**ZONE 13 VOLLEYBALL (‘A’, ‘AA’ ‘AAA’, Junior Varsity)**

MHSAA will continue regional championships in 2015/2016.

 **(Refer to the MHSAA handbook for specific details concerning regional championships.)**

NOTE: In 2014/2015, MHSAA piloted regional championships for A and AA basketball. Zone 13 was selected as one of the regional sites. During the pilot period, those schools who offered to host a Zone 13 championship will host the regional championship.

**The Zone 13 champion will be determined by a play-off between the # 1 North team and the # 1 South team in all JV and Varsity categories. Start time will be 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. if both girls and boys are hosted at the same site.**

All JV and varsity zone finals will be a best of five sets.

 For volleyball, schools must declare their intent to participate in a North/South final by **October 15** in order to determine if a N vs. S championship is needed.

**Hosting of this zone play-off will alternate between North and South schools.**

**In even years, North will host, and in odd years, South will host.**

Recommended Formats (when regionals are not in effect):

1. Teams must communicate their intent to participate a minimum two weeks prior to the tournament. This date will be predetermined at the first Zone meeting in September. This is an all-comers event. .
2. A one day tournament is preferable due to travel within the zone. The tournament will be held on a weekend two weeks prior to the Provincial Championships as predetermined at the September Zone meeting. The tournament will take place on the Friday and/or Saturday depending on the number of teams that have declared their intent to participate in the tournament.

3. The venue for the playoffs would alternate between the North and the South, with each hosting either

 the boys’ event or the girls’ event

4. The tournament schedule and format would be set up according to the number of teams participating

 with all round robin games consisting of 2-25 point games-2 point advantage with no cap.

5. The playoff matches would be best of 3-25 point games with no cap for the first two games. The third

 and final game will be up to 15 points with no cap

6. If there is 6 or more teams there must be 2 pools of play. 7 teams or more will have 2 pools with the

 top two teams of each pool would advance to the playoffs with pool A first vs. pool B second and pool

 B first versus pool A second format to determine the finalists**.**

7. Zone Championships should be similar to the Provincial Championships.

8. Communication between the Convenor and PE department heads of ranked volleyball schools should

 take place in order to rank the teams and place them into pools **.**

9. If 5 or less teams register, the top four teams as determined by the round robin would advance to the

 playoffs with a first versus fourth and second versus third format to determine the finalists.,

 10. If there are only 2 teams, play one game according to Provincial Championship format.

11. If there are 3 teams, play a round robin tournament consisting of 2-25 point games -2 point advantage

 with no cap. The top two teams would advance to the finals (see point 4. above)

12 The winner may need to play an interzone game in order to go to the Provincial Championships.

**Junior Varsity Exceptions**:

1. The top 3 teams in the South and the top 3 teams in the North will play
2. There will be 2 pools of round-robin play:
	1. #1 North, #2 South, #3 North
	2. #1 South, #2 North, #3 South
	3. If North or South do not have a 2nd or 3rd team, additional teams can come from the opposite.

Zone Convenor’s are also responsible for booking hotel rooms for both the boy’s and the girl’s teams during the provincials. This should be done as early as possible to ensure the best available rooms are reserved for the provincials. (the usual # of rooms per team is 5)

\*\* See MHSAA handbook for further zone/provincial guidelines and uniform rule