

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Volleyball

Division I

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I. SITE AND DATE

- A. The NCCAA National Volleyball Championship date shall be at least two weekends prior to the NAIA Regional Championship date for that particular year.
- B. The NCCAA Regional Championship cut off date is two Saturdays prior to the NCCAA National Volleyball Championship.
- C. Site Requirements
 - 1. The site shall have two regulation playing courts.
 - 2. The NCCAA volleyball coaches shall determine the site based on an evaluation of the bid form submitted by the specific institution at the national coaches' meeting.
 - 3. The host institution must take total responsibility for the financial and organizational aspects of the championship and follow recommended NCCAA policies and procedures.
- D. Bidding Procedures (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#))

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Institutions must send an affidavit of eligibility (NCCAA or NAIA) (see [Eligibility Section](#)) to the Regional Chair postmarked no later than the date of their first match.
- B. An institution's affidavit of eligibility must be cleared by the Regional Volleyball Chair and the National Volleyball Chair must be notified before the first championship competition begins. If affidavits are late and cannot be cleared on time, a team shall not be eligible to compete.

III. CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

- A. Teams included shall be the champions of each region, the host school and the number of at-large berths needed to make up an eight/ten team championship.
 - 1. Every attempt shall be made by the Regional Volleyball Chair or the coach of a team to have a regional playoff in order to assure an automatic berth.
 - 2. If no Regional Championship is held, the region shall designate a champion representative and an at-large bid to compete in the National Championship. The Regional Volleyball Chair must verify that the team made every effort to host a Regional Championship.
- B. At-large berths shall be selected using the following criteria by the NCCAA Volleyball Committee and the Championship Director:
 - 1. Placing in the Regional Championship – must be runner-up or the region's at-large nomination if no championship is held.
 - 2. The most current NCCAA national ranking and NAIA/NCAA Regional/National rankings.
 - 3. The strength of the teams in question based on season record and caliber of teams played.
 - 4. The strength of the region based on previous championship play and region number.
 - 5. If two teams are considered equally capable, consideration shall be given to the team which has not received previous at-large representation.
- C. The National Volleyball Chair shall arrange a conference call (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#)) with the NCCAA Volleyball Committee on Monday at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time, two weeks prior to the championship in order to decide the regional champions, at-large berths and the seeding of the National Championship.
- D. Teams wishing to make a bid for an at-large berth may do so by having their Regional Volleyball Chair submit their request during the conference call. The Regional Volleyball Chair shall be prepared to provide pertinent information about the team bidding for the at-large berth (overall record, strength of schedule, and only the second place team, unless no second place team applies). If the Regional Volleyball Chair is the coach of the team wanting an at-large berth, the coach of the regional champion shall be the coach on the conference call.

IV. CONDUCT OF CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The championship shall be determined by the number of declaring regions and/or at-large berths submitted. The championship structure shall follow one of the formats below:
 - 1. Eight-team championship – two pools of four teams with all teams advancing to a single-elimination bracket.
 - 2. Ten-team championship – two pools of five teams with the top two from each pool advancing to a single-elimination bracket.
- B. The championship seed shall be as follows:
 - 1. Seeding shall be the responsibility of the National Volleyball Committee.
 - 2. Seeding shall be determined during the conference call on Monday, 11:00 A.M. Eastern time, two weeks prior to the championship.
 - 3. Seeding shall be based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Overall win/loss record with strength of schedule.
 - b. Strength of region according to finish in previous National Championships.
 - c. Most current NCCAA national ranking.
 - d. NAIA/NCAA regional and national ranking.
- C. The restrictions shall be as follows:
 - 1. The championship shall not exceed three days.
 - 2. All matches shall be three out of five games.
 - 3. Ties in match standings which result at the end of pool play shall be resolved by the tie-breaker procedure as follows:
 - a. Overall match record.
 - b. Head to head competition.
 - c. Percentage of games won of those played among tied team (total games won/total games).
 - d. Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams (total points won/total points).
 - e. Percentage of total games won.
 - f. Percentage of total points won.
 - g. Coin flip.
- D. All regional playoffs, as well as the National Championship, shall follow the current NAIA rules.

V. CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

- A. Plans the championship with the approval of the National Volleyball Chair and Director of Member Relations.
- B. Sends all championship information and deadline dates to the Regional Championship Directors and to eligible institutions.
- C. Plans emergency medical procedures.
- D. Contacts all communication media for coverage.
- E. Keeps a detailed accounting of all income and expenditures.
- F. Obtains information pertaining to the National Championship and distributes this to appropriate coaches.
- G. In concert with the National Volleyball Chair, submits a National Championship Reporting Form (see Forms and Procedures) to the Director of Member Relations within 10 days of the event.
- H. Sends a 5” x 7” photograph of the championship team to the National Office within five days of the event.
- I. Submits the championship results to the National Office the Monday immediately following the championship.

VI. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

A. Membership

1. The committee shall be composed of the Championship Director, the National Volleyball Chair, or his/her appointee from the National Volleyball Committee, and the head official.
2. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, this individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the National Volleyball Chair.
3. Three members must be present for action to be taken.

B. Responsibilities

1. Ethical Behavior
 - a. Observe the behavior of the student-athletes, coaches and other team personnel during competitive events.
 - b. Promote standards of ethical behavior during competitive events and throughout the championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individual(s) and team(s) during the championship, and reinforced by more specific communication. If unacceptable behavior occurs, this committee has the right and obligation to act on the issue. This may include a reprimand with official notice to the institution.
2. Write a report of all cases on which this committee acts. A duplicate shall be filed with the Championship Director for inclusion with the championship report.
3. Make on site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the championship (e.g. extreme weather conditions).

C. Protests

1. Assure that protest procedures, as indicated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA with NAIA modifications) Rulebook, have been followed.
2. Act on all appropriate protests.

VII. NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

A. Composition and term of office

1. The National Volleyball Committee shall consist of the National Volleyball Chair, who serves as Chair of the committee, the National Volleyball Vice-Chair and the Regional Volleyball Chairs. Non-voting members include the National Championship Director and the National Volleyball Statistician.
2. The National Volleyball Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Volleyball Vice-Chair.

B. Election

1. The regional coaches shall conduct an election of the Regional Volleyball Chair to the National Volleyball Committee at an appropriate time. The term of office for the Regional Volleyball Chair shall be determined by each individual region.
2. If a vacancy occurs on the National Volleyball Committee, the National Volleyball Chair shall, upon approval of the rest of the committee, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.

C. Duties of the National Volleyball Committee (see [Bylaws Section](#))

1. Represent the interests of coaches and student-athletes to the National Volleyball Committee.
2. Propose revisions of the National Championship operating policies and procedures to the committee.
3. Assist in solicitation of bids for future championship sites.
4. Submit the top six players in each region as All-American nominees.
5. Attend the National Championship and vote on All-Americans and Scholar-Athletes.
6. Check eligibility of teams before they compete at the Regional Championship.

D. Duties of the National Volleyball Chair (also see National Sport Chair Job Description in Forms & Procedures)

1. Initiate, direct and control the work of the National Volleyball Committee.
2. Communicate with the National Volleyball Committee on issues requiring their input.
3. Conduct meetings of the coaches and the committee at the National Championship to provide opportunities for questions, suggestions and recommendations regarding the conduct of the championships.
4. Supervise and assist the Championship Director with planning and conducting the National Championship.
5. Invite coaches of all NCCAA participating institutions to the coaches' meeting and request that agenda items and nominations for National Volleyball Committee vacancies be sent to the National Volleyball Chair.

6. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures to the Director of Member Relations no later than one month after the championship.
7. Solicit nominations from all regions and conduct the election of committee members within a month following the championship. If there is an insufficient number of nominees, request assistance from Regional Chairs. Submit a report of the election to the NCCAA Board of Directors.

VIII. OFFICIALS

- A. Officials must possess at least an NAGWS/USA state/regional rating. For the Championship match, a national ranking must be held.
- B. The National Championship Director shall select and assign officials in consultation with the National Volleyball Chair.
- C. It is recommended that a minimum of six officials be used.

IX. MEETINGS

- A. There shall be a meeting held at a convenient time for all Division I coaches and Athletics Directors attending the championship for the purpose of reviewing and proposing policy and procedural revisions and changes. If votes or count are taken on any topic, only one vote per institution shall be counted. Since the primary purpose of the meeting is solicitation of coaches' suggestions, the head coach's vote shall be counted if more than one representative from an institution is attending. The National Volleyball Chair must send any desired changes in procedures to the Director of Member Relations for presentation to the Administrative Committee for a recommendation to the NCCAA Board of Directors.
- B. The National Volleyball Committee meeting, open only to committee members or their appointees, shall also be held for the purpose of selecting All-Americans and Scholar-Athletes.

