



2023 DIVISION I WOMEN'S  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**2023-24 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

## Section 1.1 Definitions

**Pre-championship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

**Appendixes.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

**Championship Manager.** The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

**Games Committee.** The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

**NCAA National Committee.** The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Non-predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

**Site Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

### Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

### Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

#### POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

#### HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

### Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

## Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

## Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](https://www.ncaa.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual .]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

### Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

### Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

### Section 10 • Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

### Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

The Division I Competition Oversight Committee developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available [here](#) when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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Current members of the committee are:

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Senior Woman Administrator  
Georgia Institute of Technology

### **EAST REGION**

#### **Christian Bray**

Senior Woman Administrator  
Harvard University

### **MIDWEST REGION**

#### **Danielle Josetti**

Executive Associate Athletic Director  
Marquette University

### **SOUTH REGION**

#### **Christine Plonsky**

Associate Athletics Director  
University of Texas at Austin

### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

#### **Jennifer Saxon**

Executive Associate AD/SWA  
University of Mississippi

### **MIDWEST REGION**

#### **Marquita Armstead**

Senior Woman Administrator  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### **WEST REGION**

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Executive Associate Athletics Director/SWA  
Utah State University

### **EAST REGION**

#### **Stacy Kosciak**

Senior Woman Administrator/Deputy AD  
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### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

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### **EAST REGION**

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## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>EAST REGION</b>		
<b>Holly Strauss-O'Brien, chair</b>	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>	<b>Atlantic 10 Conference</b>
<b>Christian Bray</b>	<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>The Ivy League</b>
Josh Pickard	University of Albany	America East Conference
Jolene Nagel	Duke University	Atlantic Coast Conference
Chris Willis	Davidson College	Atlantic 10 Conference
Lenika Vazquez	Northeastern University	Colonial Athletic Association
Patric Santiago	Columbia University	The Ivy League
Sean Byron	Marist College	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Amable Martinez	Long Island University	Northeast Conference
Alija Pittenger	Loyola University Maryland	Patriot League
<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>		
<b>Danielle Josetti, chair</b>	<b>Marquette University</b>	<b>Big East Conference</b>
<b>Marquita Armstead</b>	<b>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</b>	<b>Big Ten Conference</b>
Ryan Theis	Marquette University	Big East Conference
Jen Flynn Oldenburg	Ohio State University	Big Ten Conference
Steve Florio	Purdue University-Fort Wayne	Horizon League
Kelli Miller Phillips	Ball State University	Mid-American Conference
Katelyn Harrison	Belmont University	Missouri Valley Conference
Christi Posey	University of Missouri-Kansas City	The Summit League
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>		
<b>Stacy Kosciak, chair</b>	<b>Bowling Green State University</b>	<b>Mid-American Conference</b>
<b>Joeleen B. Akin</b>	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Atlantic Coast Conference</b>
Jason Mansfield	Kansas State University	Big 12 Conference
Brenda Gray	Sam Houston State University	Conference USA
Jeanette Waldo	Tennessee Tech University	Ohio Valley Conference
Jeremy White	Southeastern Louisiana University	Southland Conference
Brittany Williams	Bethune-Cookman	Southwestern Athletic Conference
Chad Willis	Georgia Southern University	Sun Belt Conference
<b>SOUTHEAST REGION</b>		
<b>Cari Rosiek, chair</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina University</b>	<b>Sunbelt Conference</b>
<b>Jennifer Saxon</b>	<b>University of Mississippi</b>	<b>Southeastern Conference</b>
Sean Burdette	University of Memphis	American Athletic Conference
Matt Botsford	Florida Gulf Coast University	ASUN Conference
Korrinn Burgess	Presbyterian College	ASUN Conference
Shaun Kupferberg	Howard University	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Brent Crouch	Auburn University	Southeastern Conference
Lynze Roos	Wofford College	Southern Conference

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>WEST REGION</b>		
Amy Crosbie, chair	Utah State University	Mountain West Conference
Christine Plonsky	University of Texas at Austin	Big 12 Conference
Chris Gonzales	University of Idaho	Big Sky Conference
Giovana Melo	California State University-Bakersfield	Big West Conference
Lee Nelson	University of Nevada	Mountain West Conference
Kevin Hambly	Stanford University	Pac-12 Conference
Debbie Humphreys	Stephen F. Austin State University	Western Athletic Conference
Greg Gibbons	University of the Pacific	West Coast Conference

