



# 2010 NCVF COLLEGIATE CLUB VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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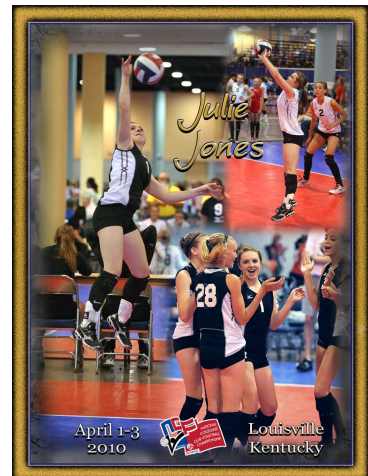
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## Road to Louisville – Final Newsletter

As April 1 approaches and the buzz of the NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships intensify, there are announcements that need to be communicated in order to prepare for your arrival in Louisville, Kentucky.

### New & Improved Event Amenities:

1. **Live Webcasting** – Championship matches for all divisions will be broadcast live via webcast with announcers following the play-by-play action as it unfolds. Anyone interested in viewing championship matches may login through the link provided on the NCVF Website. Spread the word to family, friends and supporters that are not able to make the trip to Louisville. <http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx>
2. **Oversized Feature Courts** – Four additional oversized feature courts will be utilized throughout for feature matches with additional seating to accommodate larger crowds.
3. **Action & Team Photos** – A professional photographer, Texas Star, will be on hand at the tournament to shoot both team and action photos. Signup at the photo booth on Thursday to beat the rush! For action photos, you will be able to view, order, and pickup prints, plaques, and CD's within an hour - posters will be mailed. For team photos, you will be able to order and pickup prints and plaques same day -- within an hour on the last day. *Don't wait - Signup today!*
4. **Player Party** – A player party will be offered for all participating teams, players, and coaches with live DJ music, **pizza**, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages immediately following the Men's Division I Finals and Awards ceremony. The party will be conveniently located in the Exposition Center just down the hall from the arena and will run late into the morning hours. No alcohol will be allowed.
5. **Text Messaging Updates** - Text message updates for important event announcements and reminders will be offered to all team captains to receive information from the Championship Desk.



6. **Volleyball Merchandise** - Stop by the Lucky Dog Volleyball booth for your official tournament t-shirts. They are super soft, vintage washed tees that you can wear right away. Price is \$15. Stay a minute longer, chat with the Lucky Dog staff, and look at other tees, hoodies, and shorts. [www.luckydogvolleyball.com](http://www.luckydogvolleyball.com).
7. **Molten Booth** – Molten is the official ball of the tournament and Molten reps will be exhibiting in the exposition hall near the Championships Desk. Be sure to stop by and check out the Molten products.

8. **Mizuno Booth** - Team Connection is proud to be the preferred Mizuno dealer for the NCVF National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships. Team Connection will be selling Mizuno shoes, apparel and accessories at discounted prices so please stop by our booth in Louisville. Team Connection will also be the preferred Mizuno dealer for NCVF members and teams next season. We will be offering discounted pricing on Mizuno uniforms, footwear, accessories and more! NCVF webstore coming soon!



### Event Facts & Reminders

1. **Registered Teams** - A total of 271 teams in 7 divisions completed the registration process - 160 men's teams & 111 women's teams.
2. **Team Check-in/Registration** – All teams are required to complete the Team Registration & Check-in Process on Wednesday, March 31 from 4:00PM - 8:00PM at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Teams are required to complete several check-in stations at this time including:
  - a. General check-in – Teams are required to provide onsite contact information and provide the Enrollment Verification Form for validation.
  - b. Uniform Verification – Teams must bring samples of any jerseys that will be used during the tournament, including libero jerseys, for inspection and approval.
  - c. Roster Verification – Team captains must update/verify the team roster and numbers assigned to each player entered in the registration system.
  - d. Mandatory Captain's/Coach's Meeting (March 31 @ 8:00 pm) – Every team must send a representative to this meeting and turn in the completed Registration Checklist.

Teams checking in after 8:00 PM will be charged a late fee of \$50. Payment must be made in cash only. Changes are restricted to completing information which was partially submitted. Teams that have not completed and submitted all required forms will be required to complete all documentation before completing the check in process. Teams that have all documentation completed will have a quick check in experience.

3. **Practice Times** - Signups for team practice times are available on the NCVF Website. Court layout will be available at the entrance to the Exposition Hall. <http://ncfvolleyball.org/RequestPracticeTime.aspx>
4. **Online Daily Results Updates** -- The NCVF National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships home page will be updated daily. All results will be updated throughout each day of competition and will be accessible 24 hours a day starting Wednesday, March 31, 2010. You can access the results at the following link: <http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx>
5. **Playing Venue** -- The NCVF Championships will use 38 courts in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center and 1 court in Broadbent Arena for the Saturday Gold Division Finals. Play will be staged in morning and afternoon waves on Thursday and Friday and will begin each day at 8:00am and end around 9:00pm.
6. **Programs/Schedules** – Programs and divisional schedules will be included in each team registration packet. Tournament programs and divisional schedules also will be available for purchase at the Championship Desk throughout the event.

