Volleygram #12 – 11/9/2026

Congratulations to all of the teams who competed at the state tournament--you are all winners! The success of this event would not be possible without all of the amazing efforts of our state officials, lines people, WHSAA staff, NCSD staff, and our many community volunteers. We have completed a very successful volleyball season! This would not occur without our amazing coaches who work tirelessly to positively impact the lives of their student/athletes. We, as officials, truly appreciate our unique relationship with all of our coaches, schools, and communities. This does not happen in every state or sport. As we continue to build towards a "unified" volleyball group we are developing an amazing "volleyball community" who can make great opportunities happen for our student/athletes!
Thanks again for ALL that you have and continue to do!
"It Takes a Village"--you are a difference maker!!
Kathy Hamer-Smith

Ode to Coaches "Because of You" (author unknown)
Your players believe in themselves.
They learned the value of hard work.
They feel seen, supported, and part of something bigger.
They found confidence in who they are.
They know the power of teamwork, and that heart really matters.
You have made an impact on their lives!

Ode to Officials "Keepers of the Boundaries" (author unknown)
To the keepers of the boundaries, the calm amidst the roar.
Standing tall above the net, or watching down the line, with a
whistle in your mouth and patience locked in time.
You track the blistering attacks, the touches on the block,
managing the substitutions and the ticking clock.
A subtle tip, a double contact, a foot upon the line,
You split a second into frames to make the right decision.
Through every shifting momentum and every fiery shout,
You keep your head, you call it clean, you signal "In or "Out."
No jersey carries your name, no crowd is there to cheer you on,
yet without your presence the game would disapper.
So here is to the sharp eye, the steady posture on the stand,
The R1, R2, and line judges who keep the sport in hand.
For the fairness that you bring to every point and play,
Thank you for the quiet strength you bring to the court each day!