



Women's Volleyball

Division II

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I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. The NCCAA Division II Volleyball Sport Season and National Championship and all events related thereto are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Division II Volleyball Coaches and are subject to standards developed by these coaches and subsequent approval of the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the Championship Games Committee.
- B. National Volleyball Committee
1. Composition and term of office
 - a. The National Volleyball Committee shall consist of the National Volleyball Chair (who shall chair the committee), the National Volleyball Vice-Chair, and the Regional Volleyball Chairs.
 - b. The term of office for Regional Volleyball Chairs shall be evaluated by the regional coaches according to their regional handbook.
 - c. The National Volleyball Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Volleyball Vice-Chair.
 2. Election
 - a. The regional coaches shall conduct an election of the Regional Volleyball Chair to the National Volleyball Committee at an appropriate time.
 - b. If a vacancy occurs on the National Volleyball Committee, the National Volleyball Chair shall, upon approval of the rest of the committee, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
 3. National Volleyball Committee members shall:
 - a. Represent the interests of the coaches and student-athletes.
 - b. Propose revisions of national operating policies and procedures.
 - c. Assist in solicitation of bids for future championship sites.
 - d. Submit the top players in the respective regions as All-American nominees **per the All-American policy**.
 - e. Attend the Championship event or join the conference call to vote on All-Americans.
- C. National Championship Committee
1. Membership
 - a. The committee shall be composed of the Tournament Director of the National Championship, the National Volleyball Chair or his/her appointee(s) from the National Volleyball Committee, and an NCCAA National Office representative.
 - b. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, this individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the National Volleyball Chair (e.g. this may be an affiliation with one of the teams involved in a protest, or misconduct of an official of a protested game).
 - c. Three members must be present for action to be taken.
 2. Responsibilities
 - a. Ethical behavior
 - 1) Observe the behavior of student-athletes, coaches, and other team personnel for the duration of the National Championship.
 - 2) Promote standards of ethical behavior during competitive events and throughout the National Championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individual(s) and team(s) during the National Championship and reinforced by more specific communication. If unacceptable behavior occurs, this committee has the right and obligation to act on the issue **with/via the Director of Membership**.
 - b. **Write a report for all cases on which this committee acts. A duplicate report shall be filed with the Tournament Director of the National Championship for inclusion with the championship report.**
 - c. **Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the championship (e.g., extreme weather conditions).**
 - d. **Make sure all teams follow the NCCAA Code of Ethics signed by coaches and the NCCAA #KingChasing Commitment by student-athletes (on file in the National Office).**
 3. Protests
 - a. Ensure that protest procedures as indicated in the NCAA Rule Book **(with NAIA modifications)** have been followed.
 - b. Act on all appropriate protests.

D. Officers

Chair: Kristi McDaniel, Arlington Baptist University

Vice-Chair: Jojo Wilkes, Calvary University

E. Election of Sport Chair and Vice-Chair

A National Volleyball Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve three-year terms. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Volleyball Chair after three years to serve as the National Volleyball Chair. Selection must be by more than 50% of the total number of coaches in the NCCAA and shall be conducted by email vote.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. Institution Eligibility

Only teams that are in good standing with the NCCAA shall be eligible. Good standing shall include all dues paid in full and free from any sanctions imposed by the NCCAA restricting institutional eligibility.

B. Team Eligibility

All NCCAA member institutions must file a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 31 for all varsity sports with the National Office (see Forms & Procedures section).

C. Individual Eligibility

NCCAA-only member institutions must file an affidavit of eligibility (see Eligibility section) to the National Eligibility Chair no later than the date of their first contest (including scrimmage). Dual members with CCAA, NAIA, NCAA II, and NCAA III must confirm eligibility is being filed for all sports in compliance with their primary affiliation on the Membership Directory & Dues Form.

III. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Official Rule Book

1. During the Division II NCCAA Volleyball National Championship and the regular season, the rules shall be the official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Volleyball Rules with NAIA Volleyball Coaches Association approved modifications.
2. To obtain rules, visit www.ncaapublications.com.

B. Statistics

1. Complete and accurate statistical information must be submitted to the NCCAA in the form of .XML game files, following the steps outlined at www.thenccaa.org/helpcenter and using only one of the approved statistical programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew). Game files must be submitted to the NCCAA within 48 hours after the game. However, the mandatory deadline for weekly game files to be uploaded to the NCCAA website is Tuesday at noon ET. Any amount of missing game files in a week shall count as a missed report. Any game files submitted from a non-approved statistical program shall count as a missed report. Once statistical reporting begins, missing or incomplete game schedules may result in multiple penalties being issued at the discretion of the National Office.

The penalties for not reporting statistics or for being late are:

- a. 1st offense: email or letter of notice of the violation.
- b. 2nd offense: email or letter of warning of the violation.
- c. 3rd offense: \$100 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first.
- d. 4th offense: \$250 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first, a loss of postseason awards for the applicable athletes and/or team, the team shall become ineligible for statistical reports and ratings for the remainder of the season, and any further penalties at the discretion of the Administration Committee (e.g., ineligible for postseason play).

It is the responsibility of each institution to contact the National Office regarding any technical problems experienced in submitting weekly statistics. Proper communication can prevent team penalties.

