

2024-25 ACEL Volleyball Plan & Schedule



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The General Season Information

The 2024-25 Volleyball Schedule

Volleyball has a 10-week regular season with an additional week for both playoffs and the state championship. For 2024-25 there are 22 varsity girls' teams, 16 junior varsity girls' teams and 7 varsity boys' teams.

Girls' Volleyball

New ACEL Volleyball Teams

The ACEL is blessed to welcome many new volleyball teams for 24-25. Please make a point to welcome the following teams: Apostolic Restoration Church Academy (West Monroe), Psalms Christian Academy (Natchitoches), Word of God Academy (Shreveport), Acadiana Home School Athletics (Lafayette), Christ Church Academy(Lafayette), Immanuel Christian School(Morgan City), and Lake Area homeschool Sports(Lake Charles.)

Also welcome back Messiah Montessori School in Houma. We've missed your team!

2024-25 Varsity Girls' Volleyball Divisions

Varsity Girls' Volleyball Division 1

(Bold teams also have JV)

Shreveport Homeschool Sports
CHA Northeast
Word of God Academy (Appealed to D1)
John Paul the Great Academy
First Baptist Christian School
Acadiana Christian School
CHEF of Baton Rouge
Open Door Christian Academy
The Brighton School
Alexandria Homeschool Athletics
Bishop Noland High School

Varsity Girls' Volleyball Division 2

(Bold teams also have JV)

Mt. Olive Christian School
Old Bethel Christian Academy
Apostolic Restoration Church Academy*
Psalms Christian Academy
Acadiana Home School Athletics
Christ Church Academy
Christian Academy of Louisiana
Messiah Montessori School
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics
(Appealed to D2)
Legacy Christian Academy
Lake Area Homeschool Sports

Immanuel Christian School (JV ONLY)

2024-25 Girls' Volleyball Districts

North District

(Shreveport-Monroe Area)

Shreveport Homeschool Sports
Mt. Olive Christian School
CHA Northeast
Old Bethel Christian Academy
Apostolic Restoration Church Academy*
Psalms Christian Academy
Word of God Academy

South-Central District

(Lafayette Area)

John Paul the Great Academy
First Baptist Christian School
Acadiana Christian School
Acadiana Home School Athletics
Christ Church Academy

Southeast District

(Baton Rouge Area)

CHEF of Baton Rouge
Open Door Christian Academy
The Brighton School
Christian Academy of Louisiana
Messiah Montessori School
Immanuel Christian School (JV ONLY)

Southwest District

(Lake Charles Area)

Alexandria Homeschool Athletics
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics
Bishop Noland High School
Legacy Christian Academy
Lake Area Homeschool Sports

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 teams.

Division 1 teams are scheduled to play all in-district, D1 teams twice and all in-district, D2 teams once. Division 1 teams are also scheduled to play all out-of-district, D1 opponents once. D1 teams are scheduled for 14-16 games depending on district with 11-12 of those games D1.

Division 2 teams are scheduled to play all in-district, D2 teams twice and all in-district, D1 teams once. In keeping with the goals of Division 2, the amount of travel out-of-district is limited to only the number of games required to bring the total number of games up to the required 10 game minimum. Teams that also have a varsity boys team are scheduled for additional games. All D2 teams are scheduled for 10-12 games depending on district.

For District 2 scheduling, the South-Central and Southeast Districts were combined.

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. Again, minimizing travel is the priority consideration particularly in Division 2; therefore, the ACEL does not require excess travel from teams. Teams are free to fill open dates with unofficial games as they wish.



Boys' Volleyball

New ACEL Volleyball Teams

Welcome to Psalms Christian Academy (Natchitoches), Acadiana Home School Athletics (Lafayette), and Lake Area homeschool Sports(Lake Charles) in their first season of ACEL Boys' Volleyball!

2024-25 Boys' Volleyball Teams

Acadiana Home School Athletics
Alexandria Homeschool Arts & Athletics
CHA Northeast
First Baptist Christian School
Lake Area Homeschool Sports
Psalms Christian Academy
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics

District and Scheduling Priorities

Varsity Girls' and Varsity Boys' schedules are independent of each other this year due to the significant increase in the number of teams.

