



## NCAA Beach Volleyball



### EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT: Team Lineups and Player Movement Regulation

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*This educational supplement has been developed to further clarify the language and intent of the current NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modifications section: TEAM LINEUPS and PLAYER MOVEMENT REGULATIONS (pgs. 12-15). Additionally, this supplement is intended for use with the SAMPLE LINEUP Scenarios and associated LINEUP FORM Examples. Color has been incorporated for enhanced reference.*

#### NCAA Beach Volleyball Resources

- [2025 NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modifications](#)
- [NCAA Beach Volleyball – Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form](#)

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### Lineup Regulations Made Simple(r)

Regulation 1: Coaches must play their pairs (positions 1-5) in order of ability.

*Note: The “order of ability” is a ranking of pairs that is determined by the coach. The coach must distinguish an order of ability. The coaches’ order of ability ranking is NOT to be influenced by the anticipated lineup of an opposing team. Any attempt to “match-up” against a specific opponent by changing the order of pairs is inconsistent with this regulation.*

Regulation 2: Player movement from position to position is permitted ONLY by one position up or down as determined by the previous match lineup. This permitted movement applies to each individual player.

*Note: Regulation 2 is a **limitation**. This limitation, and the **Alternate** entry limitations, can create a conflict with the “order of ability” regulation. When such circumstances arise, the objective **limitation** (regulation 2) shall be the governing regulation applied.*

#### Season Opening Status

All roster players will begin the season with status as either a **Player (Original Player)** or as an **Alternate (Alternate Player)**. Only after the first match is played may a player become a **Removed Player**.

#### Player

**Player** status applies initially to only the ten (10) players in the lineup for the team’s **first countable contest of the season**. An **Alternate** shall become a **Player** if, after performing in the lineup, that **Alternate** gets moved up or down one slot for an ensuing match instead of continuing in the same spot or returning to the Alternate list.

#### Alternate (A)

Full **Alternate** status applies initially to all roster players that were NOT in the lineup for the

team's first countable contest of the season. The **Alternates** are listed in the **Alternates** section of the lineup form.

A full status **Alternate** may enter the lineup at any position.

**Once entered into the lineup** and performing at a position, that **Alternate** may then:

- Be returned to the **Alternates** list for the next match; or
- Continue to play at the position entered, and thereby maintain **Alternate** player status until the player leaves the lineup from that position and returns to the **Alternates** list; or
- Be moved up or down a position per lineup regulation 2 above, resulting in the player losing **Alternate** status and becoming a **Player**. Once a **Player**, if she is subsequently removed from the lineup, she becomes a **Removed Player**, listed in the **Removed Players** section of the lineup form.

### **Alternate Clarifications**

- An **Alternate** that has performed in a match and returns to the **Alternates** list per option a) or above, shall retain full **Alternate** status if the performance was at position 5; if the performance was at a higher position (1-4), the **Alternate** shall return to the **Alternates** list as a **Limited Alternate** with the 1-4 position played noted in the Limited column on the **lineup form**; **Limited Alternates** may ONLY return to the lineup at the position previously performed, or at No. 5.
- There is no limit to the number of consecutive matches an **Alternate** may perform at the same position.
- There is no limit to the number of times an **Alternate** may enter at a specific position (either 5 or the "limited" position) and return to the **Alternates** list.
- A **Limited Alternate** may enter the designated 1-4 position OR the number 5 position and then return to the **Alternates** list without any change in status. There is no limit to how many times this may happen.
- An **Alternate** that plays at position 4, and then moves to position 5 for the ensuing match shall become a **Player** by regulation due to being moved up or down one spot and remaining in the lineup; the **Alternate** that plays at 4 may be returned to the **Alternates** list (and sit out a match), and then re-enter at position 5, but must sit out a match after performing at position 4 to retain **Alternate** status.

### **Removed Player (RP)**

A **Player** that is removed from the lineup, for any reason, becomes a **Removed Player** and shall be listed in the **Removed Players** section of the lineup form. A **Removed Player** may return to the active lineup ONLY in the position from which she was removed<sup>1</sup>. Once she has returned to the lineup and played at her return position, she may subsequently be moved under Lineup regulation 2. If she is removed again, she returns to the **Removed Players** list with the "last position played" designation which determines the only position at which she may return to the lineup.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>In 2020, the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee modified the **TEAM LINEUPS and PLAYER MOVEMENT REGULATIONS** by adopting a protocol to adjust a student-athlete's returning spot if a student-athlete is out of the lineup for a significant amount of time due to injury, academics, etc. Please reference the current NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modifications (pg. 8) for complete details. (Approved 2/2024).