Regular Season Neutral Site Tournament Statistics: The host institution of regular Season tournaments (e.g., classic, tri-match, or any multi-team event of the like that an institution hosts, regardless of venue or if the host institution is competing) is responsible for recording official statistics, for all participating teams, for those

sports in which a weekly national statistical report is conducted. Missing statistics from a regular season tournament shall be considered a missing statistical report for the host institution, regardless if the host competed (other participants of the tournament shall not be considered to have a missed statistical report the first week, but the following week shall be considered to have missed a statistical report if still missing). Note: If the host sent files to opponents and opponents failed to update the files in time, the host shall not be penalized.

2. Statistics for eligible All-American nominations shall be submitted on the official All-American Statistical Form (see [Appendix A](#)) to the National Chair by the Wednesday following the National Committee seeding conference call. The said report, ranking nominees in each category, shall be completed and sent to the Regional Sports Chairs no later than the Friday following the conference call.

C. National Rankings

1. The coaches' poll voting shall be conducted by the National Chair, in conjunction with regional representatives, and be reported to the NCCAA Director of Communications.
2. In Division II, each Regional Sport Chair shall be the region rater and voter.
3. Regional raters are responsible for submitting region ratings to the National Chair, who shall then send out all region ratings to voters. Raters should include explanation/summary as to why teams are rated where they are. Raters may work to get feedback from region teams when developing the region ratings.
4. Regional raters shall then select the top 10 teams nationally and send to the National Chair. The National Chair shall tally all votes and must send the final ranking along with each regional rating to the NCCAA Director of Communications by 11:00 a.m. (ET) each Tuesday that has a ranking.
5. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.
6. Ties shall be broken by:
 - a. Number of ballot appearances;
 - b. Most votes in highest place; and
 - c. Winning percentage.The team winning the tiebreaker shall receive one additional point.
7. There shall be bi-weekly rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship.
8. National Office serves as the oversight committee.

D. NCCAA Power Rating System

1. See [Appendix D](#) for the NCCAA Power Rating System.
2. Each member institution must meet all statistical requirements (see section III.B above).
3. The Volleyball power rating dates shall start five weeks prior to the week of the National Championship. There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings. If a team has regular season games after the final power rating, the final power rating shall be updated with the additional regular season dates for the National Women's Volleyball Committee to use in selection and seeding.

NOTE: Members dually affiliated with CCAA have an exception of meeting an eight-match minimum for inclusion in the final power ratings.

E. Frequency of Play and Practice Guidelines

Each sport in the NCCAA has 24 weeks between August 1 and May 15 to conduct practices and competitions. Each sport has a maximum and minimum number of contests in the regular season. Women's Volleyball has a maximum of 26 dates and a minimum of 15 matches. Each sport has a specified date to begin practice and to conduct their first contest. Women's Volleyball's start date for practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions is 17 days prior to the first allowable game, not to exceed August 1. The first allowable contest cannot be before the third Thursday in August. More details can be found in the Sport Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

F. Rules Education

All coaches, new and returning, must complete an annual online rules education training program. For NCCAA-only members, this includes all paid and voluntary head, associate, assistant, and graduate assistant coaches. For dually affiliated members, this includes all head coaches. New coaches must complete the required training within the first 60 days of hire or prior to the coach's first competition, whichever is earlier. Returning coaches and staff members must complete the required training prior to the earliest start date for competition for any sport sponsored by the institution. More details can be found online at the NCCAA Member Help Center.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A. National Championship Date and Site

1. Date
The National Championship shall be held the week prior to Thanksgiving.
2. Regional finals must be concluded on or before the Saturday two weeks prior to the week of the National Championship. Regions with dually affiliated members (e.g., NCAA III) must conclude on or before the Tuesday one week prior to the week of the National Championship
3. Site Requirements
 - a. The site shall have a main court with appropriate warm up space.
 - b. The NCCAA volleyball coaches can recommend the site at the National Coaches' Meeting based on evaluation of the bid form (see Forms & Procedures section) submitted by the specific institution.
 - c. The Host Institution must take total responsibility for the financial and organizational aspects of the National Championship and follow the recommended NCCAA policies and procedures.
 - d. The host institution shall take full responsibility to organize and oversee the Christian Service Project (CSP). All participating teams shall participate. The CSP shall be fully explained to qualifying teams.
4. Bidding Procedure
 - a. Institutions shall submit the bid form (sample bid form found in the Forms & Procedures section) to the National Office.
 - b. A copy of the bid shall be sent to the National Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - c. The bid shall be reviewed by all the coaches at the National Coaches' meeting and they shall make a recommendation to the National Sports Chair and the National Office. If a bid comes later than this meeting, then a survey of coaches shall be taken if deemed necessary. A phone conference call with the sport leadership, the National Office, and the bid applicant shall be held to discuss the bid in detail. A site visit shall be scheduled if deemed necessary. The final decision shall be made by the National Office in concert with the sport leadership.
5. Dates of the National Championship for the upcoming years are as follows:

<u>Regionals Completed*</u>	<u>National Championship</u>	<u>Site</u>
November 8, 2025	November 19-22, 2025	Ozark Christian College, Joplin, MO
November 7, 2026	November 18-21, 2026	TBA
November 6, 2027	November 17-20, 2027	TBA
November 4, 2028	November 15-18, 2028	TBA
November 3, 2029	November 14-17, 2029	TBA

*Regions with dually affiliated members (e.g., NCAA III) must conclude on or before the Tuesday one week prior to the week of the National Championship.

