

# Quick Facts

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**April 1 – April 3, 2010**  
**Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

## WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY – 2010



On behalf of the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF), USA Volleyball, and the Tournament Committee, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to Louisville, Kentucky, and the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (937 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209) for the 2010 NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships. We thank you for your continued support and offer our best wishes to each participant for a successful and enjoyable experience.

First time participants can look forward to a time of fellowship and making new friends; returning players to the renewal of friendships and the making of new ones.

When you see a volunteer, it would be nice of you to thank them for their time and contributions. Each one is working hard to ensure that your championship experience is a memorable one.



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## DATES OF COMPETITION & ENTRY FEES

### MEN'S DIVISIONS

Division	Play Begins	Finals	Max # Teams
Division I	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	48 teams
Division IAA	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	36 teams
Division II	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	48 teams
Division III	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	24 teams
Alumni Division	Thursday, April 1	Friday, April 2	16 teams

### WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

Age Division	Play Begins	Finals	Entry Fee
Division I	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	48 teams
Division II	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	48 teams
Division III	Thursday, April 1	Saturday, April 3	36 teams
Alumni Division	Thursday, April 1	Friday, April 2	TBD (8-10 teams)

### ENTRY FEES

Level	Entry Fee
NCVF & USAV Members	\$900
NCVF Members/Non-USAV Members	\$950
Non-NCVF Members	\$1250
Alumni Division	\$650

\***NCVF Members** are teams that have completed team registration and paid the team registration fee via the online NCVF Team Registration System (<http://ncvfvolleyball.org/NCVFTeamRegistration.aspx> )

\***USAV Members** are teams that have completed team and player registration and paid the associated fees through their local USAV region to compete in sanctioned USAV events.

#### Notes

- A \$50 reduction in team fees will apply to men's teams entered in MDIII if they have another team entered in MDI, MDI-AA, or MDII, as well as
- A \$50 reduction in team fees will apply to women's teams entered in WDIII as long as they have another team entered in Women's Division I or II.
- Entry fees are non-refundable. (Except for teams on a waiting list that don't get into tournament).

## ENTRY DEADLINES



All teams must register online at <http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx> and ship entry forms and fees via UPS or FedEx to the USA Volleyball National Office.

**Online Registration:** January 4, 2010 – February 26, 2010  
**All Required Forms Received:** March 13, 2010

Teams will be able to check the progress of their team entry online. Entry status will be available online beginning **February 1, 2010**

Team Registration Required Items	Entry Deadlines
Initial Online registration must be completed on the NCVF website - <a href="http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx">http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx</a>	Jan 4, 2010 – Feb 26, 2010
Payment must be received by USA Volleyball. Make check or money order payable to <b>USA Volleyball</b> and ship via <b>UPS</b> or <b>Federal Express</b> to:  USA Volleyball National Office Re: 2010 Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships 715 South Circle Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368	<b>Payment Deadline</b>  February 26, 2010
Roster form completed online Online roster must be marked as final roster	Feb 1, 2010 – Feb 26, 2010  Feb 26, 2010
All required forms below must be completed, signed and shipped via <b>UPS</b> or <b>Federal Express</b> to USA Volleyball. All required forms include: a) USA Volleyball Limited Membership Form - completed and signed by each individual team member. b) USA Volleyball Code of Conduct Form - completed and signed by each individual team member. c) NCVF Code of Conduct form completed for each team with all players signing the form d) NCVF Medical Waiver & Release of Liability form - completed and signed by each individual team member.  <b>Ship forms to:</b> USA Volleyball National Office Re: 2010 Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships 715 South Circle Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368	Must be received no later than <b>March 17, 2010</b>
Enrollment verification forms will be available online by March 13 for team reps to print out and complete. This form will need all participants' signatures, and must also be signed by sport club director/university designee and the university registrar. This form can only be turned in during on-site registration at the Kentucky Convention Center. <b>DO NOT</b> ship this form to USA Volleyball. If enrollment verification forms are not presented at the on-site registration area, that team will not be allowed to participate.	<i>March 31, 2010</i>  <i>At Tournament Check In</i>

### Notes

- Tournament Entries will be accepted beginning January 4, 2010 with the entry deadline at midnight on February 26, 2010. Please note that many divisions fill prior to the entry deadline and by having a complete entry in by the

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entry deadline does not guarantee entry. All entries will be marked with an “Entry Complete Date” that will be used to determine the order of accepted teams as division reach capacity. The sooner a completed entry is received, the better a team’s chances of being accepted into the championships in their preferred division. NCVF Members will receive preferred status for the appropriate division if their entry is received by February 6, 2009.

- **Enrollment Verification Forms:** must be brought in person to the on-site registration on Wednesday, March 31 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center verifying each participating student’s academic status of the institution they are representing.
  - Semester Schools: Students from schools that have academic semesters starting during the month of January and continuing through the championships date must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or 6 or more credit hours as a classified graduate student.
  - Quarter Schools: Students from schools that have academic quarters must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or six (6) or more credit hours as a classified graduate student during both winter and spring quarters.
- **Post Event Enrollment Verification:** The top four teams in each division and five randomly selected teams from each division will be required to fill out and submit a second enrollment verification form following the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted to the NCVF National Center between April 12 and May 1. The top four teams/division and those randomly selected must fulfill this requirement. Those teams that fail to submit the second certification 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 will potentially be disqualified from their final finish.

## ROSTER ADDITION & CHANGE DEADLINES

DEADLINE DATE	ACTION	FEE
<b>February 26, 2010</b>	Online rosters must be finalized (Online rosters will be locked as of this date)	No Charge
<b>February 27, 2010 – March 13, 2010</b>	Changes to existing player information (numbers, position, height, etc.) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a>	No Charge
<b>March 14, 2010 – March 30, 2010</b>	Changes to existing player information (numbers, position, height, etc.) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a>	\$25
<b>February 27, 2010 – March 30, 2010</b>	During this time, adding players to the roster can only be made with approval from tournament director (Doug Hinton) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a>  Addition of participants to the roster (must complete all required forms including enrollment verification and bring to check in)	\$25
<b>March 31, 2010 at Check In</b>	Any roster additions (must complete all required forms including enrollment verification and provide at check in)	\$50

## TOURNAMENT TEAM CHECK-IN

Team representatives and/or coaches whose teams participate in this Event are required to check in on March 31, 2010 no later than 8:00 PM. All check-ins will be in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The check in process will include the following.

### TEAM CHECK-IN

**Registration/Check In** - All teams **MUST** check between **4:00pm - 8:00pm** at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The team rep/coach must check in for each team.

**Roster Verification** - Team reps will review the electronic roster and complete a FINAL confirmation of names and jersey number for all attending players.

**Uniform Verification** - Team reps must verify that their team jerseys/shorts are legal at the uniform verification station.

