NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. The Men's Volleyball National Championship, and all events related thereto, are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Men's Volleyball Coaches and are subject to standards developed by these respective coaches and subsequent approval by the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the National Men's Volleyball Committee.

B. National Volleyball Committee
   1. Composition and Term of Office
      a. The National Men's Volleyball Committee shall consist of the National Men's Volleyball Chair (who serves as chair of the committee), the National Men's Volleyball Vice-Chair, and the Regional Men's Volleyball Chairs. An NCCAA National Office representative shall serve as a non-voting member.
      b. The National Men's Volleyball Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Men's Volleyball Vice-Chair.
   2. Election
      a. The National Men's Volleyball Committee shall conduct an election of the National Men's Volleyball Chair and Vice-Chair from current committee members at an appropriate time.
      b. If a vacancy occurs on the National Men's Volleyball Committee, the National Men's Volleyball chair shall, in coordination with the Committee Members, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
   3. Duties of the National Men's Volleyball Committee
      a. Represent the interest of coaches and student-athletes.
      b. Propose revisions of the National Championship operating policies and procedures to the Board of Directors.
      c. Assist in solicitation of bids for future National Championship sites.
      d. Attend the National Championship and vote on award nominations. If a committee member is unable to attend, he/she should vote via conference call.
   4. Duties of the National Men's Volleyball Chair (also see National Sport Chair Job Description in Forms & Procedures section)
      a. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Men's Volleyball Committee.
      b. Communicate with the National Men's Volleyball Committee on issues requiring their input.
      c. Conduct meetings of the coaches and the committee at the National Championship to provide opportunities for questions, suggestions, and recommendations regarding the conduct of the National Championship.
      d. Supervise and assist the Tournament Director of the National Championship with planning and conducting the National Championship.
      e. Invite coaches of all NCCAA participating institutions to the coaches' meeting and request that agenda items and nominations for National Men's Volleyball Committee vacancies be sent to the National Men's Volleyball Chair.
      f. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures (Men's Volleyball section of the NCCAA Handbook) to the NCCAA Director of Membership by the deadlines listed in the National Handbook Proposal Process.
      g. Assist Regional Coordinators in selecting Regional Sport Chairs as needed.

C. National Championship Committee
The National Championship Committee shall be appointed and approved annually. This committee shall have the responsibility to administer the Men's Volleyball National Championship.

   1. Membership
      a. The committee shall be comprised of the Tournament Director of the National Championship, the National Men's Volleyball Chair, or his/her appointee from the National Men's Volleyball Committee, and the NCCAA Director of Championships or 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 Men's Volleyball Chair.
      c. Three members must be present for action to be taken.
   2. Responsibilities
      a. Ethical Behavior
         1) Observe the behavior of the 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 championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individuals and teams during the 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 of all cases on which this committee acts. A duplicate 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 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA with NAIA modifications) Rule Book, have been followed.

b. Act on all appropriate protests.

D. Officers

Chair: Mike Dedee, Roberts Wesleyan University
Vice-Chair: Mark Corbin, Houghton University

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 15 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 NCCAA Director of Membership 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

The National Championship shall follow the NCAA (USA Volleyball) rules (to obtain rules, visit www.usavolleyball.org) with NAIA modifications (see Appendix E).

B. Statistics

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 stats programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew, or StatInput). Game files must be submitted to the NCCAA within 24 hours after the game and visiting team appeals are required to be filed with the home team within 48 hours following the conclusion of the contest. 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 stats 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:

1. 1st offense: email or letter of notice of the violation.
2. 2nd offense: email or letter of warning of the violation.
3. 3rd offense: $100 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first.
4. 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 stats report the first week, but the following week shall be considered to have missed a stats 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.

Postseason Statistics: NCCAA members must upload files by the weekly deadline for all postseason play (conference tournament, regional championship, national championship, etc.). In NCCAA postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host to record official statistics and the responsibility of the higher seed to upload files. Failure to upload files by the weekly deadline is subject to penalty, including fines.