B. Conduct of National Championship

1. The championship structure shall be determined by the number of regions and follow the format below.
2. Eight-team championship – two pools of four teams, with the top two teams from each pool automatically advancing to semifinal play. Overall National Championship would then create semifinal seeding with the winner of Pool A playing the #2 team from Pool B. The winner of Pool B will play the #2 team from Pool A.
3. The seeding for the two pools shall be the following:
Pool A: 1, 4, 5, 8
Pool B: 2, 3, 6, 7
4. Team selection and seeding shall be the responsibility of the National Volleyball Committee and shall be completed during the call-in conference call on the Sunday following the final Regional Championships or at a later date if needed to accommodate regions with dually affiliated teams.
5. Guidelines
 - a. The Championship shall not exceed four days.
 - b. All matches shall be three out of five games.
6. Required Functions to Attend
Teams that advance to the Women's Volleyball National Championship are required to attend and participate in the National Championship Banquet, the Christian Service Project, the Coaches Meeting, and Contests. Arriving late to the championship or not attending/participating in these required functions shall be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to Participate. The sanction for failure to comply with the Declaration of Intent to Participate is the sport being placed on Restrictive Probation for the following academic year with the potential for additional penalties up to all sports at that institution being placed on Restrictive Probation.
7. Tie-breaking Procedures for Pool Play

- a. The National Championship pool play two-team tiebreaker is head-to-head competition.
- b. The following National Championship pool play three-team tie-breaking procedures shall be used only to determine place in pool play and cannot eliminate a team from competition:
 - 1) Overall match record.
 - 2) Head-to-head competition.
 - 3) Percentage of sets won of those played among tied teams (total sets won/total sets played).
 - 4) Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams (total points won/total points played).
 - 5) Percentage of total sets won.
 - 6) Percentage of total points won.
 - 7) Coin flip.
- c. In the situation where there are three teams tied for second place in the pool, the team judged to be superior by the procedure listed above shall be the bye team. The other two teams shall play one set to 25 points and the winner shall play the bye team one set to 25 points (two 25-point sets total).
- d. In the situation where there are three teams tied for first place in the pool, the team judged to be superior by the procedure listed above shall be awarded first place and the first playoff bid. The other teams shall play one 25-point set for the remaining playoff position. An exception to this shall be if a flip of the coin must be used to determine the bye team. In that case, all teams must compete for the playoff positions as follows:
 - 1) Team A wins over team B and gains one playoff bid (one set to 25 points).
 - 2) Team C plays the losing team B for the second playoff bid (one set to 25 points).

NOTE: If a three-team tiebreaker results in the top two teams being tied in No. 3, 4, 5, or 6 of the tie-breaking procedures, those two teams then revert to the two-team tiebreaker of head-to-head competition.

- e. Tiebreaking Set Procedures: There shall be a 40-minute warmup, a coin toss, and teams shall switch sides when one team reaches 13 points.
8. The official ball, Baden, shall be the championship ball as determined by the contractual agreement/commitment between the preferred vendor and the National Office.
 9. Roster Size
The official party is made up of participants, defined as student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, and any staff member who travels with a competing team.

The official party for each team participating in NCCAA National Volleyball Championship competition is 25 individuals, which includes 20 student-athletes in uniform and five additional personnel (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and/or other institutional personnel) to be used at the discretion of each participating institution.

A player may be replaced on the official roster between the Regional Tournament and the NCCAA National Championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the Official Eligibility Form for the current season.

When a roster is submitted to the NCCAA National Office, it shall serve as the Official Roster for the National Championship competition.

- a. Each head coach can amend his/her roster with the NCCAA Director of Championships at the championship coaches' meeting on site.
 - b. Once the coaches' meeting is concluded, a team's roster shall be deemed certified, and no changes can be made for the duration of the championship.
 - c. Once the championship begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster with no exceptions, including the event of injury, illness, or family emergency.
 - d. Additional people (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and/or other institutional personnel) must also be registered on the Official Roster to be permitted in the team only areas.
 - e. Any additional university personnel above the travel and roster number's need to be outside of official championships areas (e.g., bench areas, batting cages, etc.) and the university shall assume any additional cost associated with additional numbers to the travel party.
10. Pre-Match Protocol
The teams involved in the first set of matches for the National Championship shall have access to the playing courts no more than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of play. Succeeding teams shall have no more than 60 minutes and no less than 30 minutes of pre-match time on court. The 30 minutes shall be divided into 11 minutes split court, four minutes for visitors and four minutes for home, five minutes for visitors and five minutes for home, and one minute to return to benches.

11. Game Times

The schedule of games and/or matches shall be determined in conjunction with the National Chair, the Tournament Director of the National Championship, and the NCCAA National Office. Preference shall be given to the higher seeded teams to advance with the most amount of rest and/or best playing conditions. The host shall be given the opportunity to schedule one pool play game at a time that allows for the best hometown fan attendance. Game times and dates may be adjusted to accommodate any Seventh Day Adventist member institution's Sabbath.

12. Expenses

No entry fee shall be charged.