- Uniform numbers must be a minimum of 4" in height on the chest and a minimum of 6" in height on the back.
- Only numbers 1-99 are legal.
- All sets of jerseys (light and dark) must have the same number on them. No second numbers will be allowed for any players. If a player is playing as a libero, their libero number and regular jersey number must be the same. However libero jersey must a contrasting color top.
- Jersey numbers must be in sharp contrast to the jersey's main body color.
- If playing with a designated Libero, that player needs to have their own jersey number as well as a different color jersey top.
- Team reps do not need to bring each player's jersey; instead, the team rep should bring an example of one jersey per color.

**Onsite Tournament Contact Information** – Complete contact information form for onsite communication during the event for team reps and liaisons.

**Mandatory Team Rep & Coaches** meeting will be held at 8:00pm in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The coaches meeting will last approximately one hour. A coach or team representative **must** attend.

## LATE TEAM CHECK-IN

Teams checking in after 8:00 PM will be charged a late fee of \$50. Changes are restricted to completing information which was partially submitted.

## CAPTAINS' / TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS

All Captains / Team Representatives are required to attend a mandatory Captain's Meeting in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center at 8:00pm. Playing rules, tournament schedules, tournament policies and procedures will be reviewed at this time. The meeting will last approximately one hour

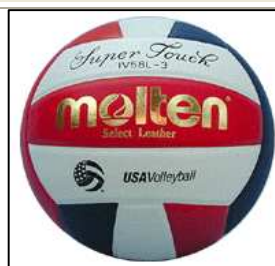
**Team Liaison:** Each participating college/university will be **required** to appoint an Official University-Approved Team Liaison to accompany their team(s) at the NCVF National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships. The Team Liaison may be a player and must be authorized by the college/university Recreational Sports Director, and will be responsible for their team's behavior while at the NCVF volleyball championships. The Team Liaison will be responsible for ensuring that their team(s) will follow the Standards of Conduct. Team Liaisons are required to attend the mandatory coaches/team rep meeting.

## OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BALL

**NO USED TOURNAMENT BALLS WILL BE SOLD AT THIS EVENT.**

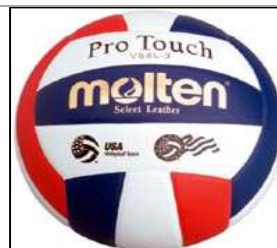
### Molten "Super Touch" IV58L-3

**Women's Division I**  
**Women's Division II**  
**Women's Division III**  
**Women's Alumni Division**



### Molten "Pro Touch" V58L

**Men's Division I**  
**Men's Division IAA**  
**Men's Division II**  
**Men's Division III**  
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# 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. **1<sup>st</sup> 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 match.

## AWARDS

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

## 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.

*Contact Mike Chandler @ USA Volleyball, (719) 228-6800 for complete information.*

# Competition Rules

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## DOMESTIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The 200-2010 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations will be in effect throughout the season and for the 2010 NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships (see: <http://volleyball.teamusa.org/content/index/2495> to download the Domestic Competition Regulations). Participants, coaches and team representatives in the Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written.

### Modifications for the NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships

1. The Libero Player will be allowed to serve in one position in the rotation.
  - *Rule 19.3.1.3 - He/she may **not serve**, block or attempt to block, **is modified** to allow the Libero to serve in one position in the rotation. The implementation of this modification will follow the procedures used when playing by NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules.*
  - *Rule 19.1.1 - Each team may designate one specialized defensive player (Libero) per set applies.*
2. In extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and a ghost.
  - *Rule 7.3.1 - There must always be six players per team in play. The team's starting line-up indicates the rotational order of the players on the court. This order must be maintained throughout the set. This rule **is modified** so if due to injury or other extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and **one** ghost. The Director of Competition will make the determination if extraordinary circumstances exist. The expulsion or disqualification of a player does not constitute extraordinary circumstances.*
  - *Rule 7.3.1.1 - If the team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, the rotational order of the six player lineup must be maintained.*
  - *Rule 7.3.1.2 - When a team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, and the ghost (missing player) position rotates to serve in position No. 1, a point and service is immediately awarded to the opponent.*

## PROTEST OF PLAYING RULES / DUE PROCESS AND APPEALS

**Protests of the playing rules** during a set / match shall be handled by a committee of 1-3 members, each of whom must be a certified USA National referee or scorekeeper, depending on the nature of the protest. The committee shall consist of the following:

1. Head Referee for the Event
2. The Director of Competition
3. A representative of the Championship Committee.

All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal. All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can ONLY be related to the rules of play. Judgment calls are NOT subject to protest.

The following are examples of what may be protested:

- misinterpretation of a playing rule
- failure of the first referee to apply the correct Rule to a given situation
- failure to apply the correct penalty / sanction for a given fault

**Due Process & Appeals:** USAV Bylaws (Article XI) and USAV Operating Code (Article X) govern protests, appeals, due process and ancillary procedures. Both of these documents are published in the USA Volleyball Guidebook. Protests, appeals and due process for this Event are specifically governed by these documents. Protests and appeals at this championship event are a simple one or two-step process.

## TEAM UNIFORMS

Team players shall wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the United States Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (**see Rule 4.3**). If two or more sets of uniforms are used, players will be required to wear the **same** number for each set of shirts. Shirt numbers must be clearly visible for identification by scorekeepers, members of the All-Tournament selection committee and spectators. The numbers "0" and "00" are unacceptable and will not be permitted. Team members shall be in proper uniform when warming up. All Libero shirts shall be numbered. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero as well, his / her number must be the same.

Please note that **Rule 4.3.3.1 and 4.3.3.2** will be strictly enforced. This rule specifies that numbers must be of contrasting color (to the jersey) with no smaller than 6-inch numbers on the back and 4-inch numbers on the front of the jersey. Please note that numbers must be **centered** on the front and back of the jersey as specified in **Rule 4.3.3.2**. Color combinations for numbers such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/light yellow or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with **Rule 4.3.3.1b**. Once competition has begun, all requests for number changes will be denied. Any exceptions will be subject to a \$50 charge per number change.

**Rule USAV 4.3.5** states, "*For nationally-sanctioned competition, uniforms must be identical with the exception of the sleeve length and the Libero Player. An exception will be made for a single manufacturer's logo or trademark on the outside of the jerseys or shorts, provided that the logo or trademark does not exceed 14.6 square cm (2 ¼ square inches)*". **USAV 4.3** states: "*If undergarments, including but not limited to t-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case, they must be similar and the same color for any team members who wear such a uniform. Socks and sport shoes are not part of the uniform.*"

**Rule USAV 19.2a** states, "*The Libero player's jersey must contrast in color with that of the predominant colors of the jerseys of the other team members. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/maroon and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.*"

## HEIGHT OF THE NET

The height of the net is specified in the US Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (see **Rule 2.1**).

