

# 2023-24 ACEL Volleyball Plan & Schedule



# **The General Season Information**

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## **The 2023-24 Volleyball Schedule**

Volleyball has a 10-week regular season with an additional week for both playoffs and the state championship. For 2023-24 there are 16 varsity girls' teams, 10 junior varsity girls' teams and 5 varsity boys' teams.

## **Girls' Volleyball**

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### **New ACEL Volleyball Teams**

Welcome to CHEF of Baton Rouge in their first season of ACEL volleyball!

Welcome back Christian Academy of Louisiana and Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana. We missed your teams last year!

### **Varsity Girls' Divisions**

Varsity Girls' teams are divided into either Division 1 or Division 2 depending on last season's final PowerPoint rankings with the top half designated D1 and the bottom half D2. There are no division distinctions for JV Girls' or Varsity Boys' Volleyball.

Final powerpoint rankings for 2022-23 including post-season games:

1. Shreveport Homeschool Sports 154.83
  2. CHA Northeast 148.05
  3. Old Bethel Christian Academy 126.93
  4. First Baptist Christian School 125.01
  5. Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics 114.34
  6. Open Door Christian Academy 111.14
  7. John Paul the Great Academy 108.58
  8. Acadiana Christian School 95.833
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9. The Brighton School 91.538
  10. Alexandria Homeschool Athletics 87.377
  11. Mt. Olive Christian School 67.212
  12. Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School 63.379
  13. Legacy Christian Academy 52.409
  14. CHEF of Baton Rouge
  15. Christian Academy of Louisiana
  - 16.. Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana

Old Bethel Christian Academy and John Paul the Great Academy made plausible appeals of their D1 rankings and were allowed to play down to D2.

## 2023-24 Varsity Girls' Volleyball Divisions

### Varsity Girls' Volleyball Division 1

(Bold teams also have JV)

Acadiana Christian School

**CHA Northeast**

**First Baptist Christian School**

**Open Door Christian Academy**

**Shreveport Homeschool Sports**

**Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics**

### Varsity Girls' Volleyball Division 2

(Bold teams also have JV)

**Alexandria Homeschool Athletics**

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

The Brighton School

Christian Academy of Louisiana

**CHEF of Baton Rouge**

Christian Homeschool Sports Association of  
Acadiana

**John Paul the Great Academy**

Legacy Christian Academy

**Mt. Olive Christian School**

**Old Bethel Christian Academy**

## 2023-24 Girls' Volleyball Districts

### North District

**Shreveport Homeschool Sports**

**Mt. Olive Christian School**

**Christian Homeschool Association Northeast (CHA)**

**Old Bethel Christian Academy**

### South-Central District

**John Paul the Great Academy**

**First Baptist Christian School**

Christian Homeschool Sports Assoc. of Acadiana

Acadiana Christian School

**Alexandria Homeschool Athletics**

### Southwest District

**Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics**

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

Legacy Christian Academy

### Southeast District

**CHEF of Baton Rouge**

**Open Door Christian Academy**

The Brighton School

Christian Academy of Louisiana

**Bold Teams also have JV**

## District and Scheduling Priorities

**In an effort to reduce the excessive travel requirements within the ACEL, districts are determined solely by geographic location.** Districts are not designed to produce the maximum number of games, to balance the number of teams in each district, nor with consideration for JV team as has been done in the past.

Division 1 teams are scheduled to play all in-district teams regardless of division AND all D1 out-of-district teams twice as was requested by D1 one coaches last year. D1 teams are scheduled for 14-16 games depending on district.

Division 2 teams are scheduled to play all in-district opponents twice but only some out-of-district opponents for a total of 10-12 games. In D2, North District teams are not scheduled to play Southwest District teams because of travel distance. Because of distance considerations, Mt. Olive Christian School is scheduled to play D2 South-central teams and Old Bethel Christian Academy is scheduled to play Southeast District teams only. A few teams in D2 will play the same out-of-district team twice when additional Varsity Boys games are needed or to bring all D2 to a total of 10 games without traveling more than 3 ½ hours to do so.