13. Championship Reimbursement Policy

A Championship reimbursement fund called Future Generations shall reimburse member schools for championship expenses when teams qualify. The amounts and policy guidelines are listed in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

14. Officials

- a. Officials must possess at least an NAGWS/USA state/regional rating. For the championship match, a national ranking must be held.
- b. The selection and assignment of officials shall be made by the Tournament Director of the National Championship in consultation with the National Volleyball Chair.
- c. It is recommended that a minimum of six officials be used.
- d. Officials shall be required to attend all officials' meetings at the National Championship, barring extenuating circumstances.

15. National Championship Broadcasting

The NCCAA owns exclusive rights for all broadcasts (television, webcast, radio, etc.). When the NCCAA produces a webcast, no institution or entity is allowed to produce a webcast. All institutions interested in producing a broadcast of any kind must first obtain written approval from the NCCAA Director of Communications. Approval is not guaranteed. More information, including rights fees, is found in the Sports Policies and Procedures section.

16. Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive **five** days prior to the championship: Up to date full season statistics (individual & team), schedule with results, story lines for broadcasters, **a VRO roster file, and action photos.**

17. National Championship Housing

All teams are required to lodge in the hotel designated by the host institution or city for this championship.

18. National Championship Christian Service Project (CSP)

Each player and coach participating in the National Championship shall be asked to donate up to, but not more than, two hours of his/her time to **serve in a CSP.** The host Tournament Director of the National Championship, in concert with the NCCAA Director of **Championships,** is responsible to secure the sites and set up the times for the **service.**

19. **The highest seed** shall choose which bench they prefer to use and then teams shall switch each game of the match.

C. National Championship Team Selection

1. All NCCAA member institutions must send to the National Office a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 31 for all varsity sports.
2. There are six regions, and each champion of the region shall be an automatic qualifier to the National Championship. Two additional slots shall go to **one** at-large bid and one to the host.
3. **If a region has only one team available to participate in the Regional Championship or Regional Qualifier Process, that team shall be declared the Regional Representative and receive the region's automatic bid provided they have a record of .500 or better in addition to being declared to accept a Regional Representative bid.**
4. **If an NCAA Division III dual member institution qualifies and competes in its NCAA III conference tournament, it is not able to compete in the NCCAA Division II Regional and/or National Championships due to a schedule conflict.**
5. The National Volleyball Chair shall arrange a National Championship conference call with the National Volleyball Committee no later than the Saturday the week prior to the National Championship to decide the at-large berths and the seeding of the National Championship. Multiple selection and seeding scenarios shall be developed if needed, depending on Regional Championships and/or dually affiliated conferences still competing. The call shall be made at a time specified by the National Volleyball Chair.
6. The host institution shall receive an automatic bid. An institution who is the host of an NCCAA National Championship may allow its team to participate in the National Championship if that team meets its

institution's Declaration of Intent requirements. The host institution, via the Declaration of Intent process, can choose to accept an automatic bid to National Championships without competing in the Regional Championship or choose to participate in the Regional Championship to earn a place in the National Championship.

7. The at-large request to be considered for the NCCAA National Championship is on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. Athletic Directors can list the conditions by which they shall accept at-large spots on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. To be considered for an at-large, an institution must have played in the NCCAA regional playoffs or been exempt due to NCAA or NAIA conflicts.
8. At-large berths shall be selected by the National Volleyball Committee using the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B with the following criteria (in order of importance):
 - a. Head-to-head competition.
 - b. Results vs. common opponents.
 - c. The strength of the region.
9. Seeding for the National Championship
 - a. The Regional Sports Chairs shall be responsible to send the following information to the National Volleyball Chair prior to the Sunday conference call:
 - 1) Regional winner
 - 2) Other information that might be helpful in seeding
 - b. Regional Sports Chairs must send all region brackets (two weeks before regionals) and results to both the NCCAA National Office as well as the National Volleyball Chair as soon as results are known.
10. Criteria for seeding shall be the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B with the following criteria (in order of importance):
 - a. Head-to-Head competition.
 - b. Results vs. common opponents.
 - c. The strength of the region.
11. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings and a team may only move up or down three places in power ratings.
12. The National Women's Volleyball Committee, in conjunction with the National Office, can adjust seeding to avoid regional opponents being grouped together in pool play (if possible), following the Regional Seeding Conflict Guidelines in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.
13. Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive by 10 days prior to the National Championship: Official team roster and travel party on Google Docs Form (completely filled out), high resolution team photo, player headshots, and any other requested information.

V. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Championships. Team, Most Outstanding Player, National Coach of the Year, and All-American awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office.

A. All-Tournament Team

1. An All-Tournament Team of seven players including one Most Outstanding Player shall be honored at the championship.
 - a. The first place team shall receive two players (including the Most Outstanding Player), the second place team two players, and third through fourth place teams shall each receive one. One additional spot shall be selected by the Tournament Committee and may come from any team.
 - b. The two finalist teams must submit either a libero or setter on their list of nominees.
2. The All-Tournament Team shall be announced prior to the championship awards.
3. An NCCAA award shall be awarded to each selected player.

B. Championship Awards

The National Championship team shall receive a championship banner, trophy, medallions, and t-shirts. Teams finishing second through fourth shall receive a plaque designating their finish.

C. Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award

1. Purpose

The purpose of this award is to honor, each year, the outstanding Division II women's volleyball player selected from the NCCAA member institutions. The award is in honor of Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny and her long and faithful service to the NCCAA, particularly in volleyball. Although Vickie has many accolades, it is her pursuit of excellence on and off the court as a reflection of Jesus Christ that stands above the wins.

