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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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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 2\(^{nd}\) 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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