<sup>2</sup>In 2025, the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee modified the **TEAM LINEUPS and PLAYER MOVEMENT REGULATIONS** by clarifying that a Player may be removed from the official team lineup in the event of injury or illness and until The Toss (as defined by Rule 7.1 in the USA Volleyball 2023-2025 Beach Rules Book) for the affected Pairs match. Please reference the current NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modifications (pg. 14) for complete details. (Approved 2/2025).

## Sample Lineup Scenarios – reference Example Lineup Forms

### MATCH No. 1

- |              |            |  |
|--------------|------------|--|
| 1. Athlete 1 | Athlete 2  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 2. Athlete 3 | Athlete 4  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 3. Athlete 5 | Athlete 6  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 4. Athlete 7 | Athlete 8  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 5. Athlete 9 | Athlete 10 | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |

EXH Athlete 11 Athlete 12 legal (Alternate (full status), has not yet entered the lineup)

Alternates (full status): Athlete 13, Athlete 14, Athlete 15, Athlete 16, Athlete 17, Athlete 18

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### MATCH No. 2

- |               |            |  |
|---------------|------------|--|
| 1. Athlete 1  | Athlete 2  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 2. Athlete 3  | Athlete 4  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 3. Athlete 5  | Athlete 6  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 4. Athlete 7  | Athlete 8  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 5. Athlete 11 | Athlete 12 | legal (Alternate, from EXH, enter anywhere originally) |

EXH Athlete 13 Athlete 15 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Removed Players: Athlete 9 [pos 5], Athlete 10 [pos 5]

Alternates (full status): Athlete 14, Athlete 16, Athlete 17, Athlete 18

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### MATCH No. 3

- |               |            |  |
|---------------|------------|--|
| 1. Athlete 1  | Athlete 2  | legal (same pos/same pos)  |
| 2. Athlete 3  | Athlete 4  | legal (same pos/same pos)  |
| 3. Athlete 5  | Athlete 8  | legal (same pos/Athlete 8 moved up 1 pos)                              |
| 4. Athlete 7  | Athlete 11 | legal (same pos/Athlete 11 moved up 1 pos, loses Alternate status)     |
| 5. Athlete 10 | Athlete 12 | legal (Removed Player, last played pos 5/Alternate, last played pos 5) |

EXH Athlete 14 Athlete 17 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Removed Players: Athlete 6 [pos 3], Athlete 9 [pos 5]

Alternates (full status): Athlete 13 [EXH], Athlete 15 [EXH], Athlete 16, Athlete 18

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### MATCH No. 4

- |               |            |  |
|---------------|------------|--|
| 1. Athlete 1  | Athlete 2  | legal (same pos/same pos)                      |
| 2. Athlete 18 | Athlete 4  | legal (Athlete 18 replaces Athlete 3/same pos) |
| 3. Athlete 5  | Athlete 8  | legal (same pos/same pos)                      |
| 4. Athlete 7  | Athlete 11 | legal (same pos/same pos)                      |
| 5. Athlete 10 | Athlete 12 | legal (same pos/same pos)                      |

EXH Athlete 16 Athlete 17 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Removed Players: Athlete 3 [pos 2], Athlete 6 [pos 3], Athlete 9 [pos 5]

Alternates (full status): Athlete 13 [EXH], Athlete 14 [EXH], Athlete 15 [EXH]

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MATCH No. 5

- |    |            |            |  |
|----|------------|------------|--|
| 1. | Athlete 1  | Athlete 2  | legal (same pos/same pos)                          |
| 2. | Athlete 3  | Athlete 4  | legal (Removed Player, last played pos 2/same pos) |
| 3. | Athlete 5  | Athlete 8  | legal (same pos)                                   |
| 4. | Athlete 7  | Athlete 11 | legal (same pos)                                   |
| 5. | Athlete 10 | Athlete 12 | legal (same pos)                                   |

EXH Athlete 16 Athlete 17 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Removed Players: Athlete 6 [pos 3], Athlete 9 [pos 5]

Alternates (full status): Athlete 13 [EXH], Athlete 14 [EXH], Athlete 15 [EXH]

Alternates (limited status): Athlete 18 [Limited/2]

### Interpretation Scenarios

MATCH No. 1

- |    |           |            |  |
|----|-----------|------------|--|
| 1. | Athlete 1 | Athlete 2  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 2. | Athlete 3 | Athlete 4  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 3. | Athlete 5 | Athlete 6  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 4. | Athlete 7 | Athlete 8  | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |
| 5. | Athlete 9 | Athlete 10 | a Player (Original Player status), if removed becomes Removed Player |