C. NCCAA Power Rating System
   1. See Appendix A for the NCCAA Power Rating System.
   2. Each member institution must meet all statistical requirements (see section III.C above).
   3. There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings, with the final power rating released the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline. 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 Championship Committee to use in selection and seeding.

D. The National Ranking voting shall be conducted by the National Chair, in conjunction with the regional representatives, and be reported to the NCCAA Director of Communications.
   1. Each Regional Sport Chair shall be the regional rater along with one additional voter from each region.
   2. 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 regional teams when developing the regional ratings.
   3. Regional raters shall then select the top 10 teams nationally and send them 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.
   4. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.
   5. Ties shall be broken by: 1) number of ballot appearances; 2) most votes in highest place; and 3) winning percentage. The team winning the tie-breaker shall receive one additional point.
   6. There shall be bi-weekly volleyball rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship, which shall be recognized by AVCA.
   7. The National Office serves as the oversight committee.
   8. AVCA shall recognize the NCCAA national rankings each week.

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. Men's Volleyball has a maximum of 26 dates and a minimum of 9 matches. Each sport has a specified date to begin practice and to conduct their first contest. Men's Volleyball's start date for practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions is September 1. The first allowable contest is 14 Thursday's prior to the sport's regional completion deadline. 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. Dates and Site

1. Dates of the National Championship for the upcoming years are as follows:

Regionals Completed	National Championship	Site
April 17, 2027	April 23-24, 2027	TBA
April 22, 2028	April 28-29, 2028	TBA
April 21, 2029	April 27-28, 2029	TBA
April 20, 2030	April 26-27, 2030	TBA
April 19, 2031	April 25-26, 2031	TBA

2. Site Requirements
   a. The site shall have a main court with appropriate warm-up space.
   b. Site for the Men's Volleyball National Championship must conform to all regulations outlined in the NCAA (USAV) with NAIA modifications rule book.
   c. The NCCAA Men's Volleyball Committee shall recommend the site based on an evaluation of the bid form submitted by the specific institution at the national coaches' meeting. The NCCAA National Office shall make the final decision.
   d. The host institution must take total responsibility for the financial and organizational aspects of the National Championship and follow recommended NCCAA policies and procedures.
3. Bidding Procedures (see Forms & Procedures section).

B. Guidelines

1. Officials
   a. Officials must possess at least an NAGWS/USA state/regional rating. For the National Championship final match, a national ranking must be held.
   b. The Tournament Director of the National Championship shall select and assign officials in consultation with the National Men's Volleyball Chair.
   c. It is recommended that a minimum of six officials be used.
2. The official ball to be used in NCCAA postseason play is the Baden PERFECTION™ Matrix.
3. Required Functions to Attend
   Teams that advance to the Men'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.
4. Christian Service Project
   At a convenient time during the National Championship, the teams shall participate in a Christian Service Project set up by the host which shall take at least an hour to reach out in the community. This could be a hands-on service activity or money raised for a local ministry. 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.
5. Tournament Meal
   A team meal should be provided for all participants at a convenient time to allow time for fellowship of participants. The meal shall be included or covered by a sponsorship.
6. Guidelines shall be as follows:
   a. 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.
   b. The National Championship shall not exceed three days.
   c. All matches shall be three out of five sets.
   d. 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 a National Office representative. 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.

7. 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 handbook.
8. The NCCAA Men's Volleyball Committee and the host institution shall not accept advertising or promote in any way the marketing or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs in connection with the NCCAA policies.
9. Roster Size and Traveling Party
   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 Men's 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 the 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 coaches meeting (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 numbers 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 by 11 minutes split court, four minutes for visitors and four minutes for home, five minutes for visitor and five minutes for home, and one minute to return to benches.
11. 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.
12. 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 stats (individual & team), schedule with results, story lines for broadcasters, a VRO roster file, and action photos.
13. National Championship Housing
    All teams are required to lodge in the hotel(s) designated by the host institution or city for this championship. Lodging at an unapproved location shall be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to Participate and shall result in loss of eligibility for championship travel reimbursement in addition to a fine of $1,000.
14. Uniform colors
    At the coaches meeting, the home team (higher seed) shall choose its uniform color, and visitors must be

contrasting colors as much as possible and whenever possible. Once bracket play teams are confirmed, the same policy shall be followed.