LEVEL OF PLAY	FEMALE	MALE
Collegiate	2.24 m (7'4 1/8")	2.43 m (7'11 5/8")

## STRUCTURE OF PLAY

Day one of competition will consist of pool play. Pool play competition will begin at 8:00am and conclude by 11:00pm. Scheduling will occur in waves; an AM Wave generally runs from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and the PM Wave is from 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Days two and three of competition will feature challenge rounds, more pool play competition, followed by single elimination brackets and include the semifinals and championship matches. Teams should prepare to play multiple matches from Thursday through a portion of Saturday. The championship match for each division is scheduled for Saturday, April 3 except the Alumni divisions. The Alumni Division championship matches are scheduled for Friday, April 2.

Every effort will be made to schedule each team for a minimum of six (6) matches. This will be based upon the number of entries in a tournament.

## MATCH PROTOCOL

1. For each match, the court will be available for warm-up ten (10) minutes prior to the match time. If a previous match on the same court runs late, then the ten (10) minute warm-up time will begin at the conclusion of the coin flip.
2. Following the captains' meeting with the referees for each match, the warm-up period for the match will consist of five (5) minutes for each team separately on the court, including serving, in accordance with the current rules of play.
3. Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
4. The Championship Committee reserves the right to reschedule and / or relocate matches with respect to court and time to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted in the results area, and every attempt will be made to inform each team representative of the change.
5. Non-deciding sets: rally score to 25 - all sets must be won by a margin of two (2) points
6. Deciding set: rally score to 15 points - must be won by a margin of two (2) points

7. 12 substitutions and a Libero for all matches.
8. The Libero player may be designated for the set and must be indicated on the line-up sheet for each set.
9. PLAYING THE BALL

Each team must play within its own playing area and space. The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.

- *If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made.*
- *Non-playing areas are defined as the: (1) walls, bleachers or other spectator seating areas; (2) team benches and any area behind the team benches; (3) area between the scorer's table and the team benches; (4) any other area outlined in the pre-match conference by the first referee. [Rule 23.2.5]*
- *If nets or dividers are separating courts, only the player attempting to play the ball may move the net or divider to play the ball.*

## COACHING

Rule **USAV 5.3.1** limits the activities of assistant coaches during a match (see below):

*One assistant coach may leave the bench to give instructions to the players on the court. During play, this assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, no closer than 1.75 meter (5'10") from the sideline and its extension, without disturbing or delaying the match.*

Only one assistant coach may stand at the same time during a set if a team has more than one assistant coach. There is no requirement to designate a "stand-up assistant coach". All assistant coaches are not permitted to talk to the referees or intervene in the match.

Other assistant coaches may give instructions to players on the court while remaining seated on the team bench.

The assistant coach does not have the right to intervene in the match.

Should the head coach have to leave the team, the assistant coach may, at the request of the team captain and with the authorization of the first referee, assume the head coach's functions.

# Chapter 4 Team and Player Eligibility



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## ELIGIBILITY RULES - GENERAL

All teams and persons listed on the official entry application forms for participating teams shall be eligible under the rules of the organization they represent, as well as those of USA Volleyball specifically as follows:

1. **ALL** participants (i.e.; players, coaches, managers, trainers, team representatives/officials) must currently be registered as members of USA Volleyball or complete the Limited Membership Form prior to attending the event.
2. Any participant causing disruptive or unfavorable action to USA Volleyball during this Event as determined by the Director of Competition of the Event shall be liable for disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator. Such disruptive or unfavorable action includes that which occurs at the playing venue or anywhere in the host city during the scheduled event, including pre-event days a participant is in the host city.

## NCVF TEAM ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. To be an NCVF Eligible Team, a team must meet the following requirements in addition to other applicable NCVF Rules:
  - a. All participants listed on a team roster must meet individual player eligibility rules specified in the NCVF Player Eligibility Rules section.
  - b. All players listed on a team roster must be enrolled in the same 2-year or 4-year degree-granting college or university in order to be eligible to compete as a team. The NCVF reserves discretion to ascertain the accreditation or status of any degree-granting colleges or universities for team or player eligibility purposes.
  - c. Team rosters may only include (2) Former Varsity Player(s), as defined in NCVF Player Eligibility Rules section. Team rosters may not include any Current Year Varsity Player(s), as defined in the NCVF Player Eligibility Rules section.
  - d. A women's team roster may not include men's players and a men's team roster may not include women. No women players are allowed to compete as a player on a men's team, and no men are allowed to compete as a player on a women's team.
  - e. Teams must be registered in good standing on the NCVF website.
  - f. Teams must cooperate in the timely submission of all team information, including but not limited to roster information, school information, contact information, competition results and other information reasonably requested by the NCVF from time to time.
  - g. For NCVF teams, if a team is not in good standing with their [NCVF Recognized League or Conference](#) or Division shall be presumed to not be in good standing with the NCVF.
  - h. Among other requirements, "good standing" shall include a team's adherence to [NCVF Code of Conduct](#) requirements.
2. The following rules apply to the NCVF National Championship Tournament (the "event"):
  - a. Only teams meeting NCVF eligibility may participate in the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
  - b. All teams seeking entry to the event must be actively participating as an NCVF recognized representative volleyball club team from their school during the NCVF Competitive Season.

- c. All teams must timely submit their current season schedule of competition and results to the respective NCVF men's and women's polling and seeding chairpersons, as specified from time to time on the NCVF website.
  - d. All teams must either be a Registered NCVF Team, as defined in Section 3, below, or fulfill the guidelines of an Independent Team, as defined in Section 3, below, in order to be eligible to participate in the event.
  - e. The NCVF retains discretion to recognize a school's representative sport club teams for purposes of admission to the event.
  - f. The NCVF reserves discretion to reject any competition results from any teams that fail to meet NCVF team or player eligibility requirements.
3. The following rules define NCVF Registered Teams and Independent Teams for purposes of NCVF benefits, NCVF Recognized Competitions and entry into the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
- a. A NCVF Registered Team is an otherwise eligible team that competes in a recognized NCVF Conference, League or Women's Division and has fulfilled the team registration requirements on the NCVF website.
  - b. An Independent Team is a team that does not satisfy the definition of an NCVF Registered Team but is otherwise eligible under NCVF Team Eligibility Rules above. To be eligible to participate in the NCVF national championship tournament, an Independent Team must show evidence of "active participation" during the current competitive season, as follows:
    - i. "Active participation" for men's teams must involve a minimum of two scheduled events after January 1st of the current NCVF season that include competition against at least four or more teams from NCVF recognized conferences at each of those events.
    - ii. "Active participation" for women's teams must involve a minimum of two scheduled events after January 1st of the current NCVF season, involving four or more similar competitive units (teams), with at least two matches being against two different collegiate club teams (not including "B" teams, i.e. a second team from a college or university).
    - iii. It is the sole responsibility of each Independent Team to ensure that their competition results are reported to the designated and applicable NCVF male or female seeding and poll chairpersons within 10 days following a competition or event. The NCVF reserves the right to accept or reject any reported competition results from any Independent Team for any reason.
    - iv. Independent Teams are not entitled to the NCVF member benefits that are available to NCVF Registered Teams.