2. The award shall be presented at the awards ceremony of the National Championship and the National Office shall order and pay for the award. The recipient should give forth their best effort to be present during the awards ceremony.
3. Recipients of this award must:
 - a. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court, including Christian service activities.
 - b. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
 - c. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student and a varsity team member.
 - d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
 - e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
4. Procedures
 - a. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID). Only one nominee allowed per institution.
 - b. The nomination form ([Appendix D](#)) must be used and submitted to the National Office by October 15.
5. Selection
Selection committee includes the National Chair, Vice-Chair, and Regional Sports Chairs.
6. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet. The National Office shall contribute up to \$250 toward travel expenses.
7. The recipient of the Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award shall subsequently be a nominee for the year-end NCCAA GP4L Student-Athlete Character Award. It is encouraged that one letter of recommendation from an Athletic Director, opponent coach, or member of the institution faculty or staff be included with the nomination.

D. All-American Selections

1. All-American candidates shall be submitted on the All-American Statistical Form ([Appendix A](#)) by the Wednesday prior to the National Championship.
2. The National Volleyball Committee selects the following from the field of entries (see [Appendix F](#)):
 - a. National Player of the Year
 - b. National Coach of the Year
 - c. A seven-player First Team comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate.
 - d. A seven-player Second Team comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate.
 - e. American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) shall honor the seven First Team and seven Second Team Division II All-Americans for only those selected individuals whose head coaches are current AVCA members. In conjunction with Division I, an NCCAA-AVCA Coach of the Year and Player of the Year shall be selected by Tuesday following the Division I championship.
 - f. There shall be an NCCAA representative (National Office personnel or Administration Committee member) in the room or on the call for the voting to oversee that the process is followed.
 - g. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least a week before the vote.

E. National Coach of the Year

1. National Coach of the Year award (submitted by Athletics Director of nominated coach to respective Regional Volleyball Chair) to the coach voted by the National Volleyball Committee using the following criteria:
 - a. Coaching Aptitude
 - b. Christian Character
 - c. Leadership
 - d. Contribution to the NCCAA
2. Each Regional Coach of the Year and each national qualifier coach is eligible. Nomination forms are due to the National Chair before the All-American meeting at the National Championship.

F. Scholar-Athletes Awards (see Forms & Procedures section)

This form must be sent to the National Office via Teamworks four weeks prior to the start of the National Championship. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Be of junior, senior, or graduate student academic standing making normal progress toward a degree.
2. Have completed at least one semester or quarter at the nominating institution.
3. Be a competing student-athlete or a varsity letter winner or that institution's equivalent in the sport for which she is nominated.
4. Player must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40, which must be confirmed by the Registrar.

G. **Scholar Team**

The Scholar Team nomination ballot must be submitted by January 31. The form must be submitted to the National Office via Teamworks.

H. **Student-Athlete of the Week**

The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to two student-athletes (one offensive & one defensive) in Division II Women's Volleyball during the regular season, chosen from the list of nominees submitted by institutions. Only one student-athlete per school per award (offensive/defensive) may be nominated. See the full procedures and instructions in the Forms & Procedures section of the handbook.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. **NCCAA Certified Athletic Trainer Policy**

Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) are required at each hosted NCCAA Member home event, NCCAA Regional Championship, and National Championship. For hosted contests in cross country, and golf, institutions may have a trainer able to respond within three to five minutes or athletic personnel with training in CPR, AED usage, first aid, and prevention of disease transmission present at the event. The ATC must be certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC), or an equivalent affiliation, and maintain a current license in the state of practice. Please reference the policy in the Sports Policies and Procedures section.

B. **Code of Conduct**

Conduct in competition policy found in Infractions and Penalties section IV.A. shall be followed by all NCCAA-only institutions during regular season and postseason competition. It shall be followed by all NCCAA institutions for Regional and National Championship competition. Any coach or student-athlete ejected from play shall be subject to penalties found in this policy. It is the responsibility of the offending institution to provide a report to the NCCAA Director of Membership and its Regional Coordinator within 48 hours of the incident. Please see the Infractions and Penalties section noted above for more details related to the Conduct in Competition Policy.

C. **Meetings**

1. A meeting for championship officials, with the Tournament Director of the National Championship and National Volleyball Chair, shall be scheduled prior to the championship.
2. A meeting for championship coaches to discuss matters pertaining to the championship shall be scheduled prior to the opening match(es).
3. The National Volleyball Coaches' Meeting, open to all Division II volleyball coaches, shall be scheduled prior to the championship with agenda set forth by the National Chair, including said requested items received from Division II coaches.
4. The National Volleyball Committee Meeting, open only to the committee members or their appointees, shall be for the purpose of selecting All-Americans, National Player of the Year, and National Coach of Year awards (based on National Office approval of these awards).

D. **Tournament Director of the National Championship**

1. The Tournament Director of the National Championship plans the Championship, with the approval of the National Volleyball Chair and the NCCAA Director of Membership.
2. Sends all Championship information and deadline dates to the Regional Volleyball Chairs and National Volleyball Chair.
3. Is a member of the conference call, arranged by the National Volleyball Chair and in concert with the NCCAA Director of Championships (see Forms & Procedures section).
4. Submits a completed Championship Reporting Form (see Forms & Procedure section), in duplicate, to the National Volleyball Chair and the NCCAA Director of Championships within 10 days of the event.