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Tuesday, Oct. 10</b>	Proposed budget information will be available on the NCAA website for teams interested in hosting first and second rounds and regional competition.
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 7</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit proposed budgets to NCAA national office for first and second rounds and regional competition.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 25</b>	Deadline for notification of conference automatic qualifier for 2023 championship.
<b>Sunday, Nov. 26</b>	Selection show - 6 p.m. Eastern time on ESPNU.
<b>Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2</b>	First- and second-round matches on campus.
<b>Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 9</b>	Regionals on campus.
<b>Thursday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 17</b>	Semifinals and final, Amalie Arena, Tampa, Florida.
<b>Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 6-8</b>	NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee annual meeting.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

<b>First and Second Rounds</b> (16 sites)	Thursday-Friday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 or Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>Regionals</b> (four sites)	Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 9, on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Thursday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 17: Amalie Arena, Tampa Bay Sports Commission and University of South Florida, hosts.

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<b>First/Second Rounds (16):</b>	First Thursday/Friday or Friday/Saturday following Thanksgiving weekend.
<b>Regionals (4):</b>	Weekend following first/second rounds (Friday-Saturday).
<b>2023 Finals:</b>	Thursday and Sunday following regionals.

### FUTURE DATES

#### 2024

<b>Semifinals and Final (Dec. 19 and 21):</b>	KFC Yum! Center, University of Louisville, host.
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#### 2025

<b>Semifinals and Final (Dec. 18 and 20):</b>	T-Mobile Center, University of Kansas, host.
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## Section 1•5 Equipment

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The Molten IV58X-N Soft Touch (tri-colored) is the official volleyball for the 2023 championship.

## Section 1•6 Rules

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*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports that the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to 2023 and 2024 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations.

Questions regarding the interpretation of NCAA rules should be referred to Anne Pufahl (414-430-0111; [poofvbr@gmail.com](mailto:poofvbr@gmail.com)).

### ELECTRONIC TIMEOUTS

Electronic timeouts will be used for tournament matches regardless of television coverage (live or tape-delayed). In all matches, in a non-deciding set (sets 1 through 4), the media timeout is called when the leading team reaches 15 points (if no timeout has been called by a team before that point). In the deciding set (set 5), the media timeout is called at eight (8) points. Once one timeout has been called in a set, no other electronic timeouts may be requested. Each coach will be permitted to call two timeouts per set. All timeouts (electronic or coach-called) will be 75 seconds.

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

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*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Playing uniforms must be in accordance with NCAA rules. Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup shirts and uniforms, and competitive uniforms.

The host team, or the higher-seeded (i.e., lower-numbered) team when the host is not playing, is designated the home team and will wear light-colored uniforms in the first- and second-round and regional matches. For all sessions of the tournament, teams must bring light and dark uniforms. Failure to comply may result in a \$200 fine. It is suggested that institutions bring an extra uniform in the event the blood rule is applied.

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies another entity other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes any pre-match or post-match activities.

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This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply during the NCAA championship to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before Aug. 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during the NCAA championship events.

### LOGOS

[Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.](#)

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. First- and second-round matches will be played at 16 on-campus sites. Winners will advance to four regional tournaments at non-predetermined sites. The four regional winners will advance to the championship at a predetermined site. Competition will be single-elimination, best three-of-five set matches.

A championship bracket is located in [Appendix A](#).

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *All times Eastern*

#### Wednesday, Dec. 13

8:15-9 a.m.	Team SID meeting
9-9:45 a.m.	Administrative meeting
10 a.m.-4:25 p.m.	Team practices/ESPN interviews/press conference
6:30-8 p.m.	Championship banquet

#### Thursday, Dec. 14

9 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Team practices
5:30 p.m.	Gates open
6 p.m.	Court available for warmup
7 p.m.	Semifinal Match No. 1
8:30 p.m.	Warmup court available for teams in Semifinal Match No. 2
9 p.m. (approx.)	Postgame press conference (non-advancing team goes first) <i>(Begins 10 minutes following Semifinal No. 1)</i>
9:30 p.m. (approx.)	Semifinal Match No. 2
11 p.m. (approx.)	Postgame press conference (non-advancing team goes first) <i>(Begins 10 minutes following Semifinal No. 2)</i>

#### Friday, Dec. 15

2:15-3:45 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 winner practice (closed)
3:20-3:50 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 winner press conference
3:55-4:25 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 winner press conference
3:55-5:25 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 winner practice (closed)