## NCVF PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

- 1.1 Only NCVF Eligible Players may participate on NCVF Eligible Teams.
- 1.2 **University Enrollment Criteria** - To be an NCVF Eligible Player, participants must meet the following requirements:
  - 1.2.1 Except as provided in section (1.24c) below, be an enrolled student with a minimum of 1/2 full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or minimum of six hours as a graduate student at a NCVF recognized 2-year or 4-year degree-granting college or university *throughout the current NCVF Competitive Season*. For purposes of this section, NCVF Registered teams shall be presumed to attending an NCVF recognized 2-year or 4-year degree-granting college or university.
    - a. Beginning in 2011, a participant must be an enrolled student with a minimum of 3/4 full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or minimum of six hours as a classified graduate student at a NCVF recognized 2-year or 4-year degree-granting college or university *throughout the current NCVF Competitive Season*.
  - 1.2.2 All quarter-school participants must meet the eligibility requirements for **both** the winter and spring quarters.
  - 1.2.3 Participants must be listed on the roster of a team that meets the NCVF Team Eligibility Rules.
  - 1.2.4 The following additional participant eligibility criteria apply to all players seeking entry into the NCVF National Championship Tournament :
    - a. If the NCVF National Championship Tournament occurs during an academic break, the preceding semester/quarter will be used to determine eligibility.
    - b. Players must be enrolled for the minimum number of credit hours at least 45 days prior to the start of the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
    - c. Players who are graduating seniors during the semester/quarter of the NCVF National Championship Tournament and are taking less than the required hours to fulfill their graduation requirements, must submit a letter from the school Registrar along with all other required NCVF registration materials stating that the player will be graduating during the same semester/quarter as the NCVF National Championship Tournament. For quarter schools, graduating seniors who have completed graduation requirements during the winter quarter of the current NCVF Competitive Season shall be given a hardship priority allowing them to compete in the NCVF National Championship Tournament so long as they follow the [NCVF Appeal Process](#).
- 1.3 **Current Year Varsity Players** – Current year varsity players are not eligible to participate as roster members of an otherwise NCVF Eligible Team. A Current Year Varsity Player is defined as any player that is listed on the same gender Squad List of a school's varsity volleyball team during the same academic year as the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
  - 1.3.1 The term "Squad List" includes any player listed on the school's same gender NCAA or other applicable varsity clearinghouse list of players for the sport of volleyball for more than three weeks during the same academic year as the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
    - a. Any such player shall be presumed ineligible for all NCVF Recognized Competitions, including the NCVF National Championship Tournament, for the entirety of the corresponding NCVF Competitive Season.

- b. Any player listed on a Squad List during any academic year other than the academic year of the NCVF National Championship Tournament shall be presumed to be a Former Varsity Player, as defined below.

**1.4 Former Varsity Players** - Former varsity players are eligible to participate on an otherwise NCVF Eligible Team so long as the player meets all NCVF Eligible Player rules. Provided, however that otherwise NCVF Eligible Teams may only include a maximum of two (2) former varsity players on their roster for the entire NCVF Competitive Season, including the NCVF National Championship Tournament.

1.4.1 A former varsity player is defined as any player that is listed on the same gender Squad List of a school's varsity volleyball team for more than three weeks during any academic year other than the academic year of the NCVF National Championship Tournament.

- a. The term "Squad List" includes any player listed on the school's same gender NCAA or other applicable varsity clearinghouse list of players for the sport of volleyball or more than three weeks during any academic year other than the academic year of the NCVF National Championship Tournament.
- b. Any such player shall be presumed to be a former varsity player and may compete in NCVF Recognized Competitions, including the NCVF National Championship Tournament so long as there they otherwise meet all NCVF Player Eligibility requirements for the entirety of the corresponding NCVF Competitive Season.

1.4.2 Timely appeals from teams or players seeking exceptions to the current and former varsity player rules will be considered on a case by case basis by the NCVF, pursuant to the [NCVF Appeal Process](#).

**1.5 Professional Players** - A professional indoor volleyball player is not eligible to participate as a roster member of an otherwise NCVF Eligible Team.

1.5.1 The term "professional indoor volleyball player" is defined as any one or more of the following:

- a. Any volleyball player that has been declared a professional indoor volleyball player by a recognized professional indoor volleyball team or league;
- b. Any volleyball player that has received a salary, wage or regular and periodic payments, directly or indirectly as consideration for playing on an indoor volleyball team.

1.5.2 The NCVF reserves discretion to determine when or if a player has become a professional indoor volleyball player within the meaning of this section.

**1.6 Consecutive Years** - NCVF Eligible Players are limited to six consecutive years of participation in NCVF Recognized Competitions, including the NCVF National Championship Tournament or other previous national collegiate club volleyball championship tournaments. Year one begins the first year that an NCVF Eligible Player's name appears on a NCVF Eligible Team roster, previous national collegiate club volleyball championship tournament team roster, OR the first year their name was listed on a "Squad List" of any 2-year or 4-year college varsity team.

1.6.1 The term "Squad List" includes any player listed on the school's same gender NCAA or other applicable varsity clearinghouse list of players for the sport of volleyball for more than three weeks during any academic year.

1.6.2 Exceptions to the six year consecutive participation rule may be granted by the NCVF for military, medical, religious service, or other extraordinary circumstances, pursuant to the [NCVF Appeal Process](#).

\*NCVF reserves the right to make clarifications to the rules from time to time as needed.

**Enrollment Verification Forms:** must be brought in person to the on-site registration on Wednesday, March 31 at the Louisville Fair and Exposition Center verifying each participating student's academic status of the institution they are representing.

- Semester Schools: Students from schools that have academic semesters starting during the month of January and continuing through the championships date must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or 6 or more credit hours as a classified graduate student.
- Quarter Schools: Students from schools that have academic quarters must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or six (6) or more credit hours as a classified graduate student during both winter and spring quarters.

**Post Event Enrollment Verification:** 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 enrollment verification form following the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted to the NCVF Office between April 12 and May 1. The top four teams/division and those randomly selected must fulfill this requirement. Those teams that fail to submit the second certification 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 will potentially be disqualified from their final finish.

## USAV MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

All persons whose names appear on the Official Roster, including players, coaches, team representatives, trainers, and managers must be registered with USAV by completing a Limited Member Application prior to competing. The purpose of this registration is the extension of USAV's liability insurance program. This will ensure all registered USAV players, coaches, team representatives, managers, and trainers at this Event have liability coverage and Sports Accident Insurance (this is an excess coverage plan). If a medical emergency arises, athletes and coaches must have all necessary documentation to show proof of medical insurance, primary and / or excess coverage.

