

## **BOYS VOLLEYBALL OF GA**

### **State Tournament Division Guidelines**

In the interest of maximizing the number of players we can host at the state tournament, we are creating three distinct divisions for the event: Open, A and B. Teams will be allowed to choose Open, A or B when they register, but the seeding committee may request changes from certain schools. Schools will not be forced to play in a division they do not wish to compete in, but the state committee will not allow an A level team to compete in the B division.

The Open division will be comprised of the highest ranked teams, as defined by the state ranking system.

- All Hybrid (and potentially club or home-school) teams will play in the Open division, unless given permission to move to another division by the state seeding committee. We understand that special circumstances may exist, but hybrid teams have often been stronger than single school teams and are therefore asked to compete in Open.
- The state seeding committee will compile a ranking of ALL teams in the state. The top 8-10 teams in the state may be invited to compete in Open at the state tournament. If they decline their invitation, the next-ranked team will be offered the spot.
- Single School A Teams can decline an Open Invitation and compete in the A Division.
- Club or Homeschool teams will be contacted in advance by the state seeding committee, if they will not be allowed to compete at the state tournament.

The A division will be comprised of the strongest single school teams and the B Division will be comprised of the lower ranked single school teams in the state.

- We encourage all A and B teams to play teams at their level and some above and below their level. This will allow your team to wisely choose their division for the state tournament.
- We expect to have approximately 20 A teams and 30 B teams in the state tournament.
- The state seeding committee may allow hybrid teams to play in the A Division, but only if they are deemed completely unable to compete at the Open level. It is possible that a hybrid team could be put in the B division, but we expect that to be an extremely rare occurrence.

In order for rankings to be accurate, it is imperative that all teams report W-L and match evaluations via the Google form. State rankings will be updated weekly on the website, beginning the third week of March. Final state rankings will be posted on **May 4th**. This will allow time to finalize the tournament schedule and contact Open division teams, prior to **Wednesday, May 6th**.