EXH Athlete 11 Athlete 12 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Alternates (full status): Athlete 13, Athlete 14, Athlete 15, Athlete 16, Athlete 17, Athlete 18

MATCH No. 2

- |    |            |            |  |
|----|------------|------------|--|
| 1. | Athlete 1  | Athlete 2  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 2. | Athlete 3  | Athlete 4  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 3. | Athlete 11 | Athlete 12 | * see description below                                |
| 4. | Athlete 7  | Athlete 8  | legal (same pos/same pos)                              |
| 5. | Athlete 9  | Athlete 10 | legal (Alternate, from EXH, enter anywhere originally) |

EXH Athlete 13 Athlete 15 legal (Alternate, has not yet entered the lineup)

Removed Players: Athlete 5 [pos 3], Athlete 6 [pos 3]

Alternates (full status): Athlete 14, Athlete 16, Athlete 17, Athlete 18

\* This move, under the Alternate regulation, is permissible. However, the fact that Alternates may enter the lineup at any position does not permit a violation of the order of ability regulation. Since Alternates may enter at any position, the proper lineup will have Alternates entering as a pair positioned in the correct order of ability as judged by the head coach. If this pair did not play in Match 1 because they were deemed to be the sixth best pair in order of ability, then the correct entry position for Match 2 would be a position 5.

# SAMPLE LINEUP SCENARIO: Match 1

## NCAA Beach Volleyball - Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form



INSTITUTION: CITY

OPPONENT: STATE

TEAM DUAL MATCH RECORD ENTERING THIS MATCH: 0-0

SITE: CITY COURTS

DATE: 2/23/2025

MATCH NO. 1

### PLAYERS

By rule, pairs must be positioned in order of ability

Position	First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match		First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match	
No. 1	Ann	Abell	1	-	1	Beth	Becker	2	-	
No. 2	Claire	Caruth	3	-	2	DaNeisha	Daniles	4	-	
No. 3	Elle	Edwards	5	-	3	Felicity	Frankel	6	-	
No. 4	Gail	Grant	7	-	4	Haley	Henderson	8	-	
No. 5	Ingrid	Issell	9	-	5	Jennifer	Jackson	10	-	
EXH	Kelly	Korvath	11	-	E X H	Leslie	Lowell	12	-	

### ALTERNATES

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Limited/ Position
13	Maria	Menendez	
14	Nicky	Nadino	
15	Ryann	Richards	
16	Tia	Tomson	
17	Olivia	Orecci	
18	Paulina	Pujol	

### REMOVED PLAYERS

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Pos Last Played	Match No. Last Played	Date Last Played

#### 1. HEAD COACH

Bestus Cochevar

#### 2. ASSISTANT COACH

Renee Duplay

#### 3. DESIGNATED THIRD COACH

Heerto Helpout

HEAD COACH SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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## SAMPLE LINEUP SCENARIO: Match 2

### NCAA Beach Volleyball - Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form



INSTITUTION:	CITY
OPPONENT:	TECH
TEAM DUAL MATCH RECORD ENTERING THIS MATCH: <span style="float: right;">1-0</span>	

SITE:	CITY COURTS
DATE:	2/23/2025
MATCH NO.	2

#### PLAYERS

By rule, pairs must be positioned in order of ability

Position	First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match		First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match	
No. 1	Ann	Abell	1	1	1	Beth	Becker	2	1	
No. 2	Claire	Caruth	3	2	2	DaNeisha	Daniles	4	2	
No. 3	Elle	Edwards	5	3	3	Felicity	Frankel	6	3	
No. 4	Gail	Grant	7	4	4	Haley	Henderson	8	4	
No. 5	Kelly	Korvath	11	A/EXH	5	Leslie	Lowell	12	A/EXH	
EXH	Maria	Menendez	13	A	E X H	Ryann	Richards	15	A	

#### ALTERNATES

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Limited/ Position
14	Nicky	Nadino	
16	Tia	Tomson	
17	Olivia	Orecci	
18	Paulina	Pujol	

#### REMOVED PLAYERS

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Pos Last Played	Match No. Last Played	Date Last Played
9	Ingrid	Issell	5	1	2/23/2025
10	Jennifer	Jackson	5	1	2/23/2025

#### 1. HEAD COACH

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#### 2. ASSISTANT COACH

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# SAMPLE LINEUP SCENARIO: Match 3

## NCAA Beach Volleyball - Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form



INSTITUTION:

OPPONENT:

TEAM DUAL MATCH RECORD ENTERING THIS MATCH:

SITE:

DATE:

MATCH NO.

