

# Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

## ARTICLE 50 POLICIES APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 5000. GENERAL POLICIES

### 5000.1 The Legislative Council shall consider the following criteria when sanctioning any new activity:

**1. Results from a formal survey submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity (i.e. school support, funding, coaches availability, student participation).**

258 Schools responded to the CHSAA Survey (November 2016)

- 93 schools (36%) would start a boys' volleyball team
- 107 additional schools (41%) support sanctioning, but would not initially host a team

The Colorado Boys High School Volleyball Association (CBHSVA) continues to grow, reaching an all-time high of 50 teams and over 600 athletes for the current (2017) season. In its' 20 year history, coach, athlete and community support is apparent.

**2. Recommendations from the Equity Committee regarding positive and/or negative impact to proportionality in our member schools.**

When measured against girls, additional boys' sports will always have a negative impact on proportionality. Not taken into account in this process, however, is the fact that 143 schools answered the CHSAA survey that they could add boys' volleyball and NOT move out of compliance with Title IX.

Article 3, 300.1 Equity Code of the CHSAA Bylaws states "The Colorado High School Activities Association is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access and opportunities to participate in activities and athletics under the Title IX Education Amendment." This bylaw commitment is in conflict with the recommendation of the Equity committee and an accurate application of Title IX.

**3. Adequate number of schools in a geographical area to complete a schedule.**

A significant number of schools exist within all competition areas. 52, 1A-3A and 41, 4A-5A schools would host a team. Map view available at [www.coloradoboysvolleyball.com](http://www.coloradoboysvolleyball.com)

**4. Practice and competition site availability.**

CHSAA does not sanction an indoor (gym) sport during the spring season. Practice and competition sites area readily available and currently utilized for the boys' club season.

**5. Availability of certified officials.**

Referees exist in Colorado for girls' and boys' volleyball and already work the spring boy's club season in addition to the girls' and boys' junior national seasons. Colorado Volleyball Officials Association President, Linda Friesen states, "there are no concerns with providing sufficient officials for varsity boys' volleyball and we look forward to this occurring."

**6. Cost estimates per school for start and maintenance for the activity.**

Gyms, poles, nets, and balls already exist. New costs include coaches, uniforms, officials and travel – all of which can be minimized.

- Many schools purchase (girls' volleyball) uniforms every 2-3 years. Boys can provide their own shorts, socks and shoes.
- As is done in the boys' club and junior national season, matches can be grouped with a number of teams to minimize travel days.
- Similar to other sports, fundraising, fees, and concession proceeds can be utilized to subsidize costs.

\$40,000+ has been guaranteed through private donors, RMR & CBHSVA to support necessary startup costs for schools. Upon sanctioning we will work with CHSAA to determine appropriate use and distribution.

**7. Safety and liability issues involved with the new activity.**

As with girls' volleyball, minimal safety and liability issues exist. Additionally, when compared with other boys' sports, volleyball has shown significantly greater growth on a national level (NFHS).

**5000.11** *The Board of Directors may approve sanction for sports on a temporary basis based on criteria it deems acceptable for the conduct of safe and educational programs for young people.*

*CHSAA and its' member schools have an opportunity to become leaders in a national movement aimed at growing the game from youth levels to the national team. We hope that CHSAA and athletic directors work with us to find a way to support new this new opportunity for boys.*