15. Bench assignments
    Home teams shall choose which bench they prefer to use, and then teams shall switch each game of the match.
16. Qualifier Packet and Qualifier Call
    The NCCAA Director of Championships, in concert with the Tournament Director of the National Championship and the National Sport Leadership, shall prepare a Qualifier Packet detailing key information about the championship event such as lodging information, schedule, CSP, and other important information. The Qualifier Packet shall be made available on the NCCAA website and sent to each qualifier. Additionally, a mandatory Qualifier Call shall be scheduled once all teams have qualified and before teams travel to the championship site.

C. Format
The championship format shall be a four team round robin tournament. The top two teams shall play a final championship game after round robin play. One team from the three assigned Men's Volleyball regions and one host shall complete the championship field. If a region does not have an institution that meets its declaration, the open slot shall become an at-large bid.

D. Tie-Breaking Procedures for Round Robin
1. The National Championship round robin two-team tiebreaker is head-to-head competition.
2. The following National Championship round robin three-team tie-breaking procedures shall be used only to determine place in round robin and cannot eliminate a team from competition:
   a. Overall match record.
   b. Head-to-head competition.
   c. Percentage of sets won of those played among tied teams (total sets won/total sets played).
   d. Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams (total points won/total points played).
   e. Percentage of total sets won.
   f. Percentage of total points won.
   g. Coin flip.
3. In the situation where there are three teams tied for second place in the pool, the team judged to be superior by the procedures 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).
4. 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 berth. 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 by team. In that case, all teams must compete for the playoff positions as follows:
   a. Team A wins over team B and gains one playoff berth (one set to 25 points).
   b. Team C plays the losing team (B) for the second playoff berth (one set to 25 points).
   NOTE: If a three-team tiebreaker results in the top two teams being tied in D.2. c, d, e, or f of the tiebreaking procedures, those two teams then revert to the two-team tiebreaker of head-to-head competition.
5. Tiebreaking Set Procedures: There shall be a 40-minute warmup, a coin toss, and teams shall switch sides when one team reaches 13 points.

E. Selection of Teams
1. Teams included shall be the Regional Champion, Regional Qualifier, or Regional Representative of each of the three regions assigned to Men's Volleyball, the host institution, and the number of at-large bids needed to make up a four-team championship.
   a. 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.
   b. 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.
   c. The at-large bid request to be considered for the NCCAA National Championship is on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. Athletics Directors can list the conditions by which they shall accept at-large bids on

the Declaration of Intent to Participate. To be considered for an at-large bid, a team must have played in the NCCAA regional playoffs, made its declaration to be considered for the Regional Qualifier, or been exempt due to NCAA or NAIA conflicts. In regions that limit teams in their playoff format, teams that have met any institutional declaration requirement may be considered for an at-large bid.

d. At-large bids, if available, shall be selected by the NCCAA Men's Volleyball Committee using the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
   1) Head-to-head.
   2) Common opponents.
   3) National Rankings.

e. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings.

f. The selection committee should ideally be comprised of unbiased individuals and not include individuals who have qualified for the National Championship or are seeking an at-large selection. If that is not possible, at a minimum, individuals who are seeking an at-large selection are not permitted to participate in the selection process.

2. National Championship Seeding
   a. Criteria to be used in the seeding of the teams shall be the Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
      1) Head-to-head.
      2) Common opponents.
      3) National Rankings.
   b. 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.
3. The National Men's Volleyball Chair shall arrange a conference call (see Forms & Procedures section) with the NCCAA Men's Volleyball Committee by Sunday prior to the championship to determine the Regional Champions, Regional Qualifiers, Regional Representatives, at-large bids, and the seeding of the National Championship.

