



2019 AHSAA VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

General Instructions Birmingham CrossPlex

Important Team Instructions:

A **MANDATORY** coaches meeting will be held on Tuesday night, October 29 at 6:00 P.M., in the meeting hall, on the second floor of the CrossPlex. If teams are touring the facility at the time of the coaches meeting, assistant coaches should supervise the tour. No practice will be allowed during facility tours and only rubber soled shoes will be allowed on the competition floors during tours. No food or drink will be allowed on the competition floor during tours.

Facility and court walk-throughs will be allowed at the CrossPlex on Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

All varsity tournament teams (outside of 70 miles) will be housed at the Sheraton-Downtown. Each team will receive five rooms. If additional rooms are needed, contact Amanda Queen at Amanda.queen@westin.com. Teams requiring more than 5 rooms are responsible for expenses of extra rooms. ONLY varsity teams participating in the State Tournament may use hotel rooms assigned by the AHSAA. Teams choosing to use a different hotel will be responsible for payment of those rooms. **Reservations are to be made online by October 28th at 5:00 p.m.**

Team pictures will be made before each team's first contest. Teams should allow ample time to have photos taken before warming up. Pictures will be made upstairs on the second-floor concourse beginning at approximately 6:30 a.m.

The CrossPlex will be open 90 minutes each day prior to match and championship play.

Only water in sports bottles is allowed on the competition floor. Coolers of water and cups will be available on the competition floor for athletes and team personnel.

High heeled shoes are not allowed on the CrossPlex and/or Harris Arena competition floors.

Chewing gum is not allowed on the competition floors and surfaces in both the CrossPlex and Harris Arenas.

Food is not allowed on the competition floors and surfaces in both the CrossPlex and Harris Arenas.

Teams must provide their own practice balls and carts. Carts will be inspected and approved with rubber wheels only, in order to provide for the integrity of our venue flooring surface. Carts and practice balls should not be left overnight at the CrossPlex. The CrossPlex shall not be held accountable or responsible for balls or carts left overnight.

Teams requiring locker rooms should discuss and make arrangements with CrossPlex personnel ahead of time due to security, monitoring and limited access issues.

Teams will be allowed to use the CrossPlex warm-up track locker rooms located behind the West Grandstands for team discussions before or after matches.

Parents, students, fans, or children will not be allowed on the competition floor at any time.

Standing along the rails of the grandstands will not be allowed. **Please inform your fans ahead of time and proactively encourage their cooperation.**

Warm-ups:

Warm-up courts will be available. Warm-up on the practice court is optional. A schedule of times is listed below. On Wednesday, the warm-ups, after pre-game meetings with officials will be 5-5. Thursday's on court warm-ups will be 3-3, due to unlimited warm-up on the practice courts.

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PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

3 Courts

Warm up on the practice court is optional. Please be on time and leave on time. It will be a tight schedule to accommodate all teams. Teams who have the first matches of the day may warm-up on their assigned game court or use practice courts for the first match.

8:00 Games

3A games 1-4 and 5A games 1-2 warm up on their game court

9:30 Games

7A Game 1- warm-up on Court 2 from 8:15-8:45

7A Game 2- warm-up on Court 5 from 8:15-8:45

6A Game 1- warm-up on Court 8 from 8:15-8:45

6A Game 2- warm-up on Court 2 from 8:45-9:15

5A Game 3- warm-up on Court 5 from 8:45-9:15

5A Game 4- warm-up on Court 8 from 8:45-9:15

11:00 Games

7A Game 3- warm-up on Court 2 from 9:45-10:15

7A Game 4- warm-up on Court 5 from 9:45-10:15

6A Game 3- warm-up on Court 8 from 9:45-10:15

6A Game 4 -warm-up on Court 2 from 10:15-10:45

1A Game 1- warm-up on Court 5 from 10:15-10:45

1A Game 2- warm-up on Court 8 from 10:15-10:45

12:30 Games

4A Game 1-warm-up on Court 2 from 11:15-11:45

4A Game 2- warm-up on Court 5 from 11:15-11:45

4A Game 3- warm-up on Court 8 from 11:15-11:45
4A Game 4- warm-up on Court 2 from 11:45-12:15
1A Game 3 -warm-up on Court 5 from 11:45-12:15
1A Game 4- warm-up on Court 8 from 11:45-12:15

2:00 Games

2A Game 1- warm-up on court 2 from 12:45-1:15
2A Game 2 -warm-up on Court 5 from 12:45-1:15
2A Game 3- warm-up on Court 8 from 12:45-1:15
2A Game 4- warm-up on Court 2 from 1:15-1:45
3A Game 5- warm-up on Court 5 from 1:15-1:45
3A Game 6- warm-up on Court 8 from 1:15-1:45

3:30 Games

7A Game 5- warm-up on Court 2 from 2:15-2:45
7A Game 6- warm-up on court 5 from 2:15-2:45
5A Game 5- warm-up on Court 8 from 2:15-2:45
5A Game 6- warm-up on Court 2 from 2:45-3:15
6A Game 5- warm-up on Court 5 from 2:45-3:15
6A Game 6- warm-up on Court 8 from 2:45-3:15

5:30 Games

1A Game 5- warm-up on Court 2 from 4:15-4:45
1A Game 6- warm-up on Court 5 from 4:15-4:45
4A Game 5- warm-up on Court 8 from 4:15-4:45
4A Game 6- warm-up on Court 2 from 4:45-5:15
2A Game 5- warm-up on Court 5 from 4:45-5:15
2A Game 6- warm-up on Court 8 from 4:45-5:15

Game court warm-up will consist of 5-5 for each team's first match and then 3-3 for all subsequent matches.

