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***DIVISION I
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
VIDEO-CONFERENCE***





Agenda

- Important dates and deadlines.
- Submission of roster/team travel party information to NCAA.
 - THO (Team Health Officer) designation
 - 27-member travel party
- Team travel form submission.
- Schedule.
 - On-site testing plan. All testing will be done at one universal testing center at the convention center.
 - Plan is already set, and teams have been assigned testing times.
 - Practice. Teams first full day on site will be a testing day, with no practice times.
- COVID-19 policies and procedures.
 - Pre-arrival testing requirements.
 - On-site testing requirements.
 - Teams must have two tests prior to any activities in the competition venues.
 - 14 – 90-day positive window.
- Virtual coaches meeting.



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WE ARE BACK!

- It is going to take all of us working together to make this happen.
- MECA, the volleyball committee and the host staff at the University of Nebraska, committed best efforts to make this a great experience for your student-athletes.
- Remember there are new protocols and everyone is working hard to provide a safe and competitive environment.
- Let's continue that practice and have a great Women's Volleyball championship!



Progression of Tournament Plan

- Fall Championship cancelled due to association declining to play
- Feedback from the membership through AVCA HCC provided direction for tournament options
 - Maximize student-athlete experience
 - Transparency of tournament plan
 - Competitive equity for participants
- Creation of modified Championship for Spring
 - One location
 - 48 team, single elimination tournament
 - Top 16 seeded teams receive byes to the second round



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Tournament Match Schedule

- Wednesday, April 14 – First Round (ESPN3)
- Thursday, April 15 – Second Round (ESPN3)
- Sunday, April 18 – Regional Semi-Finals (ESPN3/ESPNU)
- Monday, April 19 – Regional Finals (ESPNU)
- Thursday, April 22 – National Semi-Finals (ESPN2)
- Saturday, April 24 – National Final (ESPN2)



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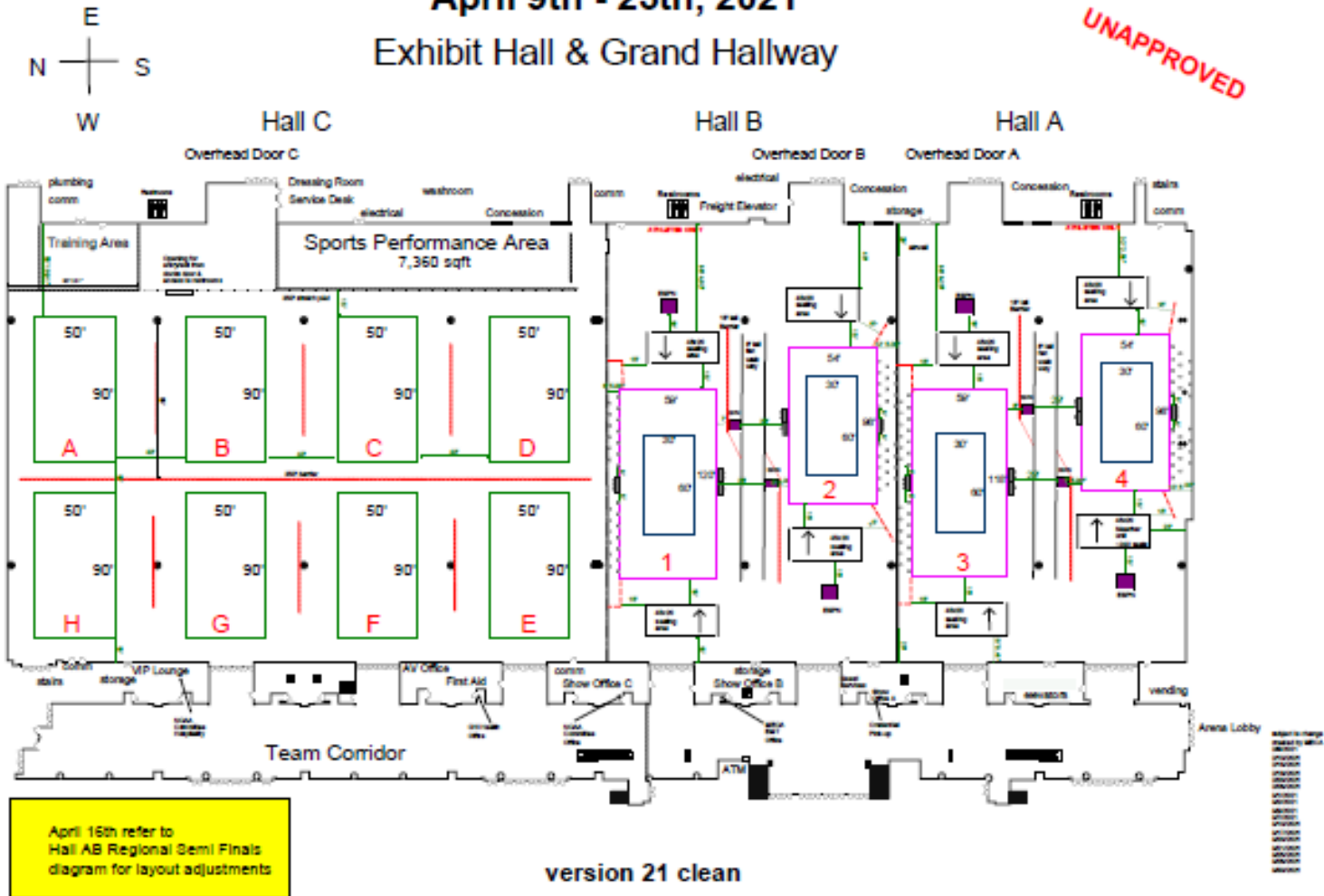
Commitment of Participating Teams