## JV Teams

The number of games for JV teams varies considerably depending on division and district.

## Open Dates on the Schedule

There are open dates on the ACEL schedule. Again, minimizing travel is the priority consideration particularly in Division 2; therefore, the ACEL will no longer require excess travel from teams. Teams are free to fill open dates with unofficial games as they wish.



# Boys' Volleyball

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## New ACEL Volleyball Teams

Welcome to Mt. Olive Christian School in their first season of ACEL Boys' Volleyball!

## 2023-24 Boys' Volleyball Teams

Alexandria Homeschool Arts & Athletics  
CHA Northeast  
First Baptist Christian School  
Mt. Olive Christian School  
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics

### District and Scheduling Priorities

For Varsity Boys', each team is scheduled to play every other boys' team twice. When the girls' varsity schedule allows, games are scheduled concurrently. Any remaining required games for the boys are scheduled independent of the girls' schedule and on dates that their associated girls' teams are not scheduled to play.

In order to have enough dates on the schedule for all varsity boys' teams to play each other twice, it was necessary to schedule some double headers for the boys. Double headers are varsity boys only (girls' games are not also scheduled). While a team may lose a home game because to the double header, all boys' teams were scheduled for 8 games without the need to separate and boys' and girls' schedules.



## **Playoffs: October 16th- 24th**

Teams may negotiate playoff dates between Monday, October 16th and Tuesday, October 24th. In the event teams cannot reach an agreement, the following dates will be the binding dates for each playoff game. Highest seed hosts.

### **Varsity Girls'**

Top 6 teams by PowerPoints with top 2 receiving byes to the semi-finals for both D1 & D2.

D1 Semi-finals @ State (1 round of playoffs required)

D1 first round playoff games will take place on Tuesday, October 17th unless otherwise negotiated.

D2 Semi-finals hosted by highest seed (2 rounds of playoffs required)

D2 first round playoff games will take place on Tuesday, October 17th unless otherwise negotiated.

D2 second round playoff games will take place on Friday, October 20th unless otherwise negotiated.

Both D1&D2 Championship games at the state championship tournament.

### **JV Girls**

Top 4 teams by PowerPoints will advance to playoffs. The championship game will be played at the state tournament. (1 round during playoff week required)

JV playoff games will take place on Thursday, October 19th unless otherwise negotiated.

JV teams will have the option to forfeit playoff games without penalty if forfeited by the posted deadline. Any forfeited game will be considered a loss with the "winning" team advancing in the bracket. The next ranked team will not be elevated to take the place of the forfeiting team.

### **Varsity Boys'**

Top 4 varsity boys' teams will be seeded by PowerPoints. Highest seed hosts first round of playoffs. Championship game played at the state tournament.

First round playoff games will take place on Tuesday, October 24th unless otherwise negotiated.

## **State Championship**

The 2022-23 ACEL Volleyball State Championship is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 27 & 28 in Pineville. The ACEL 8-Man Football State Championship will also take place on October 28 in Pineville immediately following the conclusion of volleyball state.

# All-State Teams

**All-State Voting Meeting will be October 14th via Zoom.**

## **Girls' Varsity All-State**

All-State recognition will be by division. In D1, both a 1st and 2nd team all-state will be recognized. League MVP will be selected from the D1 1st team all-state.

In D2, a single 1st team all-state will be recognized.

There will be no all-district teams.

## **Girls' Volleyball Coach of the Year**

A coach of the year will be recognized for both D1 and D2.

## **Boys' All-State**

A single 1st team all-state and league MVP will be recognized for boys' volleyball.

There will be no all-district teams for boys' volleyball.