7. **Trainers** -- Athletic trainers will be available to assist with athletic injuries and preventive care throughout the tournament. They will have access to ice. Please bring your own tape and pre-wrap. There will be a charge if you do not bring your own supplies.
8. **Water Use During Competition** -- Coolers with water will be available throughout the Exposition Center courts. Teams and players are required to supply their own water bottles that may be filled between games. NO drinking cups will be supplied. Teams may bring in bottled water. However, no outside coolers/food are allowed in the exposition center.
9. **T-Shirt Exchange** -- A t-shirt exchange will take place prior to the Men's DI finals on Saturday night in the Arena. There will be announcements regarding the location and time so be sure to bring your shirts to trade with your fellow competitors.
10. **All Tournament Selection** - Gary Colberg, Director of Competition will be overseeing the ATT selection process. Details will be discussed at the coach's meeting on Wednesday night. The ATT Selection committees additionally will select and present a team sportsmanship award to one men's and one women's team exhibiting exemplary sportsmanship throughout the event.
11. **Awards Ceremony** - The Awards Ceremony will follow the Men's DI Finals in the Broadbent Arena. Presentation of the Women's DI and Men's DI Gold Division finalists will be announced as well as all-tournament teams for all divisions. An awards presentation for all other divisions will take place immediately following their respective championship match.
12. **"Oh Say Can You Sing....."** -- Once again, play will commence each morning and prior to each championship match with live renditions of the national anthem offered by your fellow teammates and competitors. If you or someone on your team has a talent to sing and is interested in singing the National Anthem, please contact Gary Colberg after the 8:00 pm Captain/Coach's Meeting on Wednesday, March 31. After the meeting, all candidates will meet to confirm a date and time. Singers should check in at the championship desk by 7:50 am before the morning wave of each day and 10 minutes before each of the Gold Medal matches in Broadbent Arena on Saturday, April 3.
13. **Team Travel Delays/Emergency Onsite Contact** - Keep us posted on any travel problems that will cause delay to your mandatory team check (i.e. - weather problems delaying flights) by contacting us at Championship Desk Hotline Number. This phone number will be posted on the website on Friday, March 26.

#### **Reminders: Rules & Guidelines**

1. **Team Officiating Responsibilities** - Teams are required to provide a total of 5 support officials: 2 line judges, 1 scorekeeper, 1 Libero Tracker and 1 scoreboard operator. Officiating assignments will be listed in the playing schedule and/or schedule updates. These assignments generally will be immediately prior to or after the match in which the team has played. Failure to provide officials as assigned will result in the following actions:
  - a. **1st Offense:** For every minute the officiating team is late, or does not appear, one point shall be assessed and given to their next opponent -- up to a 25-0 forfeit of the first set. This time calculation will begin at the designated warm-up time ten minutes prior to the time when the assigned match begins according to the match official.
  - b. **Additional Offenses:** Forfeiture of assigned team's next set.

2. **Photo I.D. Verification** -- This will be done before every scheduled match throughout the tournament. **BRING YOUR PHOTO ID WITH YOU TO EVERY MATCH!** Make sure all of your players have their ID before you leave for the championships, and before you depart your place of lodging every morning.
3. **Saturday Final Match Policies** - The finals for all divisions will be held in the Broadbent Arena adjacent to the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The court will be set up for the finals only, with arena seating to accommodate all spectators. There will be a controlled access to the finals, and NO ALCOHOL will be allowed. Spectators arriving with bags either will be searched. No spectators will be allowed on the courts at any time.
4. **Recertification Form** - The top four teams in each division and 5 randomly selected teams from each division will be required to fill out and submit a second certification form following the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted between April 14 and May 2. The forms will be emailed to the selected team reps. Teams that fail to submit the recertification form, or have students that are not enrolled in the required number of credits, will not be allowed to enter the 2011 NCVF National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships and may receive sanction from their respective NCVF Conferences.
5. **Jewelry Rule** – As a reminder, it is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions and a flat band ring worn on the finger. If worn, medallions shall be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. No other exceptions will be made to this rule. The only taping that will be allowed will be for a ring, on a finger, that cannot be removed.
6. **Hotel Noise Complaints** - Teams staying at the Crowne Plaza or any other tournament hotels should be aware of the hotel noise complaint policy: For first complaint, Hotel security will clear the room of any visitors not registered to that room and NCVF/USAV tournament staff will document infraction. For a second complaint, Hotel Security will be instructed to evict registered room guests from the hotel. NCVF & USAV tournament staff will be fully cooperating with hotel security, hotel management, local law enforcement and others in an effort to protect hotel properties. Unacceptable behavior, noise, damage, etc. will result in removal from the hotel, and may result in arrest, tournament sanction(s), and conference sanction(s). All complaints and incidents will be reported back to University administration.
7. **Inappropriate Conduct** - We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for all players, teams, coaches, commissioners and representatives, all of our leaders, all our colleagues, friends and supporters, to get the word out that conduct, on and off the court, in and outside of the hotels and exposition center, on the way to Louisville and on the way home, and at all times in between, be EXEMPLARY. We need everyone to pitch in to make this NCVF Championship Tournament safe and secure for everyone. Please communicate this to all participants that the leagues/conferences, NCVF, and USA Volleyball will not tolerate violations of the NCVF Code of Conduct, the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct, applicable league codes of conduct. The NCVF has stepped up security, and implemented the USAV Arbitration System. An Arbitrator will be issuing conduct reports that will be communicated back to university administrators, a triage of reporting and communication channels, and will be working with law enforcement to assure that these expectations are met.