F. Tournament Director of the National Championship
1. Plans the National Championship with the approval of the NCCAA Director of Championships and the National Men's Volleyball Chair.
2. Sends all National Championship information and deadline dates to the NCCAA, eligible institutions, and head coaches.
3. Plans emergency medical procedures.
4. Contacts all media for coverage.
5. Keeps a detailed accounting of all income and expenditures.
6. Obtains information pertaining to the National Championship and distributes this to appropriate coaches.
7. Submits a National Championship Reporting Form (see *Forms and Procedures* section, Item 26) to the NCCAA Director of Membership within 5 days of the event.
8. Emails a high-resolution photograph of the championship team to the National Office within an hour of the event.
9. Submits the championship results in real time to the National Office or directly to the NCCAA website.
10. Provides game stats.

V. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Championships. Team awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office.

A. Championship Awards
The National Championship team shall receive a championship banner, trophy, medallions, and t-shirts. The second place team shall receive a plaque designating its finish.

B. All-Tournament Team
1. An All-Tournament Team of seven players, including Most Outstanding Player, shall be honored at the National Championship.
   a. The teams shall be determined by an allocation system with the coaches making their team selections.
   b. The champions shall receive three players, of which one shall also be the Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament.

c. The runner up shall receive two selections, and the third and fourth place teams shall each receive one selection.

2. The All-Tournament Team shall be announced prior to the championship awards.

C. National Coach of the Year

The National Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the All-American Committee. Candidates shall consist of the Regional Coaches of the Year and the NCCAA National Champion Coach. The All-American Committee shall evaluate the nominations and vote on a winner using the following criteria:

1. Coaching Aptitude
2. Christian Character
3. Leadership
4. Contribution to the NCCAA

D. Game Plan 4 LIFE Award (see Appendix D) (due April 1)

1. Purpose
   The purpose of this award is to honor, each year, the outstanding Men's Volleyball player selected from the NCCAA member institutions.
2. Criteria
   The award recipient must be a junior, senior, or graduate student-athlete academically who excels on an outstanding team. He must be an excellent student-athlete, demonstrating leadership ability, Christian service, and having a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court.
3. Nature of Award
   An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion.
4. Procedures
   Coaches wishing to nominate a player must submit the appropriate GP4L Nomination Form to the National Office by April 1. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID). Only one nominee is allowed per institution. The award shall be presented at the awards ceremony of the National Championship. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.
5. Selection
   Final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee comprised of the National Chair, Vice-Chair, the Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if they so choose). It is the responsibility of each committee member to recuse themselves from the vote and find a replacement voter if they have a direct bias toward a nominee. If there are three or more nominees, voters shall rank their top three with points allocated to athletes from highest to lowest (e.g., top athlete receives three points, second two, third one). All ties in voting shall be broken by the National Chair (or National Vice-Chair or his/her appointee pending recusals).
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 GP4L 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.

E. All-Regional Honors

1. Candidates must be submitted using the All-Regional Nomination Form (see Appendix C).
2. The number of athletes on each All-Regional Team shall be equal to the number of athletes on each All-American Team, which for volleyball is seven.
3. Regional Player of the Year must be included in the number of athletes on the All-Regional Team, not a plus one in addition to it.
4. The All-Regional Team(s) shall follow the All-American positional breakdown of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate.
5. Regions must use the standard Google Docs form for voting, following the same voting procedures as the All-American process.
6. Votes shall be conducted by position for a positional rank order. A separate vote shall also be conducted for overall rank order.
7. Coaches may not vote for their own players, except when there are only one or two teams in the region.
8. The maximum number of All-Regional Teams a region is permitted to have is based on the number of full members in the region that sponsor the sport, regardless of Declaration of Intent, and is listed in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.