# Reminders

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## **Volleyball Commissioner**

Becky Ready is returning as the ACEL Volleyball Commissioner for 2023-24. Don't hesitate to contact Becky with any volleyball problems or concerns you may have. (rebeccafready@gmail.com)

## **Administrator Required at Each Game**

An administrator or a designated representative for each team must be in attendance at all ACEL events. The administrator may NOT be the team's coach nor may they sit on the bench. The purpose of the administrator is to handle issues that may arise with the fans, players, or coaches of their organization. The administrator must locate and introduce themselves to the administrator of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the game. Administrators for each team will work together to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority.

## Update Your Coach Information

Please check the members' section of the ACEL website (theacel.com) to confirm that the contact information for your coach and the location of your facility are correct. (The members' section of the website is password protected. Your administrator and athletic director have the password.) To update your information, use the "Information Update Form" available from the forms and downloads section of the website.

## MaxPreps

The use of MaxPreps to report player stats for all-state consideration in the ACEL is mandatory. No all-state nomination will be accepted without an accompanying MaxPreps stat report.

Please do not underestimate the time that it can take MaxPreps to approve new organizations or to fix problems within existing accounts. ***If you are new to MaxPreps or are having issues with your MaxPreps account, NOW is the time to get those fixed.***

In order for MaxPreps to work for us as it is intended, player stats must be uploaded for each ACEL game in which an all-state nominated player participates. Stats should be uploaded routinely throughout the season. Waiting until the end of the season makes it difficult for our other teams to link to your schedule and for stat reporting to be transparent.

## Volleyball Coaches' Meeting

Becky Ready will host a volleyball coaches' meeting via zoom prior to the start of the 2023-24 season. More information will be emailed soon.

## All-State Voting

All organizations participating in volleyball are required to attend All-State Voting even if no player is nominated for all-state from the organization. There is a \$500 fine for failure to attend. The Volleyball All-State Voting meeting will be via Zoom, Saturday, October 14th.

## AED

The ACEL strongly recommends that all organizations have an AED at all ACEL events.



# **Volleyball Rules, Procedures & Policies**

The ACEL follows the rules and regulations set by the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) for all sanctioned ACEL sports. ACEL supplemental policies and exceptions to NFHS rules are listed below.

## **ACEL Specific Rules and Policies for Volleyball 2023-24**

### **Schedule Changes**

The ACEL allows organizations to easily change their schedules as necessary. All that is required is for both the home and away teams to submit a schedule change form through the website.

### **Score Reporting**

Scores must be reported by both the home and away teams by noon the following day. Failure to report the score will result in a fine. (See ACEL Rule 9.7)

When reporting volleyball scores, the score from the team that ultimately won the game is **reported as the first score** for all sets even if that team did not win that particular set.

### **Physicals and Coaches' Concussion Course**

All athletes participating in league competition (boys/girls) are required to take and pass a physical examination. These physicals are good for one calendar year. Physicals must be kept on-hand by athletic directors and coaches at all ACEL events and must be presented immediately upon request.

All ACEL coaches are required to take a concussion course and be able to provide evidence/certificate of completion upon request.

### **The Game**

Varsity volleyball matches between member schools/associations shall be decided by winning 3 out of 5 possible games. Jr. Varsity matches shall be decided by winning 2 out of 3 possible games.

### **The Court**

Organizations participating in basketball or volleyball, must submit a diagram of all courts on which they regularly play home games along with their commitment forms this season. The ACEL Court Diagram Form is available for download under the Forms & Downloads tab of the website. Teams that do not submit a complete Court Diagram Form by the commitment deadline will not be added to the schedule. There is no need to submit an additional court diagram if you are using the same facility for which you submitted a diagram last year.

### **Player Equipment and Uniform**

Shorts must have at least a 4" inseam so that undergarments are completely covered.

### **Officials**

Two 2 patched officials assigned by your area assignment secretary are required at every ACEL sanctioned match.

### **Score Keeper/Clock/Line Judges/Libero tracker**

- The official clock and score book must be manned by an adult 18 years or older (it may not be a student of the host school)
- Line Judges MUST be an adult
- Teams with liberos must also supply a libero tracker

### **Stat Keepers**

Please adequately train your volleyball stat keepers. Volleyball stats are challenging to both understand and to record in real time.

