

General Tournament Information

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GENERAL SEEDING INFORMATION

Seeding for all divisions in the *2010 NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships* will be made no later than Sunday, March 28th.

Information about the brackets, seeding of the tournament and scheduled match times will all be contained in the master schedule that is handed out at the in-person registration on Wednesday, March 31.

Seeding for the *2010 NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships* is determined by the ranking committee for each division by examining various criteria provided by the commissioners, team representatives and past results. Seeding criteria include but are not limited to those items listed below:

1. Team's season results and competitive schedule
2. Conference/Region Finish
3. Results from "out of conference" tournaments
4. Strength of conference/regional teams
5. Ranking within region (provided by the commissioner/regional rep)
6. Balance within pools as to conference, region, and geographical area

FORFEITS AND WITHDRAWALS

It is important when a team enters this Championship Event that it has made a commitment to play the full tournament.

Schedule your travel to allow competition through the completion of the tournament. Be prepared to play at 8am on the first day and as late as 9pm on the championship day. **Championship matches will not be rescheduled to accommodate travel schedules.**

Failure to report withdrawal from a Finals Match of any flight will result in forfeiture of all standing in the tournament, with a recommendation for disciplinary action to the Organization which they represent, and to the NCVF & USA Volleyball for an action that may impact participation in a future Championship Events.

The Championship Committee is equally concerned about the withdrawal of a team at any point in the competition. Any such intent to do so will be reported to the Competition Director at least three (3) hours in advance of the team's next scheduled match time. Failure to report such intent may result in more severe disciplinary action. The Championship Committee has the authority to take appropriate action consistent with the policies of the NCVF Board of Directors. Additionally the Championship Committee has the authority to fill the Finals Match of any flight, if possible, and / or determine an alternative action as required.

If a team withdraws from competition after pool play has begun, and prior to the conclusion of subject pool play, all match records shall stand. All un-played matches shall be forfeited per the Rules of Play and counted in the win-loss tabulation accordingly. All other teams in that pool shall be advanced for assignment to the next stage of competition.

OFFICIALS



Referees: USA Sanctioned Referees and / or candidates for certification will be assigned to the tournament.



Scorekeepers: Teams are responsible for providing scorekeepers for the tournament and are assigned along with the officiating schedules for the teams.

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES

1. Teams are required to provide a total of five (5) support officials: two (2) line judges, one (1) scorekeeper, one (1) Libero Tracker and one (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.
2. Only the Tournament Scheduler – Jose Jones or Director of Competition – Gary Colberg may release a team from an officiating assignment.
3. 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.
 - b. **Additional Offenses:** Forfeiture of assigned team's next set.

AWARDS

GOLD BRACKET (Team and Individual Awards)	SILVER, BRONZE & COPPER BRACKETS (Team Awards Only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1st place – Individual Medals & Team Plaque & Team Gold Molten Ball ◆ 2nd place – Individual Medals & Team Plaque ◆ 1st Team All-Tournament - Plaques ◆ 2nd Team All-Tournament - Plaques ◆ MVP - Plaques ◆ HM - Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1st Place – Team Plaques ◆ 2nd Place – Team Plaques

ALL-TOURNAMENT & MVP SELECTION CRITERIA

The Championship Committee will review criteria for selection of the all-tournament team, MVP, Honorable Mention on an annual basis.

1. The criteria for consideration of selection to an All-Tournament Team and MVP are:
 - a. Playing effectiveness
 - b. Team play
 - c. Demonstration of good sportsmanship, general attitude and conduct on and off the court
 - d. Any player who has been sanctioned by either the Event Arbitrator and/or a match referee shall not be considered for All-Tournament selection.

2. The selection process will utilize coaches/team reps from the Top 16 teams in each division's Gold Medal Bracket.
 - a. Participating teams will be given an opportunity to nominate outstanding players at each match during medal-round competition.
 - b. Team representatives/coaches will be given an opportunity to meet with the Division ATT Facilitator to determine the final selections on the final day of competition at a designated meeting time and place for each division. The divisional All Tournament meetings will be posted and announced at Exposition Center. The meetings are held following each Gold Medal match except for the Men's DI which meets while the Women's Gold Medal match is being played. Announcements for each division's meeting room is made at the finals of each division's Gold Medal match in the competitive arena

MVP - Comes from the top 4 teams in each Division.

ATT - First and second team selections will come from the teams that advance to the Gold Round in each Division.

Honorable Mention – Selections come from teams in the Gold Round.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Practice time on competition courts will be available beginning at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31st. All practice sessions will be limited to a one (1) 45 minute session. Teams will be able to sign up for a preference of practice times online on the NCVF Website 2-3 weeks prior to the event. Every effort will be made to accommodate one of the preference times selected. The final practice time schedule will be published prior to the tournament. Teams will be able to sign up for any unfilled practice times at team check in.

SPORTS MEDICINE / FIRST AID / TAPING

A taping / training area and athletic trainers will be available. Taping supplies will NOT be furnished. Players must provide the tape and / or bandage or the player will be charged for needed supplies. Hospitals are located near the playing venue / headquarters hotel. Emergency transportation (to hospitals only) will be provided if needed. The athletic trainers' facility will be located in the Exposition Center playing area in a central location.

EQUIPMENT APPROVALS

Prior to a team's first match, the Event athletic trainers shall approve all braces to be worn by participants during the tournament. Trainers will decide on the acceptability of a brace and give the player a written approval. Players should keep this document for the duration of competition. **NOTE:** Ankle supports are specifically excluded from the approval process and do not need to be checked prior to competition.

EVENT MERCHANDISE



Event merchandise may be purchased in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center during the NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships.

NO USED TOURNAMENT BALLS WILL BE SOLD AT THIS EVENT.

VENDOR LICENSING AND RESTRICTIONS

Under the terms of the contractual agreement between USA Volleyball and the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, there are strict regulations and specified restrictions as to the sale of retail and wholesale merchandise and other items in all areas of the playing venue.

USA Volleyball also has regulations in respect to the sales of event-specific merchandise and resale items normally licensed through its Marketing Department. This notice is posted for your information.

Violations of these conditions by a Member Organization or registered individuals, and made known to USA Volleyball, are subject to disciplinary and possibly legal action by USA Volleyball.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PERMISSION TO SELL: Sales of merchandise, services, officials' apparel and equipment, souvenirs, publications, food or drink and all other items at the playing venue is strictly prohibited unless prior written license is received from USA Volleyball specific to this Event and the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, as applicable.

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