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. Please be aware that your varsity boys and varsity girls may have away games **on the same night but in different locations.**



Playoffs: October 14th- 22nd

Teams may negotiate playoff dates between Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 22nd. 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 15th 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 15th unless otherwise negotiated.

D2 second round playoff games will take place on Friday, October 18th unless otherwise negotiated.

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

JV Girls

Top 8 teams by PowerPoints will advance to playoffs. The championship game will be played at the state tournament. (2 rounds during playoff week required)

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

JV second round playoff games will take place on Monday, October 21st 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 22nd unless otherwise negotiated.

State Championship

The 2024-25 ACEL Volleyball State Championship is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 25 & 26 in Pineville. The ACEL 8-Man Football State Championship will also take place on October 26 in Pineville immediately following the conclusion of volleyball state.

All-State Teams

All-State Voting Meeting will be October 12th 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.

All-District recognition is TBD. All-District recognition requires that all districts have enough nominees per ACEL rule 11.4.1 for a meaningful 10 person All-District team.

The status of Division 2 all-state selection is currently under review by the ACEL Executive board.

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

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 2024-25 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 12th.

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 2024-25

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

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.

Sandra Merrow
ACEL Executive Director
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337-366-1394
(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)

2024-25 ACEL Girls' Volleyball Schedule

North District

Apostolic Restoration Church Academy Warriors—Monroe

CHA Northeast Flame—Monroe

Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens

Old Bethel Christian Academy Crusaders—Clarks

Psalms Christian Academy Ambassadors—Natchitoches

Shreveport Homeschool Sports Force—Shreveport

Word of God Academy Force—Shreveport

South-Central District

Acadiana Christian School Lions—New Iberia

Acadiana Home School Athletics Commandos—Lafayette

Christ Church Academy—Lafayette

First Baptist Christian School Eagles—Lafayette

John Paul the Great Academy Guardians—Lafayette

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

Messiah Montessori School Eagles—Houma

Immanuel Christian School Lions—Morgan City (JV ONLY)

Southwest District

Alexandria Homeschool Athletics Storm—Alexandria

Lake Area Homeschool Sports—Lake Charles

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School Eagles—Lake Charles

Legacy Christian Academy Lions—Jennings

Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

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

August 6, Tuesday

CHA@OBCA

ARCA@MOCS

PCA@Shreveport

FBCS@JPG

ACS@ODCA

CCA@Messiah

Brighton@CHEF

BNHS@AHAA

Lake Area@SWLA

CAL@AHSA

Immanuel@AHSA (JV ONLY)

August 9, Friday

Shreveport@FBCS

CHA@JPG

WOGA@ACS

CHEF@AHAA

Brighton@BNHS

CAL@LCA

August 13, Tuesday

Shreveport@ARCA

MOCS@OBCA

WOGA@PCA

JPG@ACS

AHSA@CCA

ODCA@CHEF

CAL@Brighton

AHAA@LCA

BNHS@SWLA

August 16, Friday

ACS@Brighton

AHSA@PCA

CHEF@Shreveport

ODCA@BNHS

AHAA@CHA

August 20, Tuesday

MOCS@WOGA

OBCA@ARCA

PCA@CHA

ACS@FBCS

CCA@CAL

CHEF@JPG

Brighton@ODCA

Messiah@AHSA

Immanuel@AHSA (JV ONLY)

SWLA@LCA

BNHS@Lake Area

August 23, Friday

MOCS@LCA

CHA@ACS

OBCA@CCA

PCA@Lake Area

JPG@Shreveport

CHEF@WOGA

AHAA@Brighton

BNHS@FBCS

August 27, Tuesday

Shreveport@Woga

ARCA@CHA

PCA@MOCS

JPG@AHSA

FBCS@AHAA

CCA@ACS

Messiah@CAL

LCA@BNHS

August 30, Friday

CHA@BNHS

WOGA@ODCA

ACS@Shreveport

CHEF@FBCS

AHAA@JPG

September 3, Tuesday

Shreveport@CHA
OBCA@WOGA
PCA@ARCA
ACS@AHSA
Immanuel@AHSA (JV ONLY)
CCA@JPG
ODCA@Messiah
Brighton@FBCS
CAL@CHEF
SWLA@AHAA
Lake Area@LCA

