



## Volleyball 2010 Season

- There are now six classifications in the sport of volleyball with the addition of Class B. This particular classification consists of four districts, seventeen schools and will compete in the state tournament.
- Classes B-5A will be seeded as usual on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The seeding and selection process however will be done by the NMAA staff and will determine the 8 team bracket for Class B and 12-team brackets for Classes A-5A. Pool play of State will begin on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for all Classifications.
- A universal tie-breaking procedure has been put in place for all sports to determine the placement of teams for district tournament purposes. Please refer to Section 7 of the NMAA Handbook for an outline of these procedures.
- In all classes, the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion will both automatically qualify to the state tournament. This means that there will be either one or two teams per district that qualify. If the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion are the same team, then only one team from the district will automatically qualify. If the regular season District Champion and the District Tournament Champion are different, then two teams from the district will qualify. The rest of the field will be made up of at-large selections. The amount of at-large selections will be determined by the results of the regular district seasons and the district tournaments.
- A colored panel leather ball has been approved to use for competition by the NFHS. All panels of the ball shall be white or a combination of three colors with each panel being a solid color; one-third of the panels must be white. (Rule 3-2-1 of NFHS Volleyball Handbook)

With a long term agreement between the NMAA and Santa Ana Star Center, volleyball will continue to be showcased as a premier event in the State of New Mexico at the Santa Ana Star Center.



## **”DIG PINK”**

We are proud to announce due to the tremendous efforts put forth by the volleyball community, the NMAA and Dig Pink received the 2009 Sports Hall of Fame Promotion of the Year award. This is an incredible honor and it is because of your participation in this event that we were able to receive this award.

During the month of October we will again hold “Dig Pink” matches. This is a time for volleyball teams throughout the state of New Mexico to deck out in pink and take part in several fundraising events in an effort to raise money for cancer research and awareness. *Dig Pink* is the official registered brand of the “Side-Out Foundation” based out of Virginia. The “Side-Out Foundation” is a volleyball charity directly relating to helping make an impact on Breast Cancer Research. The funds that are raised and donated to this Foundation will be distributed and focused on Compassionate Research to organizations that offer services to individuals suffering with Breast Cancer and Clinical Research according to the priorities set by the National Research Cancer Institute.

Please note that it is your choice to which organization the money raised will be donated or if you wish to donate to an individual suffering from cancer. If you are unsure where you would like to donate the money, we encourage you to send it to the “Side-Out Foundation” or you have the option of sending it to the NMAA (*with one check made out the Side-Out Foundation*) and we will distribute it to the “Side-Out Foundation.”

As you plan your event, please let Alissa McCarthy at the NMAA know the date of the event, the details of your event (what activities are planned to raise money) and who (Organization or Individual) the money is being raised for. After the event, we would like to know how much was raised as we keep a statewide total. This information will be published on our website, and the information given to the media. The NMAA will also make sure that the official’s are notified. Many officials take part by wearing pink shirts, using pink whistles, and some have generously donated their fees. I also encourage you to make sure the opposing team is notified and ask them if they would also take part in the fundraising festivities.

Thank you so much for all that you do. Have a wonderful and successful season and remember to **“DIG PINK.”**

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