X. AWARDS

- A. Team awards are standard with NCCAA Championships.
- B. Coach of the Year award shall be presented to the championship team coach.
- C. National Player of the Year shall be awarded to the Most Outstanding Player.
- D. All-Tournament Team
 1. An All-Tournament Team of 11 players and one Most Valuable Player shall be honored at the National Championship.
 - a. Each coach, after every match, shall submit two players from both teams to the Championship Director.
 - b. Players nominated shall receive one point. The individuals with the highest total shall comprise the All-Tournament Team. The individual receiving the highest total shall be the Most Valuable Player.
 - c. Votes shall be tabulated by the Championship Director and the National Volleyball Chair.
 2. The All-Tournament Team shall be announced prior to the championship awards.
- E. An NCCAA award of recognition shall be awarded to each player on the championship team.
- F. First and Second Team All-American (see [Appendix A](#))
 1. Only those nominations submitted on the official form shall be considered.
 2. Votes shall be tabulated by the National Volleyball Chair.
 3. NCCAA Outstanding Player shall go to the individual receiving the most votes in the All-American ballot selection.
 4. First Team All-American nominee must be one of the top six players from within the region she represents.
 5. Each team shall consist of 12 players. The first team of 12 shall receive plaques and certificates, and the second team shall receive certificates from the National Office.

G. Scholar-Athletes (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#))

1. Only those nominations submitted on the official form and accompanied with a confirmation of the student-athlete's GPA, signed by the Registrar, shall be considered.
2. Nominations shall be accepted and verified by the National Volleyball Chair.

H. Susan R. Hellings Award (see [Appendix B](#))

1. Purpose: The purpose of this award is to honor, each year, the outstanding women's volleyball player selected from the NCCAA member institutions.
2. Criteria: The award recipient must be a junior or senior student-athlete who excels on an outstanding team. She must be an excellent student-athlete, demonstrating leadership ability and having a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court.
3. Nature of Award: An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion.
4. Procedures: Coaches wishing to nominate a player must submit the appropriate Susan R. Hellings Nomination Form to the National Volleyball Chair by the second Saturday in November. No coach may nominate more than one player. The award shall be presented at the awards ceremony of the National Championship. The recipient shall be expected to be present at the ceremony; therefore, coaches shall keep this in mind when making their nominations. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.
5. Selection: The selection committee shall consist of the National Volleyball Chair, the Vice-Chair, a representative of the NCCAA Board of Directors, the award donor, and the National Championship Director.
6. Honoree: Susan R. Hellings played volleyball in the mid 1970's at Houghton College. She was a starting hitter for her championship team. Susan exemplified Christian leadership on the court, not allowing anything to stand in the way of team unity. She was an excellent student as demonstrated by being her high school valedictorian. Susan graduated Summa Cum Laude from college with a B.A. in mathematics. Susan is the mother of two boys. She and her husband, Richard, host Bible studies in their home and are active in their local church. Susan was the type of student-athlete that exemplified all the characteristics that this award is intended to honor.

XI. EXPENSES

- A. No entry fee shall be charged.
- B. Expenses not covered by the host institution shall be absorbed by the competing institutions.
- C. After expenses, profits shall be divided among participating schools according to their expenses.
- D. The National Volleyball Committee recommends that all gate receipts from Regional Championships be used to defray the cost of sending the Regional Champion to the National Championship. Regional Championships must charge admission.
- E. The travel, lodging and meals of the National Volleyball Chair shall be paid out of the NCCAA gate receipts if his/her team does not advance to the National Championship.
- F. The Vice-Chair shall receive his/her expenses to attend the National Championship if his/her team does not advance (travel not included).