Championship Games:

All championship games will be played in the Bill Harris Arena, adjoining the Crossplex. Warm-up courts will be available in the Crossplex beginning at 7:00 a.m. for championship games. Only team personnel will be allowed in the

Crossplex during these warm-up activities. On court warm-up for championship play will be 3-3, due to unlimited warm-ups on practice courts in the Crossplex.

Play in regard to sports court:

When the server begins her serving motion with the ball, both feet should be inside the red line marking the serving area.

A player must have a body part in contact with the sports floor, inside the red line area, when she plays the ball. After playing the ball, the player may leave the surface of the sports court without penalty.

The area between the team benches and the score table are out of bounds. Also, don't forget that chairs cannot be moved to enable a teammate to play a ball.

Flip:

Single toss only to determine serve/receive. There will be no switching of courts or team benches during the match. The home team will be the team at the top of the bracket and they will occupy the bench to the right of the scorer's table (as if you were sitting at the scorer's table and to the right).

Team Bench:

Team benches are restricted to 15 eligible players, three (3) coaches, and two (2) managers (20). Proper credentials must be shown for entry onto competition floor. **No scorekeeper or statistician is needed.**

Team Warm-Up Area:

Located on the north end of the competition venue under the LED Board and may be used as a team preparation area prior to actual match play, but not as a team camp area. Team meetings should be held in this area of the complex, not in the area under the sky boxes. Only water in sports bottles is allowed in this area and no snacks of any type are allowed.

Bus Parking:

Team drop-off will be in the front of the CrossPlex in the turnaround zones. Team vans/buses shall then be directed to designated parking areas. School buses can discharge in the same area and buses again will be directed to designated areas. There is not a charge for buses. Bus drivers' will be admitted free with proper credential. Coaches who drive personal vehicles will receive parking passes, but no more than three passes.

General Parking:

Parking fee will be \$5.00 per day per vehicle. Re-Entry tickets will be made available by parking attendants for parking return. The CrossPlex staff will provide ticket stubs for re-entry.

Parking spots will be filled beginning with the back lots of the complex first. All traffic will be managed and directed in such manner.

Recreational vehicles and tailgating will be allowed in designated area(s) of the back parking lots only. This request shall be accommodated upon entry to the CrossPlex campus via parking lot assistants when requested. Overnight security will be provided by CrossPlex personnel for the parking lot where recreational vehicles will be parked.

Player Entrance Gate:

A Pass Gate door will be available at both entrances to the CrossPlex. Players should be dropped off at the same entrance on both days.

Pass Gate:

A Pass Gate door will be available at both entrances to the CrossPlex. **A picture I.D. must be shown at time of entry.**

Ticket Purchase Entrance:

Ticket booth will be available at the front entrances and ticket tables at the rear entrances. Tickets are \$10 per day and may be purchased in advance at www.gofan.com or from the Go Fan link on the AHSAA website, www.ahsaa.com . Advance school block ticket sales may be accommodated by contacting Robert Averhart at 205-279-8924.

Filming:

Dedicated limited areas for filming are located on both the east and west upper levels of the CrossPlex.

Outside Food / Beverage Policy:

CrossPlex is a non-smoking facility.

Outside food **will not** be allowed into the Crossplex. **This includes team coolers.**

Beverages of any type, other than water in Sports Bottles for players and team personnel, will not be allowed into and/or on the playing surface of the CrossPlex.

Concessions:

Concessions are located at both the West and East ends of the CrossPlex on day 1 and two concession stands are available in the Bill Harris Arena on day 2.

Hospitality:

A hospitality room, for participating coaches, will be available from 11:00-2:00 and 4:30-7:30 in the upstairs large meeting room on Wednesday, October 30 in the CrossPlex. On Thursday, October 31, participating coaches' hospitality located in the Bill Harris Arena Level 2 Suite on day 2 of the tournament. Coaches of participating teams will be given a meal ticket and the ticket will be "punched" upon each entry to hospitality. When a ticket has been "punched" 3 times it will be taken up and no more entries will be allowed to the hospitality area. Only one punch is allowed per visit/per ticket. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.**

Trainer / First Aid:

The Encore Trainer tent will be located in the northeast corner of the building of the CrossPlex on Day 1. On Championship Day, the Encore Trainer will be located in the competition area of the Bill Harris Arena. Schools who have their own **CERTIFIED** trainer may get an arm band from the tournament office upon game day arrival.

Severe Weather:

In the event of a weather emergency, public address announcements will be made providing direction. (See CrossPlex/Bill Harris Arena Emergency Action Plan)

Cheerleaders/Bands:

Cheerleaders, in uniform, will be admitted free of charge. Cheerleading squads must remain seated while cheering.

Pep bands will not be allowed to perform on Day 1, but are encouraged to attend as spectators. Pep bands, in uniform, may perform in the stands, during dead ball situations, on Championship Day.

Signage:

Limited display of school banners will be allowed at the CrossPlex. AHSAA will coordinate all banner collections and returns to participating schools. **ONLY** CrossPlex personnel are permitted to hang and remove banners as per CrossPlex policy. School banners must include all necessary materials to hang (ZIP TIES, BUNGEE CORDS, etc) and banners may not be of "butcher" type paper. Tape, glue, or any adhesive is strictly prohibited.