9. The maximum number of athletes any team can have on each All-Regional Team (e.g., First Team, Second Team, etc.) is four for volleyball.
10. Regions cannot limit nominations based on regular season or postseason finish.
11. Regions are permitted to have Honorable Mention.
12. If a team does not participate in the nominating and/or voting process, that shall eliminate that team from the number of teams in the region when determining how many All-Regional teams there are. If a team nominates student-athletes but does not vote, that team's student-athletes shall not be included on All-Regional Teams.
13. Regions must have tiebreaking procedures in place. Ties may not be submitted within the rank order for All-American purposes.
14. After the Regional Sport Chair has concluded the voting process and finalized the All-Regional Team(s), the chair shall submit the All-Regional Team(s) via Teamworks. The Regional Coordinator shall then review and approve the submission via Teamworks by the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline.

F. All-American Honors
1. Candidates must be submitted using the All-Regional Nomination Form (See Appendix C).
2. Each region shall submit a slate of candidates in rank order from their All-Regional Team and ranked by position. A player must be on a regional team to be considered for All-American.
3. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least one week prior to the vote.
4. First Team All-American nominees must be one of the top seven players from within the region he represents.
5. The First Team shall be a seven-member squad comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate. The Second Team shall be a seven-member squad comprised of four hitters, one setter, one libero, and one alternate. The First Team of seven shall each receive an award, and the Second Team shall each receive certificates from the National Office. AVCA shall honor the First Team-All-Americans.
6. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the First Team All-American 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.
7. The All-American selection committee shall be the Regional Sports Chairs along with the National Chair and Vice-Chair and selections shall be made after the National Championship. All committee members are required to be on the call.
8. The All-American voting procedure is listed in Appendix B.

G. Scholar-Athlete Award

The purpose of the Scholar-Athlete Award is to recognize outstanding scholar-athletes among NCCAA member institutions, emphasize the place of academics in our national organization, and publicize and promote the NCCAA by recognizing institutions individually and collectively through this medium.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. Be of junior, senior, or graduate student academic standing making normal progress toward a degree.
   b. Have completed at least one term (semester or quarter) at the nominating institution.
   c. Be a competing student-athlete in the sport for which nominated.
   d. Have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale at the nominating institution. Transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale based on all grades at all institutions attended, regardless of whether a course grade is accepted at the nominating institution. GPA cannot be rounded up.
2. Procedure for nomination

   The nominating institution must submit a completed nomination form on Teamworks to the National Office four weeks prior to the National Championship. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

H. Scholar Team Award

The purpose of the Scholar Team Award is to honor NCCAA athletic teams that demonstrate academic success in the classroom, emphasize the importance of academics within our national organization, and promote individual student-athlete scholarship on the team.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. An institution must be a current NCCAA member in good standing. The team must be a varsity team.
   b. Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale. Please do NOT round up to 3.4 or 3.40.
   c. Fall teams use fall term(s) GPA's only and spring teams use spring term(s) GPA's only.

d. Teams that overlap terms and have countable games or matches in each term must use GPA's from all terms in which the sport participates. (Note: tennis is a spring only sport, golf is a fall only sport.)
e. Include all varsity student-athletes who competed in the sport with the institution for any portion of the academic year.
f. Meet the minimum number or greater on the team as the number of student-athletes required to field a team in the sport to be recognized. (Note: track and field minimum is eight student-athletes.)

2. Nomination and Selection process
   a. The NCCAA Scholar Team Award Nomination Form must be completed on Teamworks and sent to the NCCAA National Office by January 31 for all eligible fall sports and May 31 for all eligible winter/spring sports of each academic year.
   b. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

I. Student-Athlete of the Week

The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to one student-athlete in Men's Volleyball during the regular season, chosen from the list of nominees submitted by member institutions. Only one student-athlete per institution may be nominated. See procedures in the Forms and Procedures section (Item 28).

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. 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. The NCCAA Coaches and Athletics Directors Meeting shall be held at a convenient time for those attending the National Championship for the purpose of reviewing and proposing policy and procedural revisions and changes. If votes or count are taken on any topic, only one vote per institution shall be counted. Since the primary purpose of the meeting is solicitation of coaches' suggestions, the head coach's vote shall be counted if more than one representative from an institution is attending. The National Men's Volleyball Chair must send any desired changes in procedures to the NCCAA Director of Membership for presentation to the Administration Committee for a recommendation to the NCCAA Board of Directors. Any major policy changes must have received responses from at least 50% of the coaches and their Athletics Directors (one vote per school).
2. The National Men's Volleyball Committee meeting, open only to committee members or their appointees, shall also be held for the purpose of selecting awards.