#### Saturday, Dec. 16

1-2:30 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 winner practice (closed)
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 winner practice (closed)

#### Sunday, Dec. 17

1:30 p.m.	Gates open
3 p.m.	Championship Match <i>(awards immediately following for both teams on court)</i>
5 p.m. (approx.)	Postgame press conference <i>(second-place team goes first)</i>

### START TIMES

On the first day of competition during first and second rounds, the first match must start between 4:30 and 6 p.m. with a minimum of two hours between all matches (e.g., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.). The second match will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match or the designated time, whichever is later. If the second day of competition is Friday, matches should start between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday matches must start between 2 and 8 p.m.

Start times for regional rounds will be determined by the committee and NCAA staff.

Approximately 22 hours must be allocated between the scheduled start of the last first-round match and the start of the second-round match. The host team will play the second match at first- and second-round sites. At regionals, match order will be determined by the committee.

Any changes to match times or order must be approved by the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee in advance of submitting an official bid to host. Television schedules may necessitate a revised schedule.

### TRAVEL PARTY/SQUAD SIZE/TEAM BENCHES

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]*

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 23. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 16 players in uniform. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it shall automatically forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

A team's bench limit is 16 players in uniform, seven additional non-student athletes, and any rostered student-athletes (not dressed). If an institution wishes to include its own team doctor in the bench area, that individual must occupy one of the 16 chairs and is in addition to the bench limit.

The event manager may provide additional chairs for the tournament doctor and a security representative.

Participant passes will be provided for those that make up the team benches. Three all-access credentials will be provided for the institution's administration.

## Section 2•2 Results

### THE RATING PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)

Access to the RPI can be found at: [NCAA.com/rankings/volleyball-women/d1/ncaa\\_womens\\_volleyball\\_rpi](http://NCAA.com/rankings/volleyball-women/d1/ncaa_womens_volleyball_rpi).

Past RPIs can be found at the RPI archive: [rpiarchive.ncaa.org](http://rpiarchive.ncaa.org).

- Factor I: Division I winning percentage, 25%  
**plus**
- Factor II: Opponents' winning percentage, 50%  
**plus**
- Factor III: Opponents' opponents' winning percentage, 25%  
**plus/minus**
- Factor IV: **Bonus:** For wins against teams ranked 1 through 25 in the original RPI, teams receive a bonus that is approximately two positions in the RPI. For wins against teams ranked 26 through 50 in the original RPI, teams receive a bonus of approximately one position in the RPI.

**Bonus:** Teams receive a bonus of approximately two positions in the RPI for playing 50% of their nonconference schedule against teams ranked 1 through 75 in the original RPI.

**Penalty:** For losses against teams ranked 288 through 312 in the original RPI, teams receive a penalty of approximately one position in the RPI. For losses against teams ranked 313 through the remainder of the original RPI, and against non-Division I teams, teams receive a penalty of approximately two positions in the RPI.

**Penalty:** Teams receive a penalty of approximately two positions in the RPI for playing 50% of their nonconference schedule against teams ranked 263 through the remainder of the teams, and against non-NCAA opponents.

## EVALUATIVE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

Among the other tools the committee uses:

- Regional advisory committee rankings
- Division I record
- Overall RPI
- KPI
- Non-conference record
- Non-conference RPI
- Conference record
- Conference RPI
- Road record
- Record in last 10 matches
- Record against teams ranked 1-50 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked 51-100 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked 101-200 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked below 200 by RPI
- Record against other teams under consideration
- Head-to-head
- Significant wins and losses
- Results against common opponents
- Results against teams already receiving at-large bids
- Site of match
- Other circumstances that could affect results (e.g., injuries)

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

*[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

The Competition Oversight Committee has again approved a bracketing pilot for the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Fifty percent of the bracket will be seeded in four groupings of 1-8. Published seeding will be in four sets of 1-8 and the pairings will honor a 1-8 assignment. The committee will identify the top 32 teams. The top 16 teams will be identified in rank order and assigned a seed grouping from 1 to 4. The balance of the ranked teams, in turn, are assigned to one of the remaining seed groupings (i.e., 5 to 8). Once the seed assignment is finalized, it remains unchanged while placing the teams into the championship bracket. First and second-round conference matchups will be avoided.



