



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.

FROM: Ashley Armstrong, chair
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SUBJECT: 2024 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Information.

The following is important information concerning the 2024 season:

1. Championship Format and Selection. Continuing in the 2024 season, the tournament field is 17 teams. Those 17 teams will include nine automatic qualifiers and eight teams at-large. The following nine conferences have been awarded an AQ for the 2024 championship.

- Atlantic Sun Conference
- Big West Conference
- Coastal Collegiate Association Beach Volleyball
- Conference USA
- Ohio Valley Conference
- Pacific-12 Conference
- Southland Conference
- Sun Belt Conference
- West Coast Conference

Conferences must notify the NCAA of their automatic qualifier by 6 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, April 27. All matches will be played in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

New for 2024, conference AQ teams ranked eight and nine will play in an opening-round dual Friday, May 3 at 9 a.m. Eastern time. The winner of that dual will play another dual in the first round that day.

The tournament is a single-elimination tournament. It includes nine duals beginning Friday, May 3, four quarterfinal duals the morning of Saturday, May 4, and two semifinal duals Saturday afternoon. The national championship dual will be held Sunday, May 5.

2. Lineup Challenge Process. Coaches can 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 being challenged. The NCAA Beach Volleyball 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 NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee structure.

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

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

3. Lineup Adjustments. If a student-athlete is out of the lineup for a significant amount of time due to injury, academics, etc., the following lineup re-entry protocols are in place.

If a player is out:

12 full duals – they may return two spots lower in the lineup than where they went out.

16 full duals – they may return three spots lower in the lineup than where they went out.

20 full duals – their status may reset to full alternate status.

4. 2024 Pre-Championship Manual. The manual will be available by March 15 and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).
5. Selection Criteria. As a reminder, starting with the 2024 season, the committee will select eight teams at-large.

Selection criteria for at-large bids.

- a. Head-to-head competition.
- b. Results versus common opponents.
- c. Strength of schedule.
- d. Overall record (must be .500 or above).

6. 2024 Rules Modifications. The 2024 rules modifications are now available and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Please direct any rules questions to rules coordinator Connor Lancashire at clancashire@ncaa.org and head official Katy Meyer at treenie.meyer@gmail.com.
7. NCAA Scoresheet. Institutions must use the NCAA scoresheet during competition. The scoresheet can be found [here](#).
8. Selection Show. The 17 teams for the championship will be selected Sunday, April 28 at 11 a.m. Eastern time. determined. Selections will be released on NCAA.com.

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9. File Sharing Site. New for the 2023-24 season, all pertinent selections information will be shared via the Beach Volleyball file sharing site through SharePoint. Please pay close attention to items within the "ACTION NEEDED" folder. The file sharing link will be shared upon the conclusion of the selection announcement.

As a reminder, when hosting a dual or tournament, your facility should be set and ready for the event. Officials will inspect the courts, including playing area, for safety and to ensure they meet specifications, but the facility needs to be ready for play.

Please contact us with questions, using the contact information listed below.

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