

## 2010 NCVF BOARD APPROVED GOVERNANCE RULE CHANGES

The following resolutions were approved by the NCVF Board of Directors in response to recommendations made at the 2010 NCVF Advisory Council Meeting in Chicago this summer. Clarifications and minor changes to the Governance Rules will be crafted to implement these resolutions. *All but one are effective for the 2011 NCVF Competitive Season.*

**1. The term “Squad List” as referenced in the NCVF Governance Rules shall be replaced with the term “Roster” in the former varsity player provisions regarding NCVF player eligibility.**

This rule change is considered a minor rule change because the substance of the rule remains the same – to only permit two former varsity athletes to be listed on the roster of an NCVF team.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Current Season (2011)

**2. The three week participation reference in the former varsity player provisions of the NCVF Governance Rules shall be deleted.**

EXPLANATION: The rationale for this change is obviated by replacing the term "squad list" with "roster."

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**3. A men's team from a NCVF recognized 2-year school may participate in either the Men's DIAA or Men's DIII divisions of the national championship tournament. However, a men's team from a NCVF recognized 2-year school may not participate in either the Men's DI or DII divisions of the national championship tournament. Team seeding and placement decisions remain within the discretion of the ranking committee and Championship Committee.**

EXPLANATION: This permits recognized 2-year schools that are committed to competitive NCVF playing seasons to request placement in Men's DIAA. Any such placement remains at the discretion of the NCVF. The NCVF desires to encourage more 2-year schools to participate in NCVF recognized collegiate club competitions and leagues so that a new division designed for 2-years schools may be added to the national tournament.

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**4. The NCVF Governance Rules shall be amended to reinstate the requirement that undergraduate players be enrolled for a minimum of ¾ full-time (generally 9 units) or enrolled for a minimum of 6 units as a graduate student, as recognized by their institution.**

EXPLANATION: This reinstated higher minimum academic requirement was announced in 2009. Students seeking NCVF approved exceptions to this requirement may be pursued via the NCVF Appeal Process.

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**5. Teams not recognized by their college or university during the quarter/semester of the NCVF championship, based on disciplinary reasons, shall be ineligible to participate in the NCVF championship tournament. At the discretion of the NCVF, the rule will not be used to prohibit a team from participating in the NCVF championship if the institution's primary rationale is unrelated to player, team or club disciplinary issues.**

EXPLANATION: The NCVF desires to defer to institutional disciplinary determinations regarding a team's active or recognized status except in instances where the NCVF reasonably believes that an institutional characterization is unreasonable and unrelated to a team's compliance with established institutional rules.

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**6. a. The NCVF policy describing the role of the Compliance Committee shall be amended to provide the Committee, in consultation with and under the authority of the NCVF President or his designee, with investigative authority in order to obtain information needed to make recommendations to the NCVF regarding potential NCVF Governance Rule violations. The Compliance Committee Chair, in consultation with and under the authority of the President, will determine whether a separate subcommittee is needed for any particular case or investigation.**

**b. The Committee will work with the NCVF Webmaster to facilitate an online form for alerting the NCVF to possible rule violations. This form and a whistleblower policy and procedure will be developed by the Compliance Committee and posted on the NCVF website and will require anyone making a complaint to identify themselves along with contact information credible information so that the matter can be reviewed and processed.**

EXPLANATION: The NCVF desires to have policies and procedures to help our teams and players cooperate in identifying potential rule violations.

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**7. All matters appealed or referred to the Compliance Committee shall include appropriate waivers that permit the Compliance Committee and NCVF to collect and distribute materials as necessary or appropriate to carry out the various functions of the Compliance Committee.**

EXPLANATION: Those submitting information to the NCVF are placed on notice that there is no degree of confidentiality promised or implied unless explicitly agreed to in writing by the NCVF. The NCVF will endeavor to treat all information supplied in an appropriate manner.