**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2023 championship are:

America East Conference	Coastal Athletic Association	Pac-12 Conference
American Athletic Conference	Conference USA	Patriot League
Atlantic Coast Conference	Horizon League	Southeastern Conference
ASUN Conference	The Ivy League	Southern Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Southland Conference
Big East Conference	Mid-American Conference	Southwestern Athletic Conference
Big Sky Conference	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	The Summit League
Big South Conference	Missouri Valley Conference	Sun Belt Conference
Big Ten Conference	Mountain West Conference	West Coast Conference
Big 12 Conference	Northeast Conference	Western Athletic Conference
Big West Conference	Ohio Valley Conference	

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information?division=d1](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information?division=d1).

**Section 2•4 Selection Criteria**

*[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

**SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or better.

**BYLAW 31.3.3.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION**

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Women’s Volleyball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the volleyball championship (not necessarily in priority order):

**Primary Criteria**

- Rating Percentage Index.
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Significant wins and losses.
- KPI

**Secondary Criteria**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated.

- Late-season performance (last 10 matches).
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.
- Location of contest.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Women's Volleyball Committee.

Unless the committee gives prior approval for an experimental format, only three-of-five-set matches played to conclusion, using rally scoring, will be considered. In addition, a minimum of 80% of an institution's matches must be played against other Division I teams in order to be eligible for consideration for selection.

**AT-LARGE SELECTION**

**The timetable for the selection of at-large teams in 2023 shall be:**

**September-November** – Regional advisory committees and the Women's Volleyball Committee conduct telephone conferences to discuss teams in each region.

**Nov. 21-23** – Each regional chair confers with regional advisory committee members to determine teams that should be considered from that region.

**Nov. 24-26** – Women's Volleyball Committee meets to review all at-large teams and establish the bracket. The committee will assume all members will participate in the tournament, if selected, unless the NCAA is notified to the contrary before the selection of teams.

**Sunday, Nov. 26** – Selection/notification date. 6 p.m. Eastern time on ESPNU.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY**

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition.

For the volleyball championship, the championship manager must be notified before Nov. 27.

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

*[Reference: Site Selection in the General Section and Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

With the adoption of proposal 2010-108, each committee will comply with the bylaw to the greatest extent possible and in doing so, the following policies will be implemented:

- For non-revenue generating championships that seed a quarter of the bracket, sites will be awarded to the seeded teams that submit a bid that meets the requirements for hosting. In the event that a seeded team doesn't submit a bid that meets the requirements, the sport committee will maintain the current policy of geographic consideration when assigning the host sites;
- The committee will use the geographic consideration to help maintain the balance of integrity of the selection; and
- The committee also will separate first- and second-round conference opponents when assigning teams to sites.

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions and ensure the institution's key contact and facility information are complete and current in the Championship Bid and Profile System. A separate proposed budget must be submitted for each round that an institution is interested in hosting. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid."

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact Kristin Fasbender.

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

All first and second and regional rounds of competition will be played on the campus of one of the participating institutions. The following criteria will be used in determining sites:

1. Availability of the facility for practice and competition. The facility must be available for four teams' practice and competition during the following times:
  - a. Day before the match: From noon to 10 p.m., minimum of 90 minutes of practice for each team.
  - b. First-round match and regional semifinal day: 60 minutes for all teams competing that day.
  - c. Second-round match day, regional final and national championship: 90 minutes of practice for each team. Practices should begin seven hours before the start of the first match.
  - d. Practices must end at least 90 minutes before the start of the first match.
2. In-floor net system is mandatory.
3. Separate locker rooms of comparable quality for each participating team.
4. Hotels of comparable quality and proximity to the facility. The host institution will be required to reserve a minimum of 16 double-double rooms at each team hotel.
5. Institutions may use an off-campus arena, provided that the facility is within 30 miles of the main campus and prior approval has been obtained from the committee. Institutions are not required to play regular-season matches in the facility.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Nov. 7.

In addition to projected ticket sales (if applicable) and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.

- Game officials lodging. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials' lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials' hotel block at the final site for its championships.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committee's/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefQuest system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

To host the first and second rounds, there is a financial guarantee of \$10,000. To host the regional round, the guarantee is \$15,000.

## FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information – e.g., facility diagram, pictures – may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

## KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org).

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at: [ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf?division=d1](https://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf?division=d1).

## FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Kristin Fasbender at 317-917-6520 or email us at [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

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Appendix A • Bracket

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### EAST REGION

#### America East Conference (6)

University at Albany  
Binghamton University  
Bryant University

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of New Hampshire  
New Jersey Institute of Technology

#### Atlantic Coast Conference (15)

Boston College  
Clemson University  
Duke University  
Florida State University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Louisville  
University of Miami (Florida)  
North Carolina State University

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
Syracuse University  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University

#### Atlantic 10 Conference (10)

Davidson College  
University of Dayton  
Duquesne University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University

George Washington University  
Loyola University Chicago  
University of Rhode Island  
Saint Louis University  
Virginia Commonwealth University

#### Coastal Athletic Association (12)

Campbell University  
College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
University of Delaware  
Elon University  
Hampton University  
Hofstra University

North Carolina A&T State University  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Northeastern University  
Stony Brook University  
Towson University  
William & Mary

#### The Ivy League (8)

Brown University  
Columbia University-Barnard College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College

Harvard University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Princeton University  
Yale University

#### Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (10)

Canisius College  
Fairfield University  
Iona College  
Manhattan College  
Marist College

Niagara University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rider University  
Saint Peter's University  
Siena College

#### Northeast Conference (6)

Central Connecticut State University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus  
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

Merrimack College  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

#### Patriot League (9)

American University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College

Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

**MIDWEST REGION**

**Big East Conference (11)**

Butler University  
 University of Connecticut  
 Creighton University  
 DePaul University  
 Georgetown University  
 Marquette University

Providence College  
 Seton Hall University  
 St. John's University (New York)  
 Villanova University  
 Xavier University

**Big Ten Conference (14)**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 Indiana University, Bloomington  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of Michigan  
 Michigan State University  
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
 Northwestern University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Horizon League (10)**

Cleveland State University  
 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
 Northern Kentucky University  
 Oakland University  
 Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Robert Morris University  
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 Wright State University  
 Youngstown State University

**Mid-American Conference (12)**

University of Akron  
 Ball State University  
 Bowling Green State University  
 University at Buffalo, the State University of New York  
 Central Michigan University  
 Eastern Michigan University

Kent State University  
 Miami University (Ohio)  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Ohio University  
 University of Toledo  
 Western Michigan University

**Missouri Valley Conference (12)**

Belmont University  
 Bradley University  
 Drake University  
 University of Evansville  
 Illinois State University  
 University of Illinois Chicago

Indiana State University  
 Missouri State University  
 Murray State University  
 University of Northern Iowa  
 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
 Valparaiso University

**The Summit League (8)**

University of Denver  
 University of Missouri-Kansas City  
 University of Nebraska Omaha  
 University of North Dakota

North Dakota State University  
 Oral Roberts University  
 University of South Dakota  
 South Dakota State University



**SOUTH REGION**

**Big 12 Conference (13)**

Baylor University  
 Brigham Young University  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Houston  
 Iowa State University  
 University of Kansas

Kansas State University  
 University of Oklahoma  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas Tech University  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 West Virginia University

**Conference USA (9)**

Florida International University  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Liberty University  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 Middle Tennessee State University

New Mexico State University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 University of Texas at El Paso  
 Western Kentucky University

**Ohio Valley Conference (9)**

University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
 Eastern Illinois University  
 Morehead State University  
 Southeast Missouri State University  
 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Tennessee State University  
 Tennessee Technological University  
 University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Western Illinois

**Southland Conference (9)**

Houston Christian University  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 Lamar University  
 McNeese State University  
 University of New Orleans

Nicholls State University  
 Northwestern State University  
 Southeastern Louisiana University  
 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Southwestern Athletic Conference (12)**

Alabama A&M University  
 Alabama State University  
 Alcorn State University  
 University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff  
 Bethune-Cookman University  
 Florida A&M University

Grambling State University  
 Jackson State University  
 Mississippi Valley State University  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Southern University, Baton Rouge  
 Texas Southern University

**Sun Belt Conference (14)**

Appalachian State University  
 Arkansas State University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Georgia Southern University  
 Georgia State University  
 James Madison University  
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Louisiana Monroe  
 Marshall University  
 Old Dominion University  
 University of South Alabama  
 The University of Southern Mississippi  
 Texas State University  
 Troy University

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**American Athletic Conference (14)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 East Carolina University  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 University of Memphis  
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 University of North Texas  
 Rice University

University of South Florida  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Temple University  
 University of Texas at San Antonio  
 Tulane University  
 The University of Tulsa  
 Wichita State University