- Follow testing requirements before and after arrival
- Off-site training is prohibited upon reporting in Omaha and continues throughout the event
- Minimize travel party exposure
 - Precaution team from outside contact
 - Continue practicing safe protocols



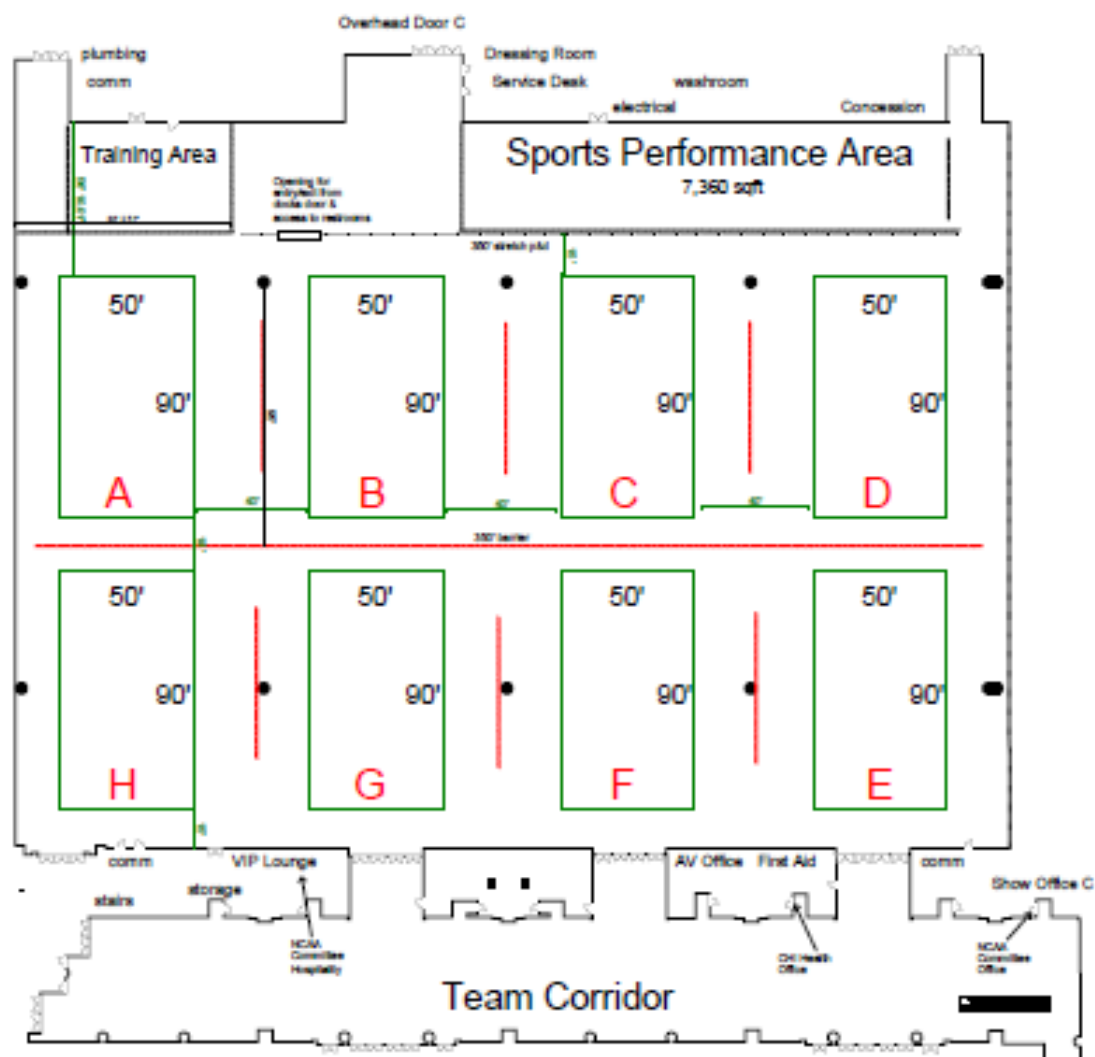
NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship April 9th - 25th, 2021