E. **Duties of the National Volleyball Chair**

1. Perform duties as listed in the Forms and Procedures section.
2. Communicate with the National Volleyball Committee on issues requiring its input.

F. **All policies are in keeping with the NCCAA Division II Official Handbook.**

G. **Handbook Proposal Process**

Should changes to a sport specific section or the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook be desired, the following process shall be followed:

1. Coaching group may propose changes to their sport handbook.
2. Coaching group votes to present proposal(s) to the Administration Committee.
3. Administration Committee votes to accept or reject the proposal.
4. Proposals for change may also come from the National Administrative Council (Sports Information Committee, Competition Experience Committee, and Regional Experience Committee), Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee, which are all subcommittees of the Administration Committee.
5. All proposals must come in written form and identify which section of handbook is being addressed.
6. All proposals must have a vote of support.
7. All proposals must be submitted for consideration to the Administration Committee by May 15 for possible inclusion for the upcoming academic year.

Appendix A
Division II Volleyball All-American Statistical Form
 Submit to National Chair
 Due Date: Wednesday Prior to National Championship

Name: _____ Class: _____

Institution: _____ Coach: _____

Institution Address: _____

Season: 20__ to 20__ Won: ____ Loss: ____ Player Regional Rank: ____

Position: _____ Height: _____ Age: _____

Player's Hometown Newspaper and Address: _____

Region: _____ Regional Sports Chair: _____

ATTACK STATISTICS

	Sets	Kills	Attack Errors	Total Attacks	Attack Pct.	Kill Avg.
TEAM TOTALS						

BLOCKING STATISTICS

	Sets	Block Solos	Block Assists	Individual Block Avg.	Team Block Avg.
TEAM TOTALS					

DIG STATISTICS

	Sets	Digs	Dig Avg.
TEAM TOTALS			

SETTING STATISTICS

	Sets	Total Assists	Assist Avg.
TEAM TOTALS			

SERVING STATISTICS

	Sets	Aces	Ace Avg.
TEAM TOTALS			

Volleyball Honors and Awards:

Christian Character:

Scholarship:

Leadership:

Comments:

The above named student-athlete has my support as a viable nominee for NCCAA postseason honors. Her behavior both on and off the field is complimentary to the NCCAA and its Christ-like standards.

 Coach's signature

 Date

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Division II Volleyball Statistics Guidelines

ATTACK ATTEMPT is charged to a player any time the player attempts to hit the ball over the net into the opponent's court. The ball may be spiked, set, tipped, or hit as an overhead contact. Any ball that is played over the net in an attempt to score a point or a side-out should be considered an attack. Any ball played over the net simply to keep the ball alive should not be considered an attack attempt.

KILL is awarded to a player any time an attack is not returnable by the opposition or any time the attack leads directly to a blocking error by the opposition. A kill leads directly to a point.

ATTACK ERROR is charged to a player whenever an attack is: hit out of bounds; hit into the net leading to a four hit violation; blocked down by opposition to the same side as the attacker (and cannot be kept in play) and if the hitter nets, makes a center line violation, is called for an illegal contact on the antenna, or hits the ball into the antenna.

ASSIST ATTEMPT is awarded whenever that player passes or sets the ball to an attacker who subsequently attacks the ball or attempts to keep it in play.

ASSIST is awarded whenever that player passes or sets the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill. A player cannot have more assists than kills.

SERVICE ACE is a serve that results directly in a point.

SERVICE ERROR is charged to a player if the serve fails to clear the net, the serve is out of bounds or hits the antenna, the server foot-faults or takes too much time, or the player serves out of rotation.

RECEPTION ERROR is charged to a player if the serve strikes the floor in the area of the player, the player passes the serve but it cannot be kept in play by her team, or the player is called for a reception violation by the official (i.e. "lift").

DIG is awarded to a player whenever she passes a ball that has been attacked by the opposition and it is kept in play. The pass or play of any ball that is attacked is awarded a dig. The ball can be kept in play on the digger's side of the net or returned to the opposition.

BLOCK SOLO is awarded to a player whenever the player blocks the ball into the opposition's court, leading directly to a point.

BLOCK ASSIST is awarded to each player whenever two or three players block the ball into the opponent's court for a point, even if only one player actually blocks the ball.

BLOCK ERROR is charged whenever a blocker is called for netting, line violation, back row blocker, or reaching over the net.

Appendix B
Division II Volleyball National Championship Committee
2025-2026

NATIONAL SPORT CHAIR	Kristi McDaniel Arlington Baptist University 3001 W Division Street Arlington, TX 76012	817-461-8741 kmcdaniel@abu.edu
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Appendix C

Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to honor, each year, the outstanding Division II women's volleyball player selected from the NCCAA member institutions. The award is in honor of Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny and her long and faithful service to the NCCAA, particularly in volleyball. Although Vickie has many accolades, it is her pursuit of excellence on and off the court as a reflection of Jesus Christ that stands above the wins. The award shall be presented at the awards ceremony of the National Championship and the National Office shall order and pay for the award. The recipient should give forth their best effort to be present during the awards ceremony.