D. National 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 appropriate committee within the National Administrative Council (NAC), if needed, or directly to the Administration Committee, as determined with the Director of Membership.
2. The appropriate committee within NAC votes whether to advance it to the Administration Committee who then votes to accept or reject the proposal.
3. Proposals for change may also come from regions and subcommittees of the Administration Committee, such as the National Administrative Council (Sports Information Committee, Competition Experience Committee, and Regional Experience Committee), Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee.
4. All proposals must come in written form and identify which section of handbook is being addressed.

5. All proposals must have a vote of support.
6. All proposals must be submitted for consideration to the Administration Committee by May 1 for possible inclusion for the upcoming academic year. If the proposal requires review of a committee within NAC, it must be submitted by March 15.

Appendix A
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 are 13.325 (win on the road against 1.000 NCAA I Top 25 team). The minimum points for a game are 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 (with the results points multiplier being calculated as a 1-0 result for all sports regardless of the official forfeit scoreline for that sport) and the 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 or the minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in 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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^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 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 B
NCCAA Men's Volleyball All-American Selection Process

I. PURPOSE

To recognize outstanding performance in Christian intercollegiate volleyball participation, to publicize and promote Christian student-athletes, to promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate athletics, to publicize and promote the participating colleges within the NCCAA, to publicize and promote the NCCAA, its presence, its purpose, and its program.

II. GUIDELINES

A. 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 (e.g., the top four hitters, top one setter, top one libero, and top one alternate). All ties must be broken.

B. The player must be a member of the volleyball team at a participating NCCAA institution that is in good standing and should be worthy of consideration for the honor of All-American.

C. An All-American nominee must be one of the top seven players from the regional team he represents.

D. Each Regional Men's Volleyball Chair may submit up to seven nominations from his/her region for consideration for All-American status.

E. 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.

F. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least a week before the vote.

G. 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.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Coaches must submit nominations and other specified materials to their Regional Men's Volleyball Chair no later than the second Friday of April.

B. Regional Men's Volleyball Chairs must submit their nominations to the National Men's Volleyball Chair no later than the third Wednesday of April. These selections shall be in rank order as determined by the regional coaches' selection. Each Regional Chair is in charge of approving the rank order. Once regional All-American nominations are submitted to the All-American Committee, the rank order may not be changed.

C. The National Men's Volleyball Committee shall meet at the National Championship or via conference call the week after and select the 14 All-Americans.

D. All members of the All-American committee shall complete the statistical spreadsheet of all nominees and shall have that information available to all committee members prior to the selection meeting.

E. An order of nomination shall be determined by the National Chair (e.g., Central first, Mideast second, etc.). The process shall begin with each regional representative nominating the top hitters (no limit on nominations) from his/her region. 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 selection of the regional team.

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F. 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 by either sharing their vote verbally to the National Chair who records it, or an electronic method can be determined to have vote emailed or texted to the National Chair.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. 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 should occur and another vote should 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.

J. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the First Team All-American 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.

K. The All-American Second Team selection shall proceed in the same manner as the First Team.

L. There are no honorable mention teams in the NCCAA.

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

IV. PUBLICITY

A. The All-American Team selections shall be published on the NCCAA website.

B. The Regional Sport Chairs shall publicize the honors within their respective region.

V. AWARDS

Awards are presented to each All-American First Team member.

Appendix C
NCCAA Men's Volleyball
All-Regional/All-American Nomination Form

Name _____ Class _____

Institution _____ Coach _____

Institution Address _____

Season: _____ Won _____ Loss _____

Position _____ Height _____ Age _____

Nominee's Hometown Newspaper and Address _____

Region _____ Regional Sport Chair _____

Statistics – Report season statistics based on the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Statistics Manual. If this information is unavailable, attach a copy of the nominee's season statistics and an explanation of how the statistics are figured.