Exhibit Hall & Grand Hallway





Hall C









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Match Schedules – Rounds 1 & 2

- Four waves with four matches being contested in each wave
- Match times predicated by seeds of Top 16
 - Seeds 9-12 will start at 11:00am
 - Seeds 5-8 will start at 2:30pm
 - Seeds 1-4 will start at 6:00pm
 - Seeds 13-16 will start at 9:30pm
- Potential opponents for each bye team will compete at the same time for Round 1
- First serve to First Serve - 3.5 hours to ensure proper sanitization of court area and warm-up



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Practice Schedule – Rounds 1 & 2

- Practice Day 1 – Tuesday, April 13
 - 90 minutes on practice court
 - 30 minutes on competition court
 - Practice time will be determined by match time
- Practice Day 2 – Wednesday, April 14
DURING FIRST ROUND MATCHES
 - 30 minutes on competition court (all 16 in morning prior to start)
 - 90 minutes on practice court – time determined by match time



Team Arrival in Omaha

- 32 Teams competing in First Round
 - Report Sunday, April 11
 - 1st Test Monday, April 12
 - 2nd Test prior to practice time on Tuesday, April 13
 - Round 1 match on Wednesday, April 14
- 16 Teams receiving “bye” to Second Round
 - Report Monday, April 12
 - 1st Test Tuesday, April 13
 - 2nd Test prior to practice on Wednesday, April 14
 - Round 2 match on Thursday, April 15



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Example of Team Schedule – Slot 38

- Arrive Sunday, April 11
- Monday, April 12 - First test at 10:30am, Grand Ballroom
- Tuesday, April 13
 - Second test at 10:30am, Grand Ballroom
 - Practice
 - 11:30am – 1:00pm, Exhibit Hall C – Practice Court G
 - 1:05pm – 1:35pm, Exhibit Hall A – Competition Court 3
- Wednesday, April 14
 - Test at 11:30am, Grand Ballroom
 - Pass/Serve at 12:30pm – 1:30pm, Exhibit Hall C – Practice Court G
 - Match at 2:30pm, Exhibit Hall A – Competition Court 3/West Bench



Example of Team Schedule – Seed 15

- Arrive Monday, April 12
- Tuesday, April 13 - First test at 8:20am, Grand Ballroom
- Wednesday, April 14
 - Second test at 8:20am, Grand Ballroom
 - Practice
 - 9:20am – 9:50am, Exhibit Hall A, Competition Court 2
 - 8:45pm – 10:15pm, Exhibit Hall C – Practice Court F
- Wednesday, April 15
 - Test at 8:20am, Grand Ballroom
 - Pass/Serve at 7:30pm – 8:30pm, Exhibit Hall C – Court F
 - Match at 9:30pm, Exhibit Hall A – Court 2/West Bench



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Sports Performance Area

- In consultation with sports performance leadership, an area within Hall C will be available for non-court training
- Area will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis
- Access will be permitted only after second negative test is received



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COVID-19 PROCEDURES

- Advance team registration.
- Team Health Officer (THO).
- Testing Protocols.
- Code of Conduct.



