



BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Coming to a High School Near You!

What? NC High Schools are forming beach volleyball after-school clubs across the state as part of the **NC HS Sand Volleyball Association (NCHSSVA)**! Open to girls and boys

Why?

- Huge junior participation growth in recent years (2014 and 2015 Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Jr Beach Tours each had close to 30 events, **1200+** teams!)
- NCAA championship (formerly emerging) sport for women leading to scholarship opportunities
- High school leagues forming in other locations, such as Southern CA, Florida, and Arizona.
- NC HS league established in late 2012. 2013 - 9 schools participated. **2015– 46 schools participated**
- Eventual goal is to establish the sport as an NCHSAA sanctioned sport but close to 25% of member schools must first show interest in sport. NCHSAA views beach volleyball as a separate sport so indoor coaches can supervise the club if desired.



How to Form a Club? Interested teammates/classmates should find a sponsor at their school (coach, teacher) for the club and talk to a school administrator about requirements to form a school club as it varies. Find a practice facility (local park, etc.) Hold an interest meeting. Sometimes clubs need to be formed at beginning of academic year! Sponsors typically can delegate help to others and time commitment is up to them to decide. Clubs arrange competition with other schools with help from NCHSSVA reps by fielding doubles teams. Format similar to tennis. \$20/club member goes to NCHSSVA to purchase league-wide insurance and playoffs.

When? Practice can be up to club once registered. Competition season during the Spring Semester (early March to mid May) each year. State playoffs in early May. **Deadline to register is in January prior to competition season.**

More info including club registration at www.nchsbeach.org