- o Refer to “statistical Definitions” located on the ACEL Volleyball page
- o Consider using video to help record more accurate stats
- o Have a “caller” for stat keeper

## **ACEL Standing Rules Changes/Amendments for Volleyball 2023-24**

- Added 10.8.2: An official’s stand, antennas, and pole pads are required equipment in volleyball.
- Amended All-State selections 11.2.2:

Coaches will select the #1 Setter and the #1 libero in the league. They will then select 12 more players of any position with the first 6 1st team and the final 6 2nd them. Therefore, 1st team all-state will have 6 general players plus the setter and libero. 2nd team will be only 6 players of any position.

### Division 2

All-state team will be 6 players of any position. Setter or libero not be recognized as separate categories.

### General ACEL Rule Changes 2023-24

(Please be aware that the 2023-24 rule review will not be complete until the June 10, 2023 ACEL Executive Board Meeting. Additional changes may occur.)

- 3.10 added: Current ACEL Member Organizations or ACEL Commissioners that recruit new members to the ACEL, resulting in a submitted application, approval for membership by the ACEL Executive Board, and all required fees paid by the new Member, will receive the first-year membership fee (\$300) paid by the new organization.
- 121.3.1 added: JV teams may forfeit playoff games without penalty if forfeited by the posted deadline. Any forfeited game will be considered a loss with the “winning” team advancing in the bracket. The next ranked team will not be elevated to take the place of the forfeiting team.
- 12.5 amended: State Championship Team shirts awarded to all first-place varsity teams (D1 and D2)

## **Communicate with your Executive Director**

Most problems and misunderstandings can be avoided simply through communication. Coaches, if you have a league concern please discuss it with your athletic director ASAP. In many instances athletic directors will already have related information from the ACEL. Athletic directors, please do not hesitate to contact me with any league issue you may have. The more you all communicate with me, the better I understand what is actually happening within our league, making me better able to act in the best interest of all our organizations. I cannot address what I do not know.

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(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)

# 2023-24 ACEL Girls' Volleyball Schedule

## North District

CHA Northeast Flame—Monroe  
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens  
Old Bethel Christian Academy Crusaders—Clarks  
Shreveport Homeschool Sports Force—Shreveport

## South-Central District

Acadiana Christian School Lions—New Iberia  
Alexandria Homeschool Athletics Storm—Alexandria  
Christian Homeschool Sports Assoc. of Acadiana Archangels—Lafayette  
First Baptist Christian School Eagles—Lafayette  
John Paul the Great Academy Guardians—Lafayette

## Southwest District

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School Eagles—Lake Charles  
Legacy Christian Academy Lions—Jennings  
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

## Southeast District

The Brighton School Bengals—Baton Rouge  
CHEF of Baton Rouge Patriots—Baton Rouge  
Christian Academy of Louisiana Crusaders—Addis  
Open Door Christian Academy Conquerors—Denham Springs

\*\*\*\*Official JV teams listed in bold, as well as official JV contests below\*\*\*\*