TESTING PROTOCOL

- Volleyball is classified as a high transmission risk level sport.
- Requires three times weekly testing on non-consecutive days the week leading up to the championships. With a negative PCR within two days of arrival.
- Upon arrival must have two confirmed negative tests over two days prior to activity at the competition site.
- Will be tested daily while participating on site.
- For those individuals who are at least 14 days post-infection and within 90 days of the first known date of infection, COVID-19 testing and contact tracing will not be required. Masking and physical distancing will be required.



FAQ's

- If a school's athletic director is not the person deemed as the "administrator" for credential purposes, I am hearing that there is no way to get them into the building, unless they use one of the tickets allocated to the program based on the number of qualifiers. Is that correct?
 - ✓ Yes, that is correct.
- If a player is a previous positive outside of the 90 window, what documentation (i.e., IgG or antibody results) should they bring with them to mitigate a possible "positive" test result they could have on-site?
 - ✓ If any member of the travel party has had a positive test more than 14 days prior to arrival, but less than 90 days, they will be exempt from the NCAA Championship testing protocol. The THO (Team Health Officer) must attest that all members of the travel party are in compliance with prescribed protocols and have access to documentation if requested.
 - Test results.
 - Date of positive or negative tests.



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FAQ's

- Do administrators also need to be tested twice and quarantine between those two tests? Assuming they are tier 2?
- ✓ There are NO Tier 2 credentials for administrators. ALL TRAVEL PARTY MEMBERS WILL BE TIER 1. If you have administrators or others that are not traveling with the team or that will not be a part of the tested travel party group, those individuals should plan to use one of the institutions allocated tickets.
- For medical personnel- Is there a number to speak with someone offline regarding medical decision making around Covid-19 issues?
- ✓ Members of the NCAA Medical Advisory group will be staffing a sub-group for all NCAA Championships. That smaller group called CMT (Championship Medical Team) will be engaged for any unique COVID-19 issues that may not be covered in the NCAA Championship Testing Protocols or NCAA Return to Championship Guidelines.



- Soccer (M)
- Soccer (W)
- Volleyball (W)
- National Collegiate Water Polo (M)

Division I Winter Sports

- Basketball (M)
- Basketball (W)
- National Collegiate Bowling
- National Collegiate Fencing
- National Collegiate Gymnastics (M)
- National Collegiate Gymnastics (W)
- Ice Hockey (M)
- National Collegiate Ice Hockey (W)
- National Collegiate Rifle (M/W)
- National Collegiate Skiing (M/W)
- Swimming and Diving (M/W)
- Indoor Track and Field (M/W)
- Wrestling

Division I Spring Sports

- Contact NCAA National Office staff (MyApps Login Required)
- Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures
- Fine Structure
- Ordering Additional Awards
- Score Reporting System
- Championships travel information
- RPI Archive
- Request/buy tickets for NCAA championships
- Championships Hotel Management Program
- Championships Bid and Host Reporting Portal
- Championships Bid Portal User Guide

COVID-19 Championship Resources

- NCAA Championship Testing Protocols
- NCAA Return to Championships Guidelines

Championships Date and Site Information

- NCAA Championships Schedule
- Championships Broadcast Schedule
- Championship Date Formulas
- 2022-26 Championships Bid Cycle Announcement

- 2021-22 Division III AQ Information
- Notification of Conference Automatic Qualifier
- Critical Incident Contact Form
- Volunteer Waiver Form

General Championships Info

- Marketing
- Playing Rules
- Statistics
- Emerging Sports for Women
- NCAA.com Fan Site



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TRAVEL POLICY

- All air travel **MUST** be booked through Short's Travel to be eligible for reimbursement from the NCAA. 866-655-9215 is the number for Short's Travel.
- [Travel Policies](#)



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