- A. Recipients of this award must:
 - 1. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court, including Christian service activities.
 - 2. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
 - 3. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member.
 - 4. Demonstrate leadership ability.
 - 5. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

- B. Procedures
 - 1. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID). Only one nominee allowed per institution.
 - 2. The nomination form must be used and submitted to the National Office by October 15.

- C. Selection
 - 1. Selection committee includes the National Chair, Vice-Chair, and Regional Sport Chairs;
 - 2. The committee shall perform a final review of candidates and select a recipient during the National Volleyball Committee meeting held annually at the National Championship.

- D. The recipient of the Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award shall subsequently be a nominee for the year-end NCCAA GP4L Student-Athlete Character Award. It is encouraged that one letter of recommendation from an Athletic Director, opponent coach, or member of the institution faculty or staff be included with the nomination.

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Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

Student-Athlete's Name First _____ Last _____

Student-Athlete's Hometown and State _____ Year: ___JR ___SR ___G

Institution _____ Position _____ Coach _____

Christian Character

Describe student-athlete's faith story and character on/off the field.

Christian Service

List student-athlete's specific activities in Christian service and outreach.

Current Season Offensive Stats (Season Team Record: W_____ L_____)

SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE
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Current Season Defensive Stats

SP	D	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	SE
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Career Offensive Stats (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____)

SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE
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Career Defensive Stats

SP	D	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	SE
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Other Stats Notes (Top 10 national statistical rankings, etc.)

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Dr. Vickie Grooms Denny Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

Athletic Honors Received (Individual and/or Team)

List athletic awards/honors from the institution, conference, regional, and national level)

Academic Honors Received (Major _____ GPA _____)

List academic honors.

Leadership

Describe student-athlete's leadership characteristics and qualities. Give examples of leadership in action.

Additional Comments

Share any other information on why student-athlete is deserving of this award.

Required with Nomination Form

- High resolution headshot AND action photo of student-athlete
- Current season schedule with results.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court, including Christian service activities.
- Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
- Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member.
- Demonstrate leadership ability.
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

I attest that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements and nomination data is accurate.

Nominator Signature (Coach, SID, or AD)

Date

Due by October 15 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org.

Appendix D NCCAA Power Ratings

I. FORMULA

(Results Pts + Location Pts) x (Opp. Affiliation + Opp. Win % + Ranked Opp.) = Individual Game Power Points

1. Results						
	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Football	Soccer	Volleyball	
a. if win by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	3 points
b. if win by	-	11-14 points		-	-	2.75 points
c. if win by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	2.5 points
d. if win by	-	4-7 points		-	-	2.25 points
e. if win by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	2 points
f. if a tie	-	-	-	-	-	1.75 points
g. if a loss by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	1.5 points
h. if a loss by	-	4-7 points		-	-	1.25 points
i. if a loss by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	1 point
j. if a loss by	-	11-14 points		-	-	0.75 points
k. if a loss by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	0.5 points

2. Location					
a. if away	0.25 points	b. if neutral	0.125 points	c. if home	0 points

3. Opponent's Affiliation (multiplier)	
a. NCAA I	x 2.9
b. NCAA II / U Sports	x 2.5
c. NAIA	x 2.2
d. NCAA III / NCCAA I / CCAA	x 1.8
e. NCCAA II	x 1.5
f. Other Countable Opponents^	x 1.0

4. Opponent's Winning %*	
a. .1.000 %	Add 1.00
b. .800 - .999 %	Add 0.80
c. .600 - .799 %	Add 0.60
d. .400 - .599 %	Add 0.40
e. .200 - .399 %	Add 0.20
f. .000 - .199 %	Add 0.00

5. Ranked Opponent*
National rankings of affiliations in lines a. - e.
Add 0.20

II. POWER POINTS

- A. The sum of the criteria of Nos. 1-2, multiplied by the sum of Nos. 3-5 determines power points for a game. The maximum points for a contest is 13.325 (win on the road against 1.000 NCAA I Top 25 team). The minimum points for a game is 0.5 (loss at home against .199 or lower other countable opponent).
- B. The power rating is determined by adding the power points for the regular season and dividing by the number of games (to the third decimal place). Postseason contests shall not be included.

III. FORFEITS

Forfeits awarded for completed contests shall count toward power ratings or minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in power ratings (e.g., ineligible player, conduct issues, etc.). Forfeits awarded for games not played shall not count toward power ratings (e.g., teams not showing up, not honoring contracts, etc.).

IV. REPORTING

The National Office shall calculate each school's power rating. Each institution and region is responsible for reviewing the release to ensure their rating's accuracy. See sport handbooks for reporting dates and how power ratings are used within each sport. Power ratings shall be released by **Wednesday** evening per each sport's reporting dates. See region handbooks for how ratings are used within the region. Visit www.thenccaa.org/handbook.

*Opponent's winning percentage and national ranking shall be through the Sunday before the reporting date. When a report is released, winning percentages and rankings for that report, will not be updated for future reports. National rankings only include teams within the rankings. Teams who receive votes are not considered ranked.

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Appendix D, Page Two NCCAA Power Ratings

^Other countable opponents must be an NCCAA countable game per definition in Frequency of Contest section of the NCCAA handbook. Uni-Division sports, such as Baseball & Softball, follow Division I countable opponents rules.