### August 8, Tuesday

ACS@FBCS  
AHAA@JPG

### August 11, Friday

JPG@MOCS  
CHSAA@BNEDS  
CHEF@OBCA  
CAL@LCA  
ODCA@SWLA

**August 15, Tuesday**

**MOCS@OBCA**  
BNEDS@LCA  
JPG@ACS  
**FBCS@SWLA**  
CHSAA@AHAA  
Brighton@CHEF  
CAL@ODCA

**August 18, Friday**

**CHA@SHS**  
**SWLA@ODCA**  
LCA@AHAA

**August 22, Tuesday**

**SHS@OBCA**  
**CHA@MOCS**  
LCA@SWLA  
**FBCS@JPG**  
ACS@CHSAA  
Brighton@ODCA  
CAL@CHEF

**August 25, Friday**

MOCS@CHSAA  
OBCA@CAL  
**SWLA@CHA**  
LCA@Brighton  
ACS@SHS  
CHEF@BNEDS  
**ODCA@FBCS**

**August 29, Tuesday**

**SHS@MOCS**  
**OBCA@CHA**  
BNEDS@SWLA  
AHAA@ACS  
**ODCA@CHEF**  
Brighton@CAL  
CHSAA@FBCS

**September 1, Friday**

**SHS@FBCS**  
**CHA@ODCA**  
BNEDS@Brighton  
JPG@LCA

**September 5, Tuesday**

JPG@CHSAA  
**FBCS@AHAA**  
ACS@SWLA

**September 8, Friday**

**MOCS@AHAA**  
**SWLA@FBCS**  
BNEDS@JPG  
ACS@CHA  
CHEF@LCA  
**ODCA@SHS**  
Brighton@OBCA

**September 12, Tuesday**

**JPG@AHAA**  
FBCS@ACS

**September 15, Friday**

**CHA@FBCS**  
**SWLA@SHS**  
LCA@CHSAA  
ACS@ODCA  
Brighton@AHAA  
CAL@BNEDS

**September 19, Tuesday**

**SHS@CHA**  
**OBCA@MOCS**  
LCA@BNEDS  
ACS@JPG  
AHAA@CHSAA  
CHEF@Brighton  
ODCA@CAL

**September 22, Friday**

**SHS@ODCA**  
CHA@ACS  
**OBCA@CHEF**

**September 26, Tuesday**

**MOCS@CHA**  
**OBCA@SHS**  
SWLA@LCA  
**JPG@FBCS**  
CHSAA@ACS  
CHEF@CAL  
ODCA@Brighton

**September 29, Friday**

SHS@ACS  
**CHA@SWLA**  
**FBCS@ODCA**  
**AHAA@MOCS**

**October 3, Tuesday**

FBCS@CHSAA  
**MOCS@SHS**  
**CHA@OBCA**  
SWLA@BNEDS  
ACS@AHAA  
**CHEF@ODCA**  
CAL@Brighton

**October 6, Friday**

SWLA@ACS  
BNEDS@CAL  
**FBCS@SHS**  
**ODCA@CHA**  
**JPG@CHEF**

**October 10, Tuesday**

**AHAA@FBCS**  
CHSAA@JPG

**October 13, Friday**

**SHS@SWLA**  
**FBCS@CHA**  
ODCA@ACS

# 2023-24 ACEL Boys' Volleyball Schedule

Alexandria Homeschool Athletics Storm—Alexandria  
CHA Northeast Flame—Monroe  
First Baptist Christian School Eagles—Lafayette  
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens  
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

**August 8, Tuesday**

**August 11, Friday**

CHA@AHAA (DH)

**August 15, Tuesday**

FBCS@SWLA

**August 18, Friday**

MOCS@FBCS (DH)

**August 22, Tuesday**

CHA@MOCS

**August 25, Friday**

SWLA@CHA

**August 29, Tuesday**

**September 1, Friday**

SWLA@MOCS (DH)

**September 5, Tuesday**

FBCS@AHAA

**September 8, Friday**

MOCS@AHAA

SWLA@FBCS

**September 12, Tuesday**

**September 15, Friday**

CHA@FBCS

**September 19, Tuesday**

**September 22, Friday**

AHAA@SWLA(DH)

**September 26, Tuesday**

MOCS@CHA

**September 29, Friday**

CHA@SWLA

AHAA@MOCS

**October 3, Tuesday**

**October 6, Friday**

**October 10, Tuesday**

AHAA@FBCS

**October 13, Friday**

FBCS@CHA

**All Games must be completed by October 13**

**Volleyball All-State Voting**

Saturday, October 14th  
(via Zoom)

**Playoffs**

**October 16th-24th**

(See Volleyball Plan for playoff formats)

**ACEL State Volleyball Tournament in Pineville**

**Friday, October 27**

D1 Varsity Girls' Semifinals

**Saturday, October 28**

JVG, D2 VG, D1 VG and VB State Championship