XII. DIVISION I STATISTICS

A. Statistical Reports

1. By August 31, team rosters, schedules and sports information contact information must be sent to the National Statistician: Gabe Wallis, stats@thenccaa.org, 864-567-1615.
2. Teams must report their statistics on the official volleyball statistics form (see [Appendix C](#)) and must include all requested information. These reports shall be faxed by noon (EST) on Monday for all matches played the previous week. Reports shall begin on the second Monday of September and continue through the National Championship.
3. Each national report shall be available on the NCCAA website by noon on Tuesday.
4. Schools that fail to submit two statistical reports shall be ineligible to receive All-American awards or recognition for statistical achievement and shall be ineligible for Regional and National Championships. All teams must submit the final two reports.
5. Statistical fees shall be paid to the National Office by August 15 with membership dues.
6. The Burbridge Power Value Rating System shall be used (see [Appendix D](#)).

B. Duties of the National Statistician

1. The National Statistician is required to evaluate the accuracy of statistics submitted and either inquire further to correct or omit the printing of inaccurate statistics. Where possible, the statistician is expected to educate the institution on the proper recording and submission of statistical information.
2. The National Statistician shall send two written warnings to a subscribing institution concerning inaccurate or incomplete reporting or failure to report before they are considered ineligible for All-American and Scholar-Athlete awards and NCCAA postseason play. If the second infraction occurs after being contacted by the Regional Chair, the National Statistician shall notify the institution of its ineligibility. All warnings shall be sent to the National Volleyball Chair.
3. The national statistics, rankings and national Student-Athlete of the Week shall be released in a timely manner following each report.
4. Following the National Championship, a comprehensive report shall be posted, including final rankings, team and individual statistics, Player of the Year, All-Tournament, Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-American and Scholar-Athlete Teams.

C. Scoring System

1. The scoring system is described by the NCAA Volleyball Rulebook.
2. The official statistics shall be as accepted by the AVCA statistics handbook.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Rosters shall be limited to 15 players.
- B. All policies are in keeping with the NCCAA Division I Handbook.

Appendix A

NCCAA Division I Volleyball All-American Selection Process

I. PURPOSE

- A. To recognize outstanding performance in Christian intercollegiate volleyball participation.
- B. To publicize and promote Christian student-athletes.
- C. To promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate athletics.
- D. To publicize and promote the participating colleges within the NCCAA.
- E. To publicize and promote the NCCAA, its presence, its purpose and its program.

II. GUIDELINES

- A. The player must be a member of the volleyball team at a participating NCCAA institution that is in good standing.
- B. The player should be worthy of consideration for the honor of All-American.
- C. An All-American nominee must be one of the top six players from within the region she represents.
- D. Each Regional Volleyball Chair may submit six nominations from his/her region for consideration for All-American status.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Coaches must submit nominations and other specified materials to their Regional Volleyball Chair at the National Championship.
- B. Regional Volleyball Chairs must submit their nominations to the National Volleyball Chair at the National Championship.
- C. The National Volleyball Committee shall meet at the National Championship and select the 12 All-Americans.

IV. PUBLICITY

- A. The All-American Team selections shall be published on the NCCAA website and in the *News Update*.
- B. Press releases shall be provided to each institution for publicity in their area.
- C. Regional Chairs shall publicize the honors within their respective region.

V. AWARDS

Certificates indicating the honor of All-American selection shall be issued by the National Office.

Appendix B Susan R. Hellings Award Division I Volleyball

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to honor the outstanding women's volleyball player selected annually from Division I NCCAA member institutions.

II. CRITERIA

The award recipient must

1. Be a junior or senior student-athlete who excels on an outstanding team.
2. Be an excellent student-athlete.
3. Demonstrate leadership ability.
4. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court.

III. NATURE OF AWARD

An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion and shall come from the National Office.

IV. SELECTION PROCEDURES

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V. SELECTION

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VI. HONOREE

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Appendix B
Susan R. Hellings Award Nomination Form

Name _____ Class _____

Institution _____ Coach _____

Institution Address _____

Player's Hometown Newspaper and Address _____

Season: 20_____ to 20_____ Won _____ Loss _____

Position _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Collegiate Individual Volleyball Honors _____

Collegiate Team Honors _____

Statistics:

Report season statistics based on the Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association (CVCA) Statistics Manual. If this information is unavailable, attach a copy of the nominee's season statistics and an explanation of how the statistics are figured.

