

SECTION 11: VOLLEYBALL

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A. REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION

1. The rules used for conference competition shall be NAGWS rules, except as modified herein.
2. There shall be a designated conference ball. The home team will provide 10 warmup balls for each team at all conference single matches. Practice balls need not be provided for conference multiple matches.
3. Officials shall be assigned by the GLVC Supervisor of Volleyball Officials. All officials shall be USAV rated or PAVO rated. Trained line judges are required for all conference matches, with their fees to be established by each member institution. Officially trained line judges must view the NCAA officiating video and take the written test prior to being assigned a match. The officials' uniform shall be a white shirt, navy blue trousers, and white shoes. The officials shall be on the floor 35 minutes before match time.
 - a. If an official or officials are not present, the host institution has one hour from the posted game time to start the match with a full compliment of officials.
 - b. If at the end of one hour and only one official is present the match will be played.
 - c. Coaches will submit official evaluation forms to the coach of the host institution, prior to their next weekend of conference play.
4. Conference match play shall be the best three of five; rally scoring will be used in all games, per NAGWS rules.
5. Match Protocol:

For conference and championship play GLVC volleyball teams will use the protocol established for the Division II National Tournament as described in the NCAA Volleyball Championship Manual provided such criteria allow for a minimum of one hour warm-up time. Exception: Warm-up protocol for second match in championship play shall be 30 minutes provided a second court is available for teams one hour prior to match time. If schedule allows, teams may use the one hour protocol on the championship court.
6. There shall be no exchange of scouting information on conference teams within the conference or with non-conference opponents, except as stipulated in the video exchange policy (see item 7). Coaching staffs whose team has a bye on Friday are prohibited from video recording when scouting in-person their Saturday conference opponent on the Friday prior to the match.
7. There shall be an exchange of all regular season and conference tournament electronic game files of a conference or non-conference opponent with each institution. The exchange shall follow these guidelines:
 - a. All tapes of home games must be uploaded and accessible by noon local time the day following the game. All tapes of non-conference away games must be uploaded and accessible within 48-hours of return to campus.
 - b. Game video must be recorded with a camera positioned in the end zone.
 - c. Penalty for Violation – Failure to adhere to Section 3.A.1.b.i. will lead to the following penalties:
 - i. First Offense: \$250 fine payable to the conference office. A letter from the Commissioner will be sent to the offending coach and the Director of Athletics
 - ii. Second Offense: \$500 fine payable to the conference office. A letter from the Commissioner will be sent to the offending coach, AD and President/Chancellor.
 - iii. Third Offense: Loss of video exchange privileges for the remainder of the athletic season.
 - iv. Fines will not be assessed when documented technical issues prevent games from being uploaded by the conference deadline.
8. Uniforms
 - a. During the first day of a weekend series - the home team will wear light uniforms and the visitors will wear dark uniforms. During the second day of a weekend series - the home team will wear dark uniforms and the visitors will wear light uniforms. When a third day of competition occurs during a three-match weekend, the home team will wear light uniforms and visitors will wear dark uniforms.

- b. For single matches between travel partners home team wears light uniforms, visitors-dark.

B. REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION

1. Schedules shall be prepared by the coaches at their meeting during the conference tournament and submitted to the commissioner for approval. If teams play more than the scheduled conference matches during the season, then only the scheduled conference matches will count in conference standings. All conference match schedule changes must be approved by the commissioner. The commissioner will notify any schools impacted by such a change. Any changes must be made in a timely manner.
2. A three ball rotation system will be used for all conference matches.
3. Start times for all GLVC matches on Fridays will be played at either 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and for Saturday-Sunday contests, matches will be played at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, unless mutually agreed upon by both Athletic Directors and coaches. (Effective 8/1/06)
4. A private meeting space will be made available for the visiting teams use before, during, and after the match (locker room, classroom, etc.)
5. The host institution must make the playing floor available for both teams a minimum of one hour prior to the scheduled start of the match.

C. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1. The Conference champion shall be determined on the basis of a season-ending tournament. (Effective 10/11/05) The NCAA automatic qualifier will be determined by an end-of-season single elimination tournament.
2. The conference championship tournament shall be scheduled one week prior to the NCAA Regional championship.
3. The tournament shall be hosted by the team as determined in Section 10.4. If a team is unable or unwilling to host the tournament, the next highest seeded team shall host.
4. Conference standings are determined on the basis of the best percentage of overall conference matches won and lost in competition with other member institutions in regular season competition. Ties in the standings shall be settled by: (Multiple teams tied see 1.c.4)
 - a. Conference match record – total competition
 - b. Conference match results- head-to-head
 - c. Conference game record – head-to-head
 - d. Conference game record – total competition
 - e. Point differential of conference match(es) between tied teams
 - f. Point differential based on total conference competition. Point differential shall be determined by subtracting the total points lost from the total points won for each team. The highest plus or lowest minus remainder shall be considered the superior team for tiebreaking purposes. Conference match forfeits will be counted as 3-0 match victories and 25-0, 25-0, 25-0 game scores for conference standing purposes.
 - g. Coin flip
5. The top eight teams from the regular season standings shall compete in a single elimination conference championship tournament. The eight-team tournament will consist of the top three teams from each division and two wild cards. The higher seeded team shall wear light uniforms. (Effective 8/1/12)

Friday	12:00 p.m. – 2W vs. 3E 2:30 p.m. – 1E vs. 4W 5:00 p.m. – 2E vs. 3W 7:30 p.m. – 1W vs. 4E
Saturday	5:00 p.m. – Winners of Friday's 12 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. matches 7:30 p.m. – Winners of Friday's 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. matches

Sunday 2:00 p.m. Championship Match - Winners of Saturday's Matches
Friday's schedule may need to be edited depending on whether the overall #1 seed is from the East or West Division.

6. *A banquet/breakfast is to be held at the conference championship with the date and time to be determined by the host institution and the conference office.
7. Championship Warm-up protocol
 - a. See Section 10-1-A.5
 - b. Regardless of format, no teams should be warming up (ball handling) in the gym where a match is in progress.
8. Tournament Officials
 - a. The Assignor of Volleyball Officials is responsible for assigning officials to the tournament. National PAVO Officials shall be used for all conference tournament matches.
 - b. The host institution is responsible for payment of all officiating fees and expenses.
 - c. Local certified officials shall call lines at all conference tournament matches. The host institution will work with the GLVC Assignor of Volleyball Officials to assign the line judges. The host institution is responsible for the payment of all officiating fees.

D. AWARDS (See Section 1 ALL SPORTS, part D. AWARDS; the following are specific additions or changes to the general guidelines given there.)

1. All Sports Trophy Points Places 3 and lower will be determined by regular season overall conference standings, with ties broken as in 10.C.4 above. (Effective 10/11/05)
2. All Conference Team - (Effective 8/1/12) 24 players shall be selected to the East Division (i.e.12) and West Division (i.e.12) teams. The top eight players selected from the total of 24 will be recognized as all-conference first team selections. Coaches will only vote for players in their own division and the vote on Player and Freshman of the Year Awards will take place after the all-conference voting. The top eight-players in the voting by the coaches after each Divisional Team is selected, regardless of the positions, will be placed on the first team.
3. (Effective 8/1/12) An Offensive & Defensive Player of the Week Award shall be presented during the course of the regular season.

E. COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Each Coaches Association shall meet at least once annually, either in person or by conference call. Such meetings shall be scheduled by the conference commissioner.
2. A chairperson shall be selected annually.
3. A report of the coaches meeting shall be provided to the Conference Commissioner, the conference sports information director, each institutional representative, and athletic director by December 20.
4. All coaches are required to be voting members of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

F. PUBLICITY AND STATISTICS

1. The NCAA statistics on conference and non-conference games shall be kept by the conference teams and reported to the designated SID. The conference SID shall compile the conference statistics and release to the commissioner and each SID in the conference weekly coverage of the GLVC's volleyball activity. The release will include summaries of all categories reported by the NCAA and will be posted on the GLVC's official web site.
2. Each institution shall provide a full NCAA boxscore and the official scoresheet after each match to each participating team. The NCAA boxscore will be sent to the conference SID for compilation of conference statistics.

3. Each institution's SID shall provide an updated numerical roster, updated statistics and a media list for the next week's conference opponents by Monday of each week.
4. A Player of the Week will be chosen and released to Conference members by the conference office for volleyball. The SID of each institution is responsible for nominating one person each week as necessary for Player of the Week consideration.
5. The conference SID will compile a composite schedule to be released to the commissioner and all conference SIDs one week before the season begins. Conference members are encouraged to provide updates to schedules as necessary due to cancelled or postponed contests.