## MEN'S DIVISIONAL RULES

1. No more than one men's team per university/college may enter MDI, MDIAA, or MDII.
2. Up to two teams from the same university/college may enter MDIII.
3. A university/college may not have more than three teams entered in the Championship Tournament.
4. Student enrollment includes undergraduate and graduate students.
5. Submission of appropriate entry forms, including a rosters and a fee for the Championship Tournament constitutes a team's acceptance to play in whichever division the Ranking Committee selects for it providing all information is accepted by the entry deadlines.
6. The Ranking Committee will place teams into divisions based on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - a. Exception - Throughout the season the Ranking Committee will rank the top twenty-five teams. Any team within the top twenty-five at the time of the Championship Tournament entry deadline will have its spot reserved for the division in which it is ranked. That said, if a top twenty-five team registers after the entry deadline, this exception no longer applies.

Example - Fifty teams register for MDI. Team X turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #10 by the Ranking Committee. Team X is guaranteed a spot in MDI. If Team X registers after the entry deadline, it is not guaranteed a spot in MDI.

## MEN'S DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

1. Men's Division I/IAA (MDI, MDIAA)
  - a. MDI shall consist of forty-eight teams.
  - b. MDIAA may consist of up to thirty-six teams.
  - c. Teams from a four-year university/college with a total student enrollment of 15,000 or more must play in MDI or MDIAA. Total enrollment is full-time undergraduate and full-time graduate students.
  - d. When splitting the divisions, the Ranking Committee will give preference to teams from a university/college with a student enrollment of 15,000 or more.
  - e. Teams from a four-year university/college with a student enrollment less than 15,000 may play in MDI or MDIAA if placed by the Ranking Committee or if space still is available after the entry deadline.
  - f. Teams that are not selected for MDI or MDIAA will remain on the wait list. In no event will a team be permitted to play in MDII or MDIII.
2. Men's Division II (MDII)
  - a. MDII may consist of up to forty-eight teams.

- b. Only teams from a four-year university/college with a student enrollment less than 15,000 may play in MDII. Total enrollment is full-time undergraduate and full-time graduate students.
- c. Teams eligible to participate in MDII may compete in MDI or MDIAA if placed by the Ranking Committee or if space still is available after the entry deadline. If a team that is eligible to participate in MDII elects to play in MDI or MDIAA it vacates its ability to participate in MDII.

Example - Team Y comes from a college with 10,000 students. It is eligible for MDII. Team Y, however, wants to play MDI. Team Y turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #20 by the Ranking Committee. Team Y is guaranteed a spot in MDI. Team Y selects to play in MDI. Team Y can no longer play in MDII for the current year tournament.

### 3. Men's Division III (MDIII)

- a. MDIII may consist of up to twenty-four teams.
- b. A team from a two-year university/college is eligible to participate in this division. Such a school may not participate in any other division.
- c. A team from a four-year university/college may participate in this division only if it already entered a team in MDI, MDIAA, or MDII.

Example - Team A, Team B, and Team C come from the same four-year college with 15,000 students. Team A is enrolled in MDI. Team B and Team C now are eligible to participate in MDIII.

Exception – A school's MDI team decides not to attend the Championship Tournament. In this instance, the Ranking Committee will consider accepting that same school's MDIII team.

\*NCVF reserves the right to make clarifications to the rules from time to time as needed and to allow teams into divisions in order to fill a tournament division.

## WOMEN'S DIVISIONAL RULES

1. No more than one women's team per university/college may enter WDI or WDII.
2. Up to two teams from the same university/college only may enter WDIII.
3. A university/college may not have more than three teams entered in the Championship Tournament.
  - a. A second or third team from the same school will not be ranked for WDI or WDII.
4. Submission of an entry packet and a fee for the Championship Tournament constitutes a team's acceptance to play in whichever division the Ranking Committee selects for it.
5. The Ranking Committee will place teams into divisions based on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - a. Exception - Throughout the season the Ranking Committee will rank the top twenty-five teams. Any team within the top twenty-five at the time of the Championship Tournament entry deadline will have its spot reserved for the division in which it is ranked. That said, if a top twenty-five team registers after the entry deadline, this exception no longer applies.

Example - Fifty teams register for WDI. Team X turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #10 by the Ranking Committee. Team X is guaranteed a spot in WDI. If Team X registers after the entry deadline, it is not guaranteed a spot in WDI.

## WOMEN'S DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

1. Women's Division I/II (WDI, WDII)
  - a. WDI shall consist of the top forty-eight ranked teams as determined by the Ranking Committee.
  - b. WDII may consist of up to forty-eight teams, which shall consist of the next top forty-eight teams ranked by the Ranking Committee, except for a second or third team from the same university/college.
  - c. Only teams from a four-year university/college may participate in WDI or WDII. A second or third team from the same university/college must play WDIII.
2. Women's Division III (WDIII)
  - a. WDIII may consist of up to thirty-six teams.
  - b. Any team not placed in WDI or WDII will be placed in this division.
  - c. Up to two teams from the same university/school may enter this division.
  - d. Any second or third team from the same school must participate in WDIII.
    - i. Exception - If a school's WDI or WDII team decides not to attend the Championship Tournament, the Ranking Committee will consider accepting that same school's second or third team.
  - e. A team from a two-year university/college is eligible to participate in this division. Such a school may not participate in any other division.

## ALUMNI DIVISION RULES

### CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

The National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) is inviting all former collegiate club volleyball players from past years to join in separate men's and women's open alumni divisions within the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual national collegiate club volleyball championships in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 1-3, 2010.

The following rules are applicable to the Men's and Women's Alumni Open Divisions in addition to all other applicable NCVF rules and competition related protocols, formats and requirements. Notwithstanding the specific requirements of these rules, the NCVF reserves the right to reject any player or team at any time.

### ALUMNI TEAM ELIGIBILITY

A team is eligible as long as the collegiate club it represents participated for one full season (January - June) as the school's official collegiate club team in either an established college/university club league or in organized intercollegiate club competition recognized by the NCVF. Any team that played prior to 1985 must inquire as to whether its school recognized it as the official student collegiate club volleyball team of that institution.

1. Team rosters may only be comprised of players who meet the eligibility requirements in the *Alumni Player Eligibility* section below. Team rosters are limited to 15 players.
2. Except as provided in these rules, teams must comply with all NCVF tournament related rules and governance procedures (see Pre-Tournament Packet – to be available after Thanksgiving).
3. There is no limit to the number of former intercollegiate players per team, i.e. the Rule of Two will not apply to any team entry.
4. Team rosters may not include currently enrolled students who participated in any portion of the 2010 NCVF season from January through April. Team rosters may include currently enrolled students who have exhausted their NCVF eligibility as well as students who did not participate on their school's club volleyball team in the 2010 NCVF season.
5. A women's team roster may not include men's players and a men's team roster may not include women. No women players are allowed to compete as a player on a men's team, and no men are allowed to compete as a player on a women's team.
6. Teams must cooperate in the timely submission of all team and player information, including, but not limited to roster information as indicated on the entry form and any other information requested in the pre-tournament packet or by the NCVF at any time before or during the event.
7. By submitting a roster and application to participate, a team is representing its chosen institution and that the team and each player meet the requirements specified in these rules. Failure of any player or team to meet these team requirements may result in team or player disqualification, suspension, or other remedies.