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**8. The NCVF Rules shall be amended to permit minor NCVF player and team eligibility rule changes to be made anytime before the start of the NCVF season. However, major rule changes shall not be made effective unless the rule has been adopted and published on the NCVF web site at least six months before the upcoming NCVF Competitive Season. Rule clarifications can be made at any time and the NCVF Board reserves full discretion to make any rule changes at any time that, in the sole discretion of the NCVF, further the sport and purposes of the NCVF. Those believing that they have been materially aggrieved by any change or clarification have the right to appeal in accord with the NCVF appeals process.**

EXPLANATION: This rule modification permits the NCVF to retain flexibility to make minor rule changes and clarifications in response to new circumstances or points of view, and consistent with the mission and purposes of the NCVF. It also underscores the NCVF's desire to not impose last minute major rule changes on NCVF teams that may result in hardships. The rule permits appeals and preserves the ultimate authority of the NCVF to make any changes it desires at any time if, in its sole discretion, it believes that the changes are necessary and appropriate.

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**9. The NCVF Rules shall be amended to permit faster processing of graduating senior exception appeals. The amended rule explains the Graduating Senior Exception (GSE) rule in further depth as well as the process for appeal. An online GSE certification form for players to complete now is linked to the amended rule.**

EXPLANATION: The previous GSE appeal process is onerous on the players and the Compliance Committee. Players appealing under the rule were unsure what to submit for quick processing of their certification. This amendment will result in a quicker turnaround time for GSE appeals, cause less confusion with players, and reduce the workload of the Compliance Committee.

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**10. The NCVF Rules shall be amended to allow players who do not meet the minimum unit requirements due to a school required or recommended internship to file an appeal. The new rule includes language that a player will need to provide verification from the school that an internship is required or highly encouraged, and that it is related to his/her field of study. The new rule will be known as the internship exception from the minimum unit requirement.**

EXPLANATION: Many enrolled players are involved in internships that leave them with less than the required number of units to participate in NCVF Events. To better serve these players, and realizing that most internships are required or highly recommended by the school, the NCVF is providing a process for appeal.

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### **ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

The following Resolutions have been approved by the Advisory Council and Board to become effective in the 2011 season:

1. On the national registration website, replace “Are you a former ‘NCAA’ player?” with “Are you a former varsity volleyball player at any intercollegiate level?”
2. The DI and DII enrollment split for the national championship tournament will be adjusted downward to 14,000. Online students will not be counted in the enrollment numbers when determining divisional placement. Clarifications will be published indicating that enrollment includes both undergraduate and graduate students.
3. The NCVF will become an affiliate of the AVCA and offer discounted AVCA memberships and coaching educational opportunities for NCVF recognized team coaches. The AVCA is a world leader in providing coaching educational opportunities. This affiliation further advances the corporate purposes of the NCVF by extending AVAC opportunities to the rapidly emerging collegiate club coaching population.

### **RESOLUTION APPROVED FOR THE 2012 SEASON**

**1. Contingent on survey results, and ultimate NCVF Board approval, junior/community college players will be excluded from the definition of “former varsity player” in certain circumstances. This amendment to the NCVF Rules will be known as the "Rule of 1." This amendment, if approved, shall be operated as a pilot program.**

4.4.2 Former Varsity Junior/Community College Players – For the purposes of this rule, junior college is a synonym for community college. A “former varsity junior college player” is any player who appeared on a junior college’s varsity volleyball roster.

a. An NCVF Eligible Team may include one (1) former varsity junior college player that does not count against the two (2) former varsity players allotted above. If an NCVF Eligible Team has more than one former varsity junior college player, then that second former varsity junior college player would count as one of the two permitted former varsity players.

Ex. Team X has two former NCAA players on its roster. A former varsity junior college player then makes the team. All three players are permitted to play as the former varsity junior college player does not count as one of the two permitted former varsity players.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Subject to further NCVF approvals, if adopted the "Rule of 1" would not be effective until the 2012 season, at the earliest.