September 6, Friday

Shreveport@ODCA
WOGA@JPG
FBCS@CHA
CCA@MOCS
AHAA@ACS
BNHS@CHEF
Immanuel@CHEF (JV ONLY)

September 10, Tuesday

MOCS@Shreveport
CHA@WOGA
OBCA@PCA
AHSA@FBCS
ODCA@CAL
Messiah@CHEF
SWLA@Lake Area

September 13, Friday

JPG@BNHS
FBCS@ODCA
CHEF@CHA
Brighton@Shreveport
AHAA@WOGA
LCA@Messiah
Lake Area@AHSA

September 17, Tuesday

Shreveport@OBCA
CHA@MOCS
WOGA@ARCA
FBCS@CCA
Brighton@Messiah
Lake Area@AHAA

September 20, Friday

Shreveport@AHAA
CHA@ODCA
ARCA@CCA
JPG@Brighton
FBCS@WOGA
ACS@CHEF
Messiah@Lake Area
SWLA@CAL

September 24, Tuesday

MOCS@ARCA
PCA@OBCA
WOGA@CHA
ACS@JPG
AHSA@CAL
ODCA@Brighton
Messiah@CCA
Immanuel@CCA (JV ONLY)

September 27, Friday

Shreveport@BNHS
JPG@ODCA
Brighton@CHA
Messiah@SWLA
LCA@ARCA
Lake Area@CAL

October 1, Tuesday

OBCA@MOCS
ARCA@PCA
WOGA@Shreveport
JPG@FBCS
AHSA@Messiah
CHEF@Brighton
CAL@CCA
Immanuel@CCA (JV ONLY)
LCA@SWLA

October 4, Friday

WOGA@Brighton
ODCA@AHAA
SWLA@PCA
BNHS@ACS

October 8, Tuesday

MOCS@PCA
CHA@Shreveport
ARCA@OBCA
FBCS@ACS
CCA@AHSA
ODCA@CHEF
CAL@Messiah
AHAA@BNHS
LCA@Lake Area

October 11, Friday

AHSA@SWLA
BNHS@WOGA

2024-25 ACEL Boys' Volleyball Schedule

Acadiana Home School Athletics Commandos—Lafayette
Alexandria Homeschool Athletics Storm—Alexandria
CHA Northeast Flame—Monroe
First Baptist Christian School Eagles—Lafayette
Lake Area Homeschool Sports—Lake Charles
Psalms Christian Academy Ambassadors—Lake Charles
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

August 6, Tuesday

FBCS@AHSA
Lake Area@SWLA

August 9, Friday

CHA@SWLA
PCA@AHAA
AHSA@Lake Area

August 13, Tuesday

FBCS@PCA
AHAA@Lake Area

August 16, Friday

AHSA@PCA
AHAA@CHA

August 20, Tuesday

PCA@CHA
AHAA@AHSA

August 23, Friday

CHA@AHSA
PCA@Lake Area
SWLA@FBCS

August 27, Tuesday

FBCS@AHAA

August 30, Friday

CHA@Lake Area
PCA@SWLA

September 3, Tuesday

SWLA@AHAA
Lake Area@FBCS

September 6, Friday

FBCS@CHA
SWLA@AHSA

September 10, Tuesday

CHA@PCA
AHSA@FBCS
SWLA@Lake Area

September 13, Friday

AHAA@PCA
Lake Area@AHSA
SWLA@CHA

September 17, Tuesday

Lake Area@AHAA

September 20, Friday

CHA@AHAA

PCA@AHSA

September 24, Tuesday

PCA@FBCS

AHSA@AHAA

September 27, Friday

FBCS@SWLA

AHSA@CHA

Lake Area@PCA

October 1, Tuesday

AHAA@FBCS

October 4, Friday

SWLA@PCA

Lake Area@CHA

October 8, Tuesday

FBCS@Lake Area

AHAA@SWLA

October 11, Friday

CHA@FBCS

AHSA@SWLA

All Games must be completed by October 11

Volleyball All-State Voting

Saturday, October 12th

(via Zoom)

Playoffs

October 14th-22nd

(See Volleyball Plan for playoff formats)

ACEL State Volleyball Tournament in Pineville

Friday, October 25

D1 Varsity Girls' Semifinals

Saturday, October 26

JVG, D2 VG, D1 VG and VB State Championship