school, each individual player must have competed in the #1 pair in at least half of the team's season competition opportunities that the player was eligible for.
- At the seeding meeting, the school coach should be prepared to show the pairs record in the #1 team competition slot that both players were eligible for.
- If a team is deep in talent and a pair that competed as the #2 pair in at least half of the team's season competition opportunities is considered to be one of the top twenty-four beach volleyball pairs in the division, the head coach can submit this #2 pair for consideration as an at-large entry to the division pairs state tournament.
  - At the seeding meeting, the school coach should be prepared to show the pairs record in the #2 team competition slot competition opportunities that both players were eligible for.
- **The Varsity Beach coach is NOT required to be present at the seeding meeting to have a pair selected for entry into the tournament, but it is highly recommended in order for the coach to make a case for their nomination.**
  - The coach should have, in print, their nominated pair's match record in the #1 slotted regular season matches.

- Match record must show the opponent (players' names from the opponents #1 pair) and the scores of the best of three matches.
- The coaches present at the seeding meeting will be able to use all state results posted on AZPREPS365 in order to determine the remaining pairs.
- Once the twenty-four pairs are determined, the coaches at the seeding meeting will seed the top eight pairs for the #1 through #8 bracket slots (these pairs will receive a first-round bye).
  - The computer will do the blind draw for the #9 through #24 bracket slots. In the event that two pairs from the same school qualify for the tournament, the computer will attempt to place those pairs so that they cannot match up on the first day.

#### **Tournament Matches**

- Best two out of three sets
- Pair which first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (22-20; 23-21; etc.).
- In the case of a 1-1 tie, the deciding 3rd set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.