A final power rating shall only be given to teams who meet the minimum number of games requirement for the specific sport. Each sport has a progression of min. number of games (listed below) to be included in each rating that is released. (R1=Report 1, etc.)

Baseball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Basketball - R1=12, R2=15, R3=18; Soccer - R1=8, R2=10; Softball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Volleyball (M) – R1=7, R2=8, R3=9; Volleyball (W) - R1=10, R2=13, R3=15.

Note: These Power Ratings are designed to measure past performance, not necessarily to predict future outcomes.

Appendix E

DII Women's Volleyball All-American Selection Procedure

A. Nominations

1. All-Regional Teams shall be selected and submitted to the National Chair. The regional team shall be listed both in rank order from most points to least as well as rank order by position such as the top four hitters, top one setter, top one libero, and top one alternate. All ties must be broken. The top seven players (by position) nominated for All-American consideration from each region shall be brought to the National Volleyball Committee meeting.
2. Not all Regional Players of the Year will automatically be placed on the All-American First Team. Each player shall be compared regarding their criteria then placed accordingly.
3. The criteria considered in the selection process shall include statistics, academic standing, and Christian character.
4. The coaches/Regional Sports Chairs shall ensure that the statistics listed are the final/most updated statistics.

B. Teams

The NCCAA shall recognize:

1. An NCCAA All-American First Team. A seven-member team shall be comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate.
2. An NCCAA All-American Second Team. A seven-member team shall be comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate.

C. Meeting

The All-American Team selection meeting shall be held on Wednesday of the National Championship.

- #### D. Committee Structure for Voting
- The committee shall comprise of the six Regional Chairs and the National Chair. In addition, a representative from the National Office shall be in the room or on the call for the voting to oversee that the process is followed.

E. Selection Process

1. An order of nomination shall be determined by the National Chair (e.g., Southwest first, Central second, etc.) The process shall begin with each regional representative nominating the top hitters (no limit on nomination) from his/her region. The representative shall briefly discuss the nominations. Regional representatives are responsible for doing any necessary research of individuals on the All-Regional Team and be fully prepared to promote each individual. Players must be nominated in the rank order from the regional team.
2. Then the regional representatives shall each vote for their top four players in each position (hitter, setter, and libero). Voting by the regional representative must be in the rank order of the region. Voting can occur in a couple of ways. They can share their vote verbally with the National Chair who records it, or an electronic method can be determined.
3. The alternate player takes the highest rated player from the highest vote getter not selected from each position vote. A vote for these three players shall be held to make the last selection. Region rank must still be followed. If there is more than one player from the same region in this vote, the lower ranked player(s) shall be eliminated from the vote.
4. The National Chair shall tabulate the vote and share with the voting members the total points for each nominated player. Points are allocated to players from highest to lowest (e.g., four players nominated for a position, top player receives four points, second three, third two, etc.). The top number of players to fill the number of slots designated for First Team shall earn First Team honors.
5. In the event of a tie in any position, there shall be an additional vote to break the tie. If a tie remains after additional voting, further analysis and discussion shall occur and another vote shall be conducted. If a tie remains after this additional voting, the tie shall be broken by the National Sport Chair, unless involving his/her student-athletes, in which case the National Vice-Chair shall break the tie.
6. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the full All-America Team selections. The top vote getter from each position (hitter, setter, libero) shall be reviewed again, and then another vote shall be taken to determine the Player of the Year. Region rank must still be followed. If there is more than one player from the same region in this vote, the lower ranked player(s) shall be eliminated from the vote.
7. The All-American Second Team selection shall proceed in the same manner as the First Team.
8. There are no honorable mention teams in the NCCAA.

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9. Once the team is selected, it is reviewed by the sport leadership and the National Office before being announced on the NCCAA website.

F. Coach of the Year

The committee shall use the Coach of the Year Nomination Form from the NCCAA Handbook and require that each nominee is the Coach of the Year from their respective region or a national qualifier. A vote shall be taken as a group on the nominations. If a nominee serves on the committee, he/she shall be recused from the vote and replaced with another representative from the region to join the remaining committee members to vote and determine the Coach of the Year.

Appendix F
National Championship Eight-Team Format, One Court

POOL A		POOL B	
#1		#2	
#4		#3	
#5		#6	
#8		#7	
WEDNESDAY			
Time	Match #	Court	Opponents
9:30 a.m.	1	1	#4 vs. #5
11:30 a.m.	2	1	#3 vs. #6
1:30 p.m.	3	1	#1 vs. #8
3:30 p.m.	4	1	#2 vs. #7
5:30 p.m.	5	1	#1 vs. #5
7:30 p.m.	6	1	#2 vs. #6
THURSDAY			
9:30 a.m.	7	1	#4 vs. #8
11:30 a.m.	8	1	#3 vs. #7
1:30 p.m.	9	1	#1 vs. #4
3:30 p.m.	10	1	#2 vs. #3
5:30 p.m.	11	1	#5 vs. #8
7:30 p.m.	12	1	#6 vs. #7
FRIDAY			
Time	Match #	Court	Opponents
3:00 p.m.	13	1	1A vs. 2B Semifinals
6:00 p.m.	14	1	1B vs. 2A Semifinals
SATURDAY			
Time	Match #	Court	Opponents
1:00 p.m.	15	1	Championship
Immediately following			AWARDS CEREMONY