



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Coaches, Senior Woman Administrators and Sports Information Directors at NCAA Institutions and Commissioners at NCAA Conferences that Sponsor National Collegiate Beach Volleyball.

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SUBJECT: 2021 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Information.

The following is important information concerning the 2021 season:

1. Lineup Challenge Process. For the 2021 season, coaches will be able to challenge pre- or post-match legality of team lineups and player movement regulations. Coaches will be required to fill out a challenge form and submit it to the NCAA within 24 hours after the start of the match. The committee will review the challenge and if it is determined that a player was played out of order, the team will forfeit the match at that position as well as receive a fine. Fines will be assessed according to the approved Competition Oversight Committee structure.

The challenge form is available [here](#).

The NCAA lineup form is available [here](#).

2. 2021 Pre-Championship Manual. Please review for pertinent information by clicking [here](#).
3. Selection Criteria. As a reminder the committee will select three teams from the East region, three teams from the West region and two teams at large.

Selection criteria for the regional bids (in-region comparison):

- a. Record versus regional opponents.
- b. Head-to-head competition.
- c. Results versus common opponents.
- d. Strength of schedule.
- e. Overall record. **(For the 2020-21 academic year, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee waived the .500 rule for fall, winter and spring sports, which**

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normally requires teams to have overall won-lost records of .500 or better for at-large selections.)

Selection criteria for at-large bids.

- a. Head-to-head competition.
 - b. Results versus common opponents.
 - c. Strength of schedule.
 - d. Overall record. **(For the 2020-21 academic year, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee waived the .500 rule for fall, winter and spring sports, which normally requires teams to have overall won-lost records of .500 or better for at-large selections.)**
4. 2021 Rules Modifications. The 2021 rules modifications are now available by clicking [here](#). Please note on the modifications those items highlighted in yellow as these are new for 2021. New modifications include: game jersey numbering; Playing Rules Changes Related to Commemorative/Memorial Uniform Patches; and duration of time-outs. Also note the additional set of adjustments made for 2021 due to COVID-19. Please direct any rules questions to Rachel Seewald at rseewald@ncaa.org and Katy Meyer at katy.meyer@me.com.
 5. NCAA Scoresheet. It is required that institutions use the NCAA scoresheet during competition. The scoresheet can be found [here](#).
 6. Regular Season Survey. The committee will be sending out a survey later this season requesting feedback from coaches on potential items that they will be discussing during their annual meeting. Please make sure to complete the survey.
 7. Selection Show. The eight teams for the championship will be selected on Sunday May 2nd with the time to be determined, on NCAA.com.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Our contact information is listed below.

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