Office of the Athletic Director **USD 422 Kiowa County**

To: Administrators, Athletic Directors, & Volleyball Coaches
Re: 17th Annual Kiowa County High School Junior Varsity & Varsity Volleyball Tournament
From: Peter Blanton, Kiowa County Schools Athletic Director

The purpose of this letter is to provide all of you with information about the upcoming 17th Annual Kiowa County Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Please contact me if you have any questions about the information provided below. I can be reached by email at pblanton@usd422.org, or by phone at (620) 388-2942. This is my cell phone number, so please leave a message if I do not answer.

Teams in Attendance

Varsity

- Ellis
- Kiowa County
- La Crosse
- Larned
- Macksville
- Ness City
- Skyline
- South Gray

Junior Varsity

- Ellis
- Kiowa County
- La Crosse
- Larned
- Macksville
- South Gray
- Stafford

Tournament Information

- Admission for the day will be $5 for Adults & $4 for K-12 Students. ***No League Passes will be accepted.***
- The entry fee for the tournament will be $150 per school, or $75 per team if you are only bringing a JV team.
- ***Warm up balls will be provided. We will provide a ball cart and balls for each court. Please be sure to leave the ball cart at the completion of your matches.***
- A hospitality room will be available in the school cafeteria. It will be open from 11a-2p for workers, administrators, coaches, bus drivers and officials.
- A full concession stand will be available throughout the tournament as well.
- Please fill out your roster and pass gate information by ***Wednesday, September 23, 2026.***
    - I will share a google doc with you to fill in your roster and pass gate list. Please find your team on one of the tabs at the bottom.

Locker Rooms and Team Camps

- Due to the amount of teams attending, Locker Rooms will not be available for changing and showering. The Locker Rooms will be used as Team Camps. Please have your team come dressed.
- Team Camp information is provided on a separate sheet. Please be sure to bring your own extension cords and power strips if they are needed. We ask that you police this area throughout the tournament so that it is not a huge mess at the end of the day.
- Towels will not be provided. Please bring your own towels to use on the bench.

Bus Parking

- Please pull up in front of the school to unload.
- Please have your drivers park in the gravel lot north of the Greensburg Rec. Gym.
- **Do not pull into the concrete parking lot north of the gyms because it is too tight for buses to maneuver when cars are present.**

Pool Play

- Varsity matches will take place in the Varsity Gym.
- Junior Varsity matches will take place in the Auxiliary Gym.
- All matches will use rally scoring. As stated in the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual, a team will need to win two of three sets in order to win the match.
- ***In the event of a 3rd set, both the Junior Varsity and Varsity will play to 25 to determine a winner.***
- Pool Play winners will be determined by win/loss records.
    - In the event of a tie, we will follow the procedures outlined in the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual.
- Players are to play either Varsity or Junior Varsity. No player should switch between Varsity and Junior Varsity during the day.
- Coin flips for Varsity Pool Play matches will take place at 8:30am. Coaches, please be on your respective
- courts at this time. JV matches will use coin flips prior to each match.

Bracket Play

- Varsity semi-final and final matches will be played in the Varsity Gym.
- In Varsity play, we will take a mandatory 15-minute break after the completion of both semi-final matches.
    - A 10-minute warm up period will then be used for the Championship and 3rd place matches.
- Medals and plaques will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in both Junior Varsity and Varsity play. Medals only will be presented to the 3rd place teams. Medals and plaques will be presented immediately following the respective matches.

Line Judges & Libero Trackers

- Each school is to provide an adult Line Judge for their Varsity matches in both Pool Play and Bracket Play.
- Each school is to provide an adult Line Judge for their Junior Varsity matches.
- If a Libero is used in Junior Varsity play, each school will need to provide their own Libero Tracker.
- A Libero tracker will be provided for all Varsity matches.

Live Streaming

- Only matches, in the Varsity gym, will be live streamed on hudl at “KCMC Sports”.

We are looking forward to a great day of volleyball, and we will see you all on Saturday, September 26th. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the tournament.

Peter Blanton
Kiowa County Schools
Athletic Director