Dear Coaches,

The Lutheran Sports Association welcomes you to "STATE 2026"! We are glad you are here!

We have put together the following information to help answer some of the questions that you may have. This will be a benefit to you as you go through the weekend.

The LSA directors and tournament committee are also available to answer your questions. Members of the Board of Directors will be wearing their **GOLD** nametag, while members of the Tournament Committee will be wearing their **SILVER** nametag.

Please remember before each game to:

- Complete your roster and lineup card within the official time frame.
- Warm-ups will follow the 2-6-6 format
    - The first two minutes are shared
    - Home team is given 6 minutes to have the entire court.
    - The final six minutes are given to the visiting team to have the entire court.
    - When teams are off the court, ball handling is allowed as space allows.
    - Ball handling is permitted on the court prior to the timed warm-ups.
    - If both teams are present, each team shall be restricted to their side of the playing court before the timed warm-ups and during the shared warm-up time.
- The statistician or other representative for the Home team for each match will be made available to sit at the scorers' table and act as the official scorekeeper.
- The use of a libero(s) is optional. If your team uses a libero(s), you must supply your own official tracker. If both teams use a libero(s), the visiting team shall be the official tracker. The official libero tracker will sit at the scorers' table.

Please remember after each match to complete and submit your 'Officials Evaluation' form, located at game sites and Tournament Central. Extra sheets are available if needed. These sheets are optional, but help us evaluate officials for use at STATE 2027.

Pre-order T-shirts can be picked up on Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at Trinity Edwardsville, and on Saturday morning between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at Metro East Lutheran HS.

Doors to the various site locations will open approximately 1 hour before the start of the first scheduled match of the day.

Worship will take place at 7:30 PM Friday at Trinity, Edwardsville.

A Coaches' packet, including your passes, will be picked up at the site of your first match. Information will also be posted on the LSA website. Please turn in your Coach Locator Form when picking up your packet.

Match results will be updated throughout the weekend on the Lutheran Sports Association website at www.luthsports.org.

We hope you and your team have a very enjoyable and fulfilling weekend. God's Blessings on your weekend of volleyball, fellowship, and fun!

STATE Committee "2026"

STATE 2026
PLAYING RULE REMINDERS

1. Warm-ups will follow the 2-6-6 format.

2. Each team is to provide their own volleyballs for warm-ups.

3. Net height for GIRLS: 7'-0"
   Net height for BOYS: 7'-6"

4. **'Home Team'** for each match will make available their **Statistician** or other representative to sit at the scorers' table and serve as the 'official' score keeper. You will still be able to use your own scorebook. **LSA will only need the 'official sheet'** (found at the table) filled out at the end of the match and handed to the LSA director or Committee member present.

5. Use of a libero(s) is optional. If one team uses a libero(s), they must supply the official libero tracker. If both teams use a libero(s), the visiting team's tracker will be considered official. **The official libero tracker will sit at the scorers' table**.

6. All matches will be best of three (3) sets. Each set will be played to twenty-five (25) points, win by two, with no scoring cap. A third set will only be played if necessary to decide the outcome of the match.

TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

Trinity Lutheran School
600 Water Street
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Metro East Lutheran High School
6305 Center Grove Road
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Holy Cross Lutheran School
304 South Street
Collinsville, IL 62234

SIUE – Student Fitness Center
Parking Lot F
35 Circle Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Notes:

1. Worship will be held at Trinity Edwardsville on Friday at 7:30 PM.
2. There is no cost to park in Lot F at the SIUE Student Fitness Center.

COACH LOCATER STATE VB ‘26

School _____

City _____

Head Coach’s Name _____

Tournament Accommodations (home, or name of hotel) _____

If Hotel, Room # (if known)_____

If Home, Phone # (_____)_____

Cell Phone # (____)_____

A second School representative (staying at the hotel) is required only if the coach is not staying at the hotel with the players.

School Representative at Tournament _____

Tournament Accommodations (home, or name of hotel) _____

If Hotel, Room # (if known)_____

If Home, Phone # (_____)_____

Cell Phone # (____)_____

This Information will be used by LSA staff in case of an emergency involving your team or squad or any unforeseen tournament situation that requires your notification.