### PLAYERS

By rule, pairs must be positioned in order of ability

Position	First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match		First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match	
No. 1	Ann	Abell	1	1	1	Beth	Becker	2	1	
No. 2	Claire	Caruth	3	2	2	DaNeisha	Daniles	4	2	
No. 3	Elle	Edwards	5	3	3	Haley	Henderson	8	4	
No. 4	Gail	Grant	7	4	4	Kelly	Korvath	11	5	
No. 5	Jennifer	Jackson	10	RP <sub>5</sub>	5	Leslie	Lowell	12	5	
EXH	Nicky	Nadino	14	A	E X H	Olivia	Orecci	17	A	

### ALTERNATES

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Limited/Position
13	Maria	Mendez	EXH
15	Ryann	Richards	EXH
16	Tia	Tomson	
18	Paulina	Pujol	

### REMOVED PLAYERS

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Pos Last Played	Match No. Last Played	Date Last Played
6	Felicity	Frankel	3	2	2/23/2025
9	Ingrid	Issell	5	1	2/23/2025

#### 1. HEAD COACH

Bestus Cochevar

#### 2. ASSISTANT COACH

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#### 3. DESIGNATED THIRD COACH

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HEAD COACH SIGNATURE

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# SAMPLE LINEUP SCENARIO: Match 4

## NCAA Beach Volleyball - Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form



INSTITUTION: CITY

OPPONENT: COLLEGE

TEAM DUAL MATCH RECORD ENTERING THIS MATCH: 3-0

SITE: CITY COURTS

DATE: 2/24/2025

MATCH NO. 4

### PLAYERS

By rule, pairs must be positioned in order of ability

Position	First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match		First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match	
No. 1	Ann	Abell	1	1	1	Beth	Becker	2	1	
No. 2	Paulina	Pujol	18	A	2	DaNeisha	Daniles	4	2	
No. 3	Elle	Edwards	5	3	3	Haley	Henderson	8	3	
No. 4	Gail	Grant	7	4	4	Kelly	Korvath	11	4	
No. 5	Jennifer	Jackson	10	5	5	Leslie	Lowell	12	5	

EXH	Tia	Tomson	16	A	E X H	Olivia	Orecci	17	A	
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### ALTERNATES

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Limited/Position
13	Maria	Mendez	EXH
14	Nicky	Nadino	EXH
15	Ryann	Richards	EXH

### REMOVED PLAYERS

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Pos Last Played	Match No. Last Played	Date Last Played
3	Claire	Caruth	2	3	2/24/2025
6	Felicity	Frankel	3	2	2/23/2025
9	Ingrid	Issell	5	1	2/23/2025

#### 1. HEAD COACH

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#### 2. ASSISTANT COACH

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HEAD COACH SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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# SAMPLE LINEUP SCENARIO: Match 5

## NCAA Beach Volleyball - Regular Season Dual Match Lineup Form



INSTITUTION: CITY

OPPONENT: ACADEMY

TEAM DUAL MATCH RECORD ENTERING THIS MATCH: 3-1

SITE: ACADEMY COURTS

DATE: 3/2/2025

MATCH NO. 5

### PLAYERS

By rule, pairs must be positioned in order of ability

Position	First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match		First Name	Last Name	Jersey No.	Position Played Last Match	
No. 1	Ann	Abell	1	1	1	Beth	Becker	2	1	
No. 2	Claire	Caruth	3	RP <sub>2</sub>	2	DaNeisha	Daniles	4	2	
No. 3	Elle	Edwards	5	3	3	Haley	Henderson	8	3	
No. 4	Gail	Grant	7	4	4	Kelly	Korvath	11	4	
No. 5	Jennifer	Jackson	10	5	5	Leslie	Lowell	12	5	
EXH	Tia	Tomson	16	A	E X H	Olivia	Orecci	17	A	

### ALTERNATES

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Limited/ Position
13	Maria	Mendez	EXH
14	Nicky	Nadino	EXH
15	Ryann	Richards	EXH
18	Paulina	Pujol	A <sub>2</sub>

### REMOVED PLAYERS

Jersey No.	First Name	Last Name	Pos Last Played	Match No. Last Played	Date Last Played
6	Felicity	Frankel	3	2	2/23/2025
9	Ingrid	Issell	5	1	2/23/2025

#### 1. HEAD COACH

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