**ASUN Conference (10)**

Austin Peay State University  
 University of Central Arkansas  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Jacksonville University

Kennesaw State University  
 Lipscomb University  
 University of North Alabama  
 University of North Florida  
 Stetson University

**Big South Conference (8)**

Charleston Southern University  
 Gardner-Webb University  
 High Point University  
 University of North Carolina Asheville

Presbyterian College  
 Radford University  
 University of South Carolina Upstate  
 Winthrop University

**Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (8)**

Coppin State University  
 Delaware State University  
 Howard University  
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Morgan State University  
 Norfolk State University  
 North Carolina Central University  
 South Carolina State University

**Southeastern Conference (13)**

University of Alabama  
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
 Auburn University  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Kentucky  
 Louisiana State University

University of Mississippi  
 Mississippi State University  
 University of Missouri, Columbia  
 University of South Carolina, Columbia  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 Texas A&M University, College Station

**Southern Conference (9)**

The Citadel  
 East Tennessee State University  
 Furman University  
 Mercer University  
 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Samford University  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 Western Carolina University  
 Wofford College

**WEST REGION**

**Big Sky Conference (10)**

California State University, Sacramento  
 Eastern Washington University  
 University of Idaho  
 Idaho State University  
 University of Montana

Montana State University-Bozeman  
 Northern Arizona University  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 Portland State University  
 Weber State University

**Big West Conference (10)**

California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University, Bakersfield  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Northridge  
 University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Riverside  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 Long Beach State University

**Mountain West Conference (11)**

Boise State University  
 California State University, Fresno  
 Colorado State University  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of New Mexico

San Diego State University  
 San Jose State University  
 U.S. Air Force Academy  
 Utah State University  
 University of Wyoming

**Pac-12 Conference (12)**

University of Arizona  
 Arizona State University  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Oregon

Oregon State University  
 University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 University of Utah  
 University of Washington  
 Washington State University

**West Coast Conference (9)**

Gonzaga University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 University of the Pacific  
 Pepperdine University  
 University of Portland

University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 Santa Clara University

**Western Athletic Conference (11)**

Abilene Christian University  
 California Baptist University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 Seattle University  
 Southern Utah University  
 Stephen F. Austin State University

Tarleton State University  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 Utah Tech University  
 Utah Valley University

## Appendix C • Championship Match Protocol

### SINGLE MATCH

Time Allotted	Actual Time	Visible Clock	Protocol
41 minutes	6:30-7:11 p.m.	:60-:19	Court available for shared warmup
	7 p.m.	:30	Coin toss
4 minutes	7:11-7:15 p.m.	:19-:15	Visiting team court
4 minutes	7:15-7:19 p.m.	:15-:11	Home team court
5 minutes	7:19-7:24 p.m.	:11-:06	Visiting team court
5 minutes	7:24-7:29 p.m.	:06-:01	Home team court
1 minute	7:29-7:30 p.m.	:01-:00	Team huddle/announcements
	7:30 p.m.	:00	National anthem/player introductions; Match begins
Match begins at conclusion of introductions			

### DOUBLE MATCH

Time Allotted	Actual Time	Visible Clock	Protocol
41 minutes	4:30-5:11 p.m.	:60-:19	Court available for shared warmup
	5 p.m.	:30	Coin toss
4 minutes	5:11-5:15 p.m.	:19-:15	Visiting team court
4 minutes	5:15-5:19 p.m.	:15-:11	Home team court
5 minutes	5:19-5:24 p.m.	:11-:06	Visiting team court
5 minutes	5:24-5:29 p.m.	:06-:01	Home team court
1 minute	5:29-5:30 p.m.	:01-:00	Team huddle/announcements
	5:30 p.m.	:00	National anthem/player introductions; Match begins
30 minutes between matches			

Time Allotted	Actual Time	Visible Clock	Protocol
11 minutes	7-7:11 p.m.	:30-:19	Court available for shared warmup
	7:04 p.m.	:26	Coin toss
4 minutes	7:11-7:15 p.m.	:19-:15	Visiting team court
4 minutes	7:15-7:19 p.m.	:15-:11	Home team court
5 minutes	7:19-7:24 p.m.	:11-:06	Visiting team court
5 minutes	7:24-7:29 p.m.	:06-:01	Home team court
1 minute	7:29-7:30 p.m.	:01-:00	Team huddle/announcements
			Player introductions
			Match begins

## Appendix D • Court Layout

NCAA Volleyball Court Layout

