

2021 COVID-19 Adjustments to the NCAA BVB RULE MODIFICATIONS

The following **COVID-19 related NCAA Beach Volleyball Rule Modifications** were approved by the NCAA DI BVB Championship Committee on February 25, 2021 and will **expire at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 season**.



Section: TEAM LINEUPS and PLAYER MOVEMENT REGULATIONS (pages 6-8)

Sub Section: *Lineup Adjustments* (page 7)

If a student-athlete is out of the lineup for a significant amount of time due to **illness**, injury, academics, etc., the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee has adopted a new protocol to adjust a student-athlete's returning spot. **If a player is out:**

- (1) 12 full duals – she may return two spots lower in the lineup than where they went out.
- (2) 16 full duals – she may return three spots lower in the lineup than where they went out.
- (3) 20 full duals – her status may reset to full alternate status.
 - A. 2 consecutive weeks during the regular season of competition – she may return to the position in which she last played OR as many as two spots lower in the lineup than where she was removed from the lineup.**
 - B. 3 consecutive weeks during the regular season of competition – she may return to the position in which she last played OR as many as three spots lower in the lineup than where she was removed from the lineup.**
 - C. 4 consecutive weeks or more during the regular season of competition – she may return to the position in which she last played OR her status may reset to full alternate status.**

Section: TEAM LINEUPS and PLAYER MOVEMENT REGULATIONS (pages 6-8)

Sub Section: *Team that has an insufficient number of players* (page 8)

A team appearing with an insufficient number of players shall default matches at the bottom of the lineup. If the No. 1 doubles team is not available to compete, all doubles teams must move up one position. The No. 1 doubles match cannot be forfeited. The minimum number of players for a dual-meet match is six physically able players. A team that does not meet this minimum must forfeit the match.

NOTE: A team with 10 or more physically able players is expected to compete in all 5 pairs matches and to adhere to normal/existing Player Movement Regulations, including *Lineup Adjustment* modifications.

- A. If, however, a team has:**
 - A1. fewer than 10, but more than 8 physically able players:**
 - a. the head coach must forfeit one pairs match.**
 - b. the head coach must forfeit at pairs position 5.****Thus, resulting in a starting dual match team score of 0-1 favoring the opponent team.**
- B. If, however, a team has:**
 - B1. fewer than 8, but more than 6 physically able players:**
 - a. the head coach must forfeit two pairs matches.**
 - b. the head coach must provide a pairs team at position 1 and may forfeit at remaining pairs positions 2-5.****Thus, resulting in a starting dual match team score of 0-2 favoring the opponent team.**

NOTE: While adhering to the responsibility to position pairs in order of ability for ALL matches from the first match of the season to the last match of the season, this adjustment potentially obligates a coach to move a player or pairs team up more than the allotted one position in the lineup. This adjustment is only allowable in this unique situation.

In scenarios A. and B., above, and as physically able players are returned to the line-up, a coach is expected to adhere to the responsibility to position pairs in order of ability.

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