### ALUMNI PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Only a player listed on the roster of a team that meets the NCVF Alumni Team Eligibility requirements may participate on that team.

2. A player must have completed a minimum of one academic term, quarter, or semester during the volleyball season with the school club it is representing. The player also must have been academically eligible to participate at that time according to the school's academic requirements. There is no requirement that a player must have graduated from the school he/she is representing.
3. The spirit of this newly created Alumni Division is one of self enforcement – each team is responsible for checking its own player eligibility requirements from the school it is representing. However, the NCVF reserves the right to reject or condition participation at any time for any suspected violation of this requirement, the NCVF Code of Conduct, or if an individual's behavior in any way interferes with the NCVF's administration of the event, whether or not the behavior arises at the playing venue or at any other location that is in any way connected with the event.
4. By submitting its roster, all players agree to abide by the NCVF Code of Conduct.
5. Players are expected to act in a mature and responsible manner when participating in all NCVF Events. By participating in NCVF Events, participants acknowledge that they are ambassadors to the sport of volleyball, both on and off the court. Participants, therefore, will abide by the highest sportsmanship and ethical standards of conduct. Any reports (e.g. from other teams, law enforcement, and/or hotel management) of activities that reflect negatively upon the NCVF may result in sanctions or other appropriate actions.
6. All participants must show evidence of primary health insurance coverage as required in the pre-tournament packet.
7. Although a formal institutional certification process will not be required of player rosters, by having their names submitted on a team roster, each individual on the roster is representing that he/she meets the individual eligibility requirements specified in these rules and that they will abide by all standards imposed on all other participants.
8. By participating, participants acknowledge that there are inherent risks associated with attending or playing in an NCVF Event, including but not limited to risk of injury, including bone, muscular or nerve damage, loss of or damage to personal property and other potential losses or damages. Participants assume liability for injuries or damages in connection with their individual or joint participation in any NCVF Event.
9. By having their name submitted on a team roster, each player agrees to waive all claims against the NCVF, USA Volleyball, their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives and assigns for any matter arising in connection with the administration or application of these rules.

## **2010 ALUMNI RULES CLARIFICATIONS**

1. Because the Alumni Division is a new offering within the structure of the national collegiate volleyball club championships, NCVF reserves the right to post clarifications and adjustment to the alumni team and player rules. The NCVF will make a good faith effort to post all rule changes in pre-tournament information packets and make it available on its web site at [ncfvolleyball.org](http://ncfvolleyball.org).
2. A player who graduated in December of the current academic year is eligible to compete in the Alumni Division even if enrolled during the club's regular season (January – June) and otherwise meets player eligibility requirements.
3. Teams may collectively consist of players from any former "A" or "B" teams or conglomerate entries from any era.
4. There is no requirement that an otherwise eligible player must have graduated from the school being represented.

5. Players who attended more than one institution and played collegiate club volleyball at more than one school can only play on one of those institutional teams.
6. Players need not be members of its institution's Alumni Association.
7. There is no stipulation as to who is allowed to coach an Alumni team or that an entered Alumni team must have a coach.
8. Designated coaches of current Alumni teams or former coaches of collegiate club teams are not allowed to compete for that team or any other team unless they have fulfilled the *Alumni Player Eligibility* section above.
9. Participation in the Alumni Division will not affect any player's remaining eligibility under the 6-year rule should a player have graduated or is taking time off and is not enrolled and involved with a collegiate club team during the current club regular season.
10. Among other documentation, the NCVF may require at the player's expense a copy of any player's transcript or diploma.
11. Uniform requirements: USAV Playing Rule Book 4.3.1 - *The color and design for the jerseys and shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)*. Additional clarification can be found under NCVF Rules of play <http://ncfvolleyball.org/RulesofPlay.aspx>. However, for this inaugural Alumni Tournament, uniform requirements shall include matching jerseys with 4" or greater numbers on the front and 6" or greater numbers on the back, both centered. Shorts or spandex must be similar in color. The Libero's jersey must be contrasting in color to its own team members jerseys. **Note:** If purchasing brand new jerseys, request 6" numbers centered on the front and 8" numbers centered on the back. If obtaining hand-me-down jerseys or original jerseys from the past that have 4" & 6" numbers respectively, these jerseys will be accepted.

## ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS

**Event Arbitrators:** Event Arbitrators shall serve as the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and / or eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and / or championship events shall meet with the Event Arbitrator(s). The authority for the Event Arbitrator to act begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the Championship city, or 48 hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier, and shall continue through the duration of the Event through its conclusion.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties. A decision of the Event Arbitrator may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee.

**Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee:** An Event Ethics Committee shall be formed for championship event. The committee shall be composed of three (3) members.

The committee shall act on appeals of ethics decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of an event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier, and shall conclude with the departure of the individual and / or team from the city in which the event has been held.

If the Committee is of the opinion that the violation is of such a nature that it requires further review or more serious discipline beyond the duration of the National Championship event, the committee will

send a report to the Commissioner and University Representative. That Commissioner and University representative will notify the Ethics Committee of the actions (if any) that were taken as a result of the report.

All eligibility questions or issues that arise in reference to team or player eligibility will be reviewed and decided onsite by the NCVF Compliance Committee.

Protests or questions relevant to the conduct of all tournaments shall be referred to the Championship Committee on site. Decisions rendered by the Competition Commissioner are final and cannot be appealed.

# Entry / Registration Process

Chapter

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## ENTRY APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The entry application represents a team's roster of participants which has been completed by the Team Representative through the On-Line Entry System.

Use the NCVF Tournament Registration System – [www.vbreg.com](http://www.vbreg.com) :

- Login with existing account/create new account
- Teams are limited to 15 players. All individuals listed on the roster are required to be registered as members of USAV by completing the Limited Membership Form provided. Any coaches, assistant coaches, or team reps travelling and working with the team must be added as team representatives during registration and complete the Limited Membership Form.
- Enter your team into the event once you have completed all the team entry data (player and team information).
- Print the entry form/invoice once the team is entered in the event.
- Please write check payable to: **USA Volleyball**. On the Memo line of your check, **PRINT** the team name and division. Staple the check to the entry form/invoice
- Ship via **UPS** or **FedEx**, the completed Entry Form/Invoice with attached check to:  
USA Volleyball National Office  
Re: 2010 Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships  
715 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368
- If you have questions or problems, contact Doug Hinton at [dhinton@ncvfvolleyball.org](mailto:dhinton@ncvfvolleyball.org) or Mike Chandler at the USAV National Office at [mike.chandler@usav.org](mailto:mike.chandler@usav.org)

**NOTE:** Your entry is not considered complete, and will not be processed until the following is met:

- Proper Entry Fee must accompany entry form.
- All required forms listed below must be received by USA Volleyball by their established deadline.
  1. USA Volleyball Limited Membership Form - completed and signed by each individual team member.
  2. USA Volleyball Code of Conduct Form - completed and signed by each individual team member.
  3. NCVF Code of Conduct form completed for each team with all players signing the form
  4. NCVF Medical Waiver & Release of Liability form - completed and signed by each individual team member.