Matches Played _____ Sets Played _____ Position _____ Height _____

Serves	**Attacks**	**Sets**	**Blocks**
Attempts _____	Attempts _____	Attempts _____	Solo _____
Aces _____	Kills _____	Assists_____	Assists_____
Errors _____	Errors _____	Errors _____	Errors_____
Aces/Set_____	Kills/Set_____	Assists/Set_____	Blocks/Set_____
Serve % _____	Kills % _____		

Serve Reception Attempts _____ Errors _____ % _____ Total Digs _____ Digs/Set _____

Volleyball Honors and Awards _____

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Christian Character _____

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Scholarship _____

_____

Leadership _____

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Comments: _____

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

_____ _____

Coach's signature Date

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Appendix D
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award
Men's Volleyball

Due to the National Office by April 1

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to honor the outstanding men's volleyball player selected annually from NCCAA member institutions.

II. CRITERIA

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 academically and a varsity team member.
d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

III. NATURE OF AWARD

An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion and shall come from the National Office.

IV. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Coaches wishing to nominate a player must submit the appropriate GP4L Nomination Form (see Appendix B) to the National Office by April 1. The nomination must include a high resolution headshot photo of the nominee. No coach may nominate more than one player. The award shall be presented at the awards ceremony of the National Championship. The recipient shall be expected to be present at the ceremony; therefore, coaches should keep this in mind when making their nominations. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.

V. SELECTION

The selection committee shall consist of the National Men's Volleyball Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if they so choose).

VI. RECIPIENT

The recipient of the GP4L 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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GP4L Award Men's Volleyball 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.

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

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

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	

Current Season Defensive Stats

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SP	D	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	SE	

Career Offensive Stats (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	

Career Defensive Stats

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SP	D	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	SE	

Other Stats Notes (Top 10 national statistical rankings, etc.)

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GP4L Award Men's Volleyball Nomination Form

Athletic Honors Received (Individual and/or Team)
List athletic awards/honors from the institution, conference, regional, and national level)

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Academic Honors Received (Major _____ GPA _____)
List academic honors.

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

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

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Required with Nomination Form

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

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

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

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

_____ _____
Nominator Signature (Coach, SID, or AD) Date

Due by April 1 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org

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Appendix E
NAIA Men's Volleyball Rules Modifications

I. Playing Rules

All NCCAA Men's Volleyball regular season and postseason competitions shall be governed by the USA Volleyball Indoor Rules Book with modifications. The following modifications apply:

1. The libero is allowed to serve.
2. Timeouts extended to 75 seconds.
3. Regulations (USAV-Indoor) unless modified by this document.
4. Allow coin toss winner to choose serve or receive (home team selects bench before coin toss)
5. Increase the timeout duration to 75 seconds with a 15-second warning whistle. Resume play early if both teams are ready.
6. Technical timeouts to only be used as requested by media.
7. No visible jewelry permitted.
8. Number of substitutions per set shall be unlimited (NCAA rules shall be limited to six).
9. The centerline rule shall be observed as the USAV-Indoor state, except that an unobstructive push off completely across the centerline by the setter is to be ignored.
10. Ball handling during timeouts shall be permitted in the free zone.
11. Attacking between sets shall be permitted into own court.
12. Intermission between sets two and three shall be 3 to 10 minutes with prior notification to visiting head coach.
13. Players may pursue the ball beyond the sport court if the play does not extend into the bleachers.
14. A double contact during a team's second hit when the next contact on the ball is a teammate is allowed. A double contact that crosses the net to the opponent or is next contacted by an opponent before a teammate is a double contact foul.

II. WARM UP PROTOCOL

CLOCK	COURT TEAM	
60:00	Half Court	H/V
	No balls crossing net	
40:00	Full Court	V
30:00	Full Court	H
	Coin Toss – Captains and Officials	
20:00	Full Court	V
15:00	Full Court	H
10:00	Full Court	V
5:00	Full Court	H
00:00	Teams return to Benches	