

GCCYS Girls Volleyball Guide for Level Placement for Grades 6 - 8

Placing teams in a particular Level can be one of the most important pieces of the season. After reviewing the players for the team and understanding historic records, it is important for Volleyball Coordinators to place teams as best as possible.

We have found that teams placed in a similar competitive grouping makes the season more fun for all teams. Teams should win and lose during the regular season.

If teams win significantly during the regular season, they will likely be bumped up a level for the postseason. Likewise, if teams lose significantly during the regular season, they may be bumped down a level. So, it's best to make your most appropriate placements as best as you can before the season begins.

Here are some general points to assist in placement:

- Level 1: Very competitive volleyball. Teams entered in this grouping have the opportunity to compete at a high city-wide level. And, even if they are not out to be the best team, they are ready for participating at a high volleyball level where their coach is working on offensive and defensive positioning is a must. Working on a pass, set, and hit on every possession is likely.
- Level 2: Competitive volleyball. Teams are well organized and are working as best they can on passing, setting, and hitting. Perhaps not quite ready for Level 1 but better seem better than average. Girls have played volleyball for multiple seasons and have a coach dedicated to teaching offensive and defensive positioning. Most girls can regularly serve the ball in the court, whether overhand or underhand.
- Level 3: Teams are still looking for a competitive situation but perhaps less talented than an average team at this grade level. Completing a pass, set, and hit could still be difficult but teams will try as best they can. Girls have probably played volleyball for at least one season if not more depending on grade level. Most girls can place their serves in but more on the team are serving underhand than overhand.
- Level 4: Recreational volleyball. This is our recreational league. All girls must play at least one full set and each girl should have about the same amount of court time during each game and throughout the season. Coaches would be less worried about exact positions for players and move everyone around the court playing all positions.

Grades 3- 5 Placement

As a reminder, all teams at grades 3 - 5 should be balanced. If you have one team for a particular grade, that's easy – everyone is on the same team.

If you have multiple teams for a particular grade, Coordinators should do everything possible to ensure those teams are balanced. Essentially, if multiple teams at your school in the same grade played each other, both teams should be just as likely to win or lose.

Do not allow the most athletically talented girls in one grade to join together just because two or three parents want to team up and coach together.