



## 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: 2025 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Information.

The following is important information concerning the 2025 season:

1. Championship Format and Selection. For the 2025 season, the tournament field is 16 teams. The 16 teams will include eight automatic qualifiers and at-large eight teams. The following eight conferences have been awarded an AQ for the 2025 championship.

- Atlantic Sun Conference
- Big West Conference
- Conference USA
- Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
- Ohio Valley 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 26. All matches will be played in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

The tournament is a single-elimination tournament. It includes eight duals beginning Friday, May 2, four quarterfinal duals the morning of Saturday, May 3, and two semifinal duals Saturday afternoon. The national championship dual will be held Sunday, May 4. **NEW** for 2025: All duals will be broadcast on ESPN2.

2. Lineup Challenge Process. **NEW** for the 2025 championship season: The committee will review challenges for only the national championship. Regular season challenges will need to be managed by conferences.

The NCAA regular season 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. 2025 Pre-Championship Manual. The manual will be available by March 1 and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).
5. Selection Criteria. The committee select eight teams at-large, using the following selection criteria:
- a. Head-to-head competition.
  - b. Results versus common opponents.
  - c. Strength of schedule.
  - d. Overall record. (must be .500 or above).
6. 2025 Rules Modifications. The 2025 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](mailto:clancashire@ncaa.org) and rules interpreter Katy Meyer at [treenie.meyer@gmail.com](mailto:treenie.meyer@gmail.com).
7. NCAA Scoresheet. Institutions must use the NCAA scoresheet during competition. The scoresheet can be found [here](#).
8. Regular Season Survey. The committee will be sending out a survey later this season requesting feedback from coaches on potential items to be discussed by the committee during its annual meeting.
9. Selection Show. The 16 teams for the championship will be selected at 1 p.m. Eastern time Sunday, April 27. Selections will be released on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com).

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 any questions, using the contact information listed below.

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