Failure to follow these procedures will jeopardize or delay the acceptance of your entry application. No team will be granted entry into the championships until USA Volleyball has received all **COMPLETED** required forms and signed by the appropriate authority. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Do not fax entry application forms to USA Volleyball.

## ENTRY FEES

Level	Entry Fee
<b>NCVF Members &amp; USAV Members</b>	\$900
<b>NCVF Members/Non-USAV Members</b>	\$950
<b>Non-NCVF Members</b>	\$1250
<b>Alumni Division</b>	\$650

\***NCVF Members** are teams that have completed team registration and paid the team registration fee via the online NCVF Team Registration System (<http://ncvfvolleyball.org/NCVFTeamRegistration.aspx> )

\***USAV Members** are teams that have completed team and player registration and paid the associated fees through their local USAV region to compete in sanctioned USAV events.

## REFUND POLICY

Any team that is denied entry into the NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships will receive a full refund.

**NO ENTRY FEE, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH FEE**, will be refunded to a team that withdraws from the tournament **AFTER** the entry fee payment is received.

USAV shall issue **NO REFUNDS** when an individual or a team decides not to attend, or is unable to attend the tournament for reasons pertaining to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism or a health risk alert.

When the tournament is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

## ENTRY LIMITATION

It may be necessary to limit the number of entries into one or more of the tournament divisions because of the anticipated number of entries into the tournament. The Championship Committee reserves the right to establish an entry limitation in the best interests of the tournament, the Event and participating teams once the guarantee has been satisfied (see below).

- The guaranteed maximum number of teams that will be accepted into the tournament is 48 teams per division.

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERING ALUMNI DIVISIONS:** A minimum of eight (8) teams is required to conduct the new alumni division of the championship tournament. If the minimum number is not achieved, the entrants will be notified and entry fees refunded.

## GUARANTEED ENTRIES

Teams that are ranked in the Top 25 of the Men's or Women's Poll previous to the tournament entry deadline will be given priority entry into the appropriate division classification provided their entry packet is completed by the published deadlines. Automatic entry will not be guaranteed for teams that do not have a completed entry by all published entry deadlines.

## USA VOLLEYBALL PARTICIPANTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

All USA Volleyball registered participants are required to sign the Participants' Code of Conduct when they originally register with USA Volleyball.

The NCVF is responsible for clarifying all questions pertaining to the team and player eligibility of entrants for this Event. The NCVF has jurisdiction over all eligibility issues up to the date a team / participant arrives

**Player Verification:** The court officials will be conducting random and periodic ID checks during competition. Teams must have pictured IDs for each playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to a court official or authorized representative of the Championship Committee.

Once a participant arrives the Event Arbitrator will be responsible for all questions of ethics relevant to the Event in conjunction with the Director of Competition.

## ROSTERS

For all divisions, a maximum of fifteen (15) players may be listed on the roster.

A school photo ID will be required to establish identify of players prior to each match at the court during competition.

DEADLINE DATE	ACTION	FEE
<b>February 26, 2010</b>	Online rosters must be finalized (Online rosters will be locked as of this date)	No Charge
<b>February 27, 2010 – March 13, 2010</b>	Changes to existing player information (numbers, position, height, etc.) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a> )	No Charge
<b>March 14, 2010 – March 30, 2010</b>	Changes to existing player information (numbers, position, height, etc.) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a> )	\$25
<b>February 27, 2010 – March 30, 2010</b>	During this time, adding players to the roster can only be made with approval from tournament director (Doug Hinton) Changes must be requested via email- <a href="mailto:rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org">rosterchanges@ncfvolleyball.org</a> )  Addition of participants to the roster (must complete all required forms including enrollment verification and bring to check in)	\$25
<b>March 31, 2010 at Check In</b>	Any roster additions (must complete all required forms including enrollment verification and provide at check in)	\$50

After the entry form has been submitted, the following procedure is used to request any change to the original entry / roster.

**Team Representatives:**

- Prior to the **February 26th** roster change deadline you may re-enter the on-line entry system to access your data using your username and password, complete player data and add the player(s) to your roster. After the **February 26th** roster deadline you will need to follow the directions in the table above. Change fees are required for adding players or making changes according to the schedule above.
- All required forms and signatures must be completed for any new players that are added.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VERIFICATION OF ENTRY IN THE TOURNAMENT</b></p>
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- Teams will be able to check the progress of their team entry online. Entry status will be available online beginning **February 1, 2010**.
- ALL teams that submit complete and accurate materials will receive an e-mail notification.
- Teams may check the NCVF Volleyball website, [www.ncvfvolleyball.org](http://www.ncvfvolleyball.org) to verify their entry.

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

**ALL** checks must be made payable to **USA Volleyball**. On the Memo line of your check **PRINT** the team name, gender, and division. It is required that you complete all items in this section:

Team Registration Required Items	Entry Deadlines
Initial Online registration must be completed on the NCVF website - <a href="http://ncvfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx">http://ncvfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx</a>	Jan 4, 2010 – Feb 26, 2010
Print out the Tournament Invoice and attach check. Payment must be received by USA Volleyball before the entry deadline. On the Memo line of your check PRINT the team name and division Make check or money order payable to <b>USA Volleyball</b> and ship via <b>UPS</b> or <b>Federal Express</b> to:  USA Volleyball National Office Re: 2010 Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships 715 South Circle Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368	<b>Payment Deadline</b> February 26, 2010
Roster form completed online Online roster must be marked as final roster	Feb 1, 2010 – Feb 26, 2010 Feb 26, 2010
All required forms below must be completed, signed and shipped via <b>UPS</b> or <b>Federal Express</b> to USA Volleyball. All required forms include: a) USA Volleyball Limited Membership Form - completed and signed by each individual team member. b) USA Volleyball Code of Conduct Form - completed and signed by each individual team member. c) NCVF Code of Conduct form completed for each team with all players signing the form d) NCVF Medical Waiver & Release of Liability form - completed and signed by each individual team member.  <b>Ship forms to:</b> USA Volleyball National Office Re: 2010 Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships 715 South Circle Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368	Must be received no later than <b>March 17, 2010</b>
Enrollment verification forms will be available online by March 13 for team reps to print out and complete. This form will need all participants' signatures, and must also be signed by sport club director/university designee and the university registrar. This form can only be turned in during on-site registration at the Kentucky Convention Center. <b>DO NOT</b> ship this form to USA Volleyball. If enrollment verification forms are not presented at the on-site registration area, that team will not be allowed to participate.	<i>March 31, 2010</i> <i>At Tournament Check In</i>