<u>Serves</u>	<u>Attacks</u>	<u>Sets</u>
Attempted _____	Attempted _____	Attempted _____
Aces _____	Kills _____	Assists _____
Errors _____	Errors _____	Errors _____

At-E
% At _____

Serve Reception Attempts _____ Errors _____ % _____

Blocks-solo _____ Assists _____ Errors _____ Digs _____

Academics:

GPA _____ Major _____

Academic Honors _____

Leadership: List positions of leadership held or describe leadership qualities

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Christian Testimony: Describe the Christian testimony displayed by the nominee.

Additional Comments:

Coach's signature

Date

Appendix C - NCCAA National Volleyball Statistics Form

Team Statistics				Attacking					Serving			Blocking					Receiving			
School	Region	Record	Games	Att.	Kill	Error	Assists		Acc	Attempts	E	Solo	Ast	E	Digs		E	Attempts		
Individual Statistics (must play in 50% of games). Minimums in shaded area.				(.250) w/5 attacks per game			(8.0 Assists/g)		(0.50 aces per game)			(01.0 blocks per game)			(3.0 digs per game)		(8.0 attempts per game)			
Player	Class	Games	Att	Kill	Error	Pct.	Ast	A/pg	Att	Aces	A/pg	E	Solo	Ast	E	Digs	Digs/g	Att	E	%

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Individual Formula:

- Attack Pct. = Kill-Error/Attempts
- Assist P/G = Total Assists/Games Played
- Aces P/G = Total Aces/Games Played
- Blocks P/G = Block Solo + Block Assist/Games Played
- Digs P/G = Total Digs/Games Played
- Reception Pct. = Attempts = Errors/Attempts

Please report ALL team statistics. Report only individual statistics that meet the minimum criteria for a particular category. An individual must meet criteria in at least one category to be included. All statistics should be CUMULATIVE.

Report should be faxed by noon (EST) on Monday to: **Gabe Wallis, NCCAA National Statistician, 574-287-8391- fax, stats@thenccaa.org.**

Appendix C National Volleyball Statistics Weekly Results Sheet

Date	Opponent	W/L	Affiliation	Opp. Record	H/A	Scores

Player of the Week Nomination
Match by Match Results

Name _____ Class _____

Match	Games	Kills	Att.	Pct.	Blocks	B/G	Digs	Aces	Assist
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
6.									
7.									
Totals									

Setter of the Week Nomination
Match by Match Results

Name _____ Class _____

Match	Games	Kills	Att.	Pct.	Blocks	B/G	Digs	Aces	Assist
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
6.									
7.									
Totals									

Appendix D Burbridge Power Value Rating System

VICTORIES

On the road against a winning opponent:	NCAA Division I	9 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	8 points
	NCAA Division III	7 points
	NCCAA Division I	7 points
	NCCAA Division II	6 points
At home against a winning opponent:	NCAA Division I	8 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	7 points
	NCAA Division III	6 points
	NCCAA Division I	6 points
	NCCAA Division II	5 points
On the road against a losing opponent:	NCAA Division I	7 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	6 points
	NCAA Division III	5 points
	NCCAA Division I	5 points
	NCCAA Division II	4 points
At home against a losing opponent:	NCAA Division I	6 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	5 points
	NCAA Division III	4 points
	NCCAA Division I	4 points
	NCCAA Division II	3 points

LOSSES

On the road against a winning opponent:	NCAA Division I	5 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	4 points
	NCAA Division III	3 points
	NCCAA Division I	3 points
	NCCAA Division II	2 points
At home against a winning opponent:	NCAA Division I	4 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	3 points
	NCAA Division III	2 points
	NCCAA Division I	2 points
	NCCAA Division II	1 points
On the road against a losing opponent:	NCAA Division I	3 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	2 points
	NCAA Division III	1 points
	NCCAA Division I	1 points
	NCCAA Division II	0 points
At home against a losing opponent:	NCAA Division I	2 points
	NCAA Division II or NAIA	1 points
	NCAA Division III	0 points
	NCCAA Division I	0 points
	NCCAA Division II	0 points

The system provides that a tie is broken by:

1. Head-to-head competition.
2. If still tied, then overall won-loss record.

Miscellaneous:

1. Forfeits do not count in point value but count on record only.
2. Postseason competitions other than NCCAA do not count in point value, but only on record.
3. Care should be taken to exclude the A and B games when dividing the number of games into power points.