



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

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

FROM: Ashley Armstrong, chair
NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee.

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Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2026 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship Information.

The following is important information concerning the 2026 selections and championship:

1. Selection Show. The 16 teams for the championship will be announced at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, April 26, on ncaa.com.
2. 2026 Pre-championship Manual. Please review for pertinent information by clicking [here](#). All competition will start Friday, May 1. Eight duals will be conducted Friday.
3. Selection Criteria. In addition to the eight automatic qualifiers, 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).
4. Championship Participant Manual. The 2026 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship participant manual will be available by end of day April 24 and may be accessed [here](#).
 5. Final Score Reporting. As you have been doing all season, please make sure you continue to submit and double check your results via the online system, linked [here](#). The committee will use all results toward selecting the teams through April 25.
 6. Squad Size and Travel Party. The squad size for the championship will be 19.

7. Lineup Forms/Challenge Process. Any team desiring selection to the championship is required to submit its lineup form to Kristin Fasbender (kfasbender@ncaa.org), Caroline Hughes (chughes@ncaa.org) and Ashley Armstrong (ashley.armstrong@lmu.edu) by **5 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday, April 25**. The lineup form is available [here](#). A team must also submit its past four lineups with its championship lineup.

REMINDER (FOR CHAMPIONSHIP):

Staying within the rules governing lineups, the coach will first determine their PLAYERS (consisting of 5 pairs) for the Event (the 2026 NCAA NC Beach Volleyball Championship). The coach can then identify up to nine student-athletes to list as ALTERNATES for the Event (the 2026 NCAA NC Beach Volleyball Championship).

- **The last position played MUST be considered when determining the PLAYERS for the Event.**
- **The last position played DOES NOT need to be considered when determining ALTERNATES for the Event.**

A PLAYER who is removed from the lineup due to illness or injury is not allowed to return to the lineup.

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.

Once the 16 teams have been selected, all 16 lineup forms will be made available to the teams competing in the championship for review. If an institution would like to challenge a lineup, it must fill out the challenge form and submit it to Caroline Hughes (chughes@ncaa.org), Kristin Fasbender (kfasbender@ncaa.org), and Ashley Armstrong (ashley.armstrong@lmu.edu). Challenges will be due by 10 a.m. ET Monday April 27th. If a lineup is challenged coaches will need to be available for a call at 3 p.m. ET. Finalized lineups will be available by 10 p.m. ET on April 27th. The challenge form is available [here](#).

8. File Sharing Site. For the 2025-26 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 distributed at the conclusion of the selection announcement.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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