### Notes

- Tournament Entries will be accepted beginning January 4, 2010 with the entry deadline at midnight on February 26, 2010. Please note that many divisions fill prior to the entry deadline and by having a complete entry in by the entry deadline does not guarantee entry. All entries will be marked with an "Entry Complete Date" that will be used to determine the order of accepted teams as division reach capacity. The sooner a completed entry is received, the better a team's chances of being accepted into the championships in their preferred division. NCVF Members will receive preferred status for the appropriate division if their entry is received by February 6, 2010

# Hotel – Travel – Tourist Information

Chapter

6



**April 1 – April 3, 2010**  
**Kentucky Exposition Center**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

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## HOTEL LISTING

THS (The Housing Service) has reserved rooms at these hotels in the Louisville, Kentucky area for March 28 – April 4, 2010. The Tournament weekend is a very busy time. Please make your reservations as soon as you submit your tournament application. You can complete your reservation on-line at [www.thsweb.com](http://www.thsweb.com)

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL		
Hotel Name	Amenities	Price
<b>CROWNE PLAZA AIRPORT - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	588 Room Hotel built in 1971 with restaurant, lounge/bar, indoor pool, fitness center, gift shop. This hotel features amenities like free high-speed wired and wireless Internet, well-lit, generously-sized work desks, flat-screen televisions, in-room movies, and coffeemakers. This is a SMOKE-FREE hotel. Rating: 3 Stars. Across the street from the Expo Center. Shuttle service to/from airport – reservations suggested.	<b>\$99</b>

OTHER EXPO AREA HOTELS		
Hotel Name	Amenities	Price
<b>LA QUINTA INN &amp; SUITES AIRPORT - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	98 Room Hotel built in 2003 with outdoor pool, fitness center, whirlpool, guest laundry. This hotel offers oversized rooms with free high-speed Internet access, microwave, refrigerator, full-size coffee maker, in-room safe, a large work desk, and much more. This is a SMOKE-FREE hotel. Rating: 3 Stars. Located 2 Blocks from the Expo Center. Shuttle service to/from airport – reservations suggested.	<b>\$79</b>
<b>BEST WESTERN AIRPORT EAST - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	150 Room Hotel built in 1967 with free continental breakfast, restaurant, outdoor pool, fitness center, guest laundry. This hotel offers bright and comfortable oversized rooms that feature hair dryers, coffee makers and iron and ironing boards. Rating: 2 Stars. Located 4.5 Miles from the Expo Center. Shuttle service to/from airport – reservations suggested.	<b>\$89</b>
<b>MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES AIRPORT- LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	120 Room Hotel built in 2007 with indoor pool, fitness center, guest laundry, gift shop. This hotel offers spacious suites, 25% larger than standard hotel rooms, feature free high-speed Internet, flat-panel TV, large work desk and a pantry area with microwave, mini-fridge and wet bar. Rating: 3 Stars. SUITES HAVE TWO DOUBLE BEDS AND A PULLOUT. Across the street from the Expo Center. Shuttle service to/from airport – reservations suggested.	<b>\$99</b>

<b>DAYS INN AIRPORT - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	<p>109 Room Motel built in 1970 with free continental breakfast, fitness center, guest laundry. This airport property is only minutes from numerous attractions and offer free wireless high speed internet, expanded cable with HBO and Showtime, and a free Daybreak Breakfast.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rating: 2 Stars. Located 3.5 Miles from the Expo Center No shuttle service available</p>	<b>\$79.99</b>
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<b>OVERFLOW HOTELS</b>		
Hotel Name	Amenities	Price
<b>GALT HOUSE HOTEL &amp; SUITES - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>	<p>1296 Room Hotel built in 1972 with restaurant, lounge/bar, outdoor pool, fitness center, guest laundry, gift shop. The Galt House Hotel and Suites is one of the largest hotels in the Southeast and is considered the most splendid and accommodating hotel in the city. This is a SMOKE-FREE hotel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parking Charge: \$12.00. Rating: 3 Stars. Located 7 Miles from the Expo Center. Shuttle service to/from airport for a fee</p>	<b>\$99</b>

## RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

**ON-LINE RESERVATIONS:**

1. Tournament discounts have been arranged through THS at numerous local hotels for the event. Teams can search room availability and make reservations online by selecting the following link - <http://www.thsweb.com> or from the NCVF Website - <http://ncfvolleyball.org/nationals.aspx>

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

Just 10 minutes from downtown & 6 minutes from the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville International Airport, [www.flylouisville.com](http://www.flylouisville.com), is a low-fare airport that draws travelers within a 200-mile radius of the city. The airport now has nonstop service to more than 20 destinations and convenient connections to cities worldwide.

There are two other International airports in close proximity to Louisville that may provide more competitive airfare rates for your teams.

- Indianapolis International Airport – 123 miles (~2 hours)
- Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport – 98 miles (~1 hour 45 minutes)

Airline Carriers			
	1-888-247-2262 or 1-316-686-3636		1-800-432-1359, press 1
	1-800-247-8726		1-800-452-2022
	1-800-221-1212		1-800-225-2525 1-800-447-4747
	1-800-433-7300		1-800-435-9792
	1-800-221-1212		1-800-241-6522
	1-800-525-0280		1-800-428-4322

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Rental counters are in the baggage claim area. Vehicles are conveniently parked outside the west door of the baggage claim area.

	1-800-327-9633		1-800-325-8007
	1-800-831-2847		1-800-654-3131
	1-800-527-0700		1-800-227-7368
	1-800-800-4000		1-800-847-4389

## LOUISVILLE WEBSITE LINKS

<b>Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center</b>	<a href="http://www.kyfairexpo.org">www.kyfairexpo.org</a>
<b>Louisville, Kentucky</b>	<a href="http://www.louisville.com">www.louisville.com</a> <a href="http://www.louisvilleky.gov">www.louisvilleky.gov</a> <a href="http://www.gotolouisville.com">www.gotolouisville.com</a>
<b>Louisville Current Weather &amp; Forecast</b>	<a href="http://www.wunderground.com/US/KY/Louisville.html">www.wunderground.com/US/KY/Louisville.html</a>
<b>Louisville International Airport</b>	<a href="http://www.flylouisville.com">www.flylouisville.com</a>

## ABOUT LOUISVILLE

### TOURIST INFORMATION

Welcome to Louisville - [Possibility City](#) - a community on the move, with major city amenities like world-class performing arts, great sports and incredible dining.

Yet Louisville offers hospitality, warmth and smaller-city advantages like shorter commutes and a lower cost of living. We're proud that Louisville has been named America's "Most Livable" large city by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Louisville is a [City of Parks](#) with one of the nation's largest parks expansions underway, adding 4,000 new acres of park land and the 100-mile [Louisville Loop](#) trail encircling the entire community.

While you're here, don't miss our exciting [4th Street Live!](#) entertainment complex downtown, [Waterfront Park](#) along the Ohio River and many historic neighborhoods. Find out more by clicking on the links below. Visit the [Louisville Visitors Center](#) downtown. To map downtown attractions [click here](#). To map downtown parking [click here](#). Also see: [Louisville Area Weather](#) / [Restaurant Listings for Louisville](#).