

University Athletic Association

VOLLEYBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement on Sportsmanship

Each University Athletic Association member institution shall ensure that:

- **The conduct before, during, and after competition of all those representing participating institutions exemplifies the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.**
- **Competition is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship and fosters a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.**
- **Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and to be gracious in both victory and defeat.**

SECTION 1. Administrative Authority

Administrative authority shall be the Volleyball Sport Committee chaired by the primary athletic administrator of the host institution. In the event the primary athletic administrator is unable to serve as chair of the committee, one of the other UAA Delegates from the host institution shall serve as chair.

Appointment of Representatives The primary athletic administrator of each institution shall appoint individuals as appropriate to represent the interests of that institution at meetings of the sport committee. In the case of men's and women's sport committees that meet jointly, an institution may choose to appoint one individual to represent the interests of both its men's and women's programs. If an institution sends a single representative to a joint sport committee meeting, it shall be assumed that the individual representing the institution is authorized to cast votes on behalf of both the institution's men's and women's programs.

Replacement of Committee Chair In the event the institution designated to chair a sport committee chooses to designate its primary athletic administrator as its representative to that sport committee, another representative from that institution, who must be a member of the Delegates Committee, shall chair the sport committee in place of the primary athletic administrator.

Voting Lines The disposition of all issues considered jointly by sport committees meeting together shall be by joint vote of the committees. Results of all joint votes shall be reported by

listing the voting tallies of the respective men's and women's committees as well as the voting tally of the joint committee.

Proxy Voting There shall be no proxy voting. In the event a representative from an institution leaves a meeting of the sport committee prior to its conclusion, the vote of that individual shall not be transferred to another individual from that institution nor to any individual from another institution.

SECTION 2. Determination of Association Champion

The winner of the Association Championship Tournament shall be the Association Champion.

In the event the Association Championship cannot be played to its conclusion, the winner of the Round Robin competition, or in the event of a tie the highest resulting seed, shall be designated as the Association's representative to the NCAA championship if the Association is awarded an automatic bid.

SECTION 3. Game Management

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures and applicable sections of Policies Regarding Sportsmanship and Event Management.

Health & Safety Emergency Policy – Each institution shall clearly designate the person or persons who shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to stop or resume play in the event of a health and safety emergency, and shall communicate this information to the competition officials and coaches prior to the contest. The game management responsibilities of the designated individual or individuals should be such that they are able to monitor such circumstances without distraction.

SECTION 4. Conduct of Sport

4.1 Site

The site of the Championship and regular season round-robin shall rotate among member institutions. Institutions may pass their opportunity to host the meet but must give notice two years in advance. Site selection shall be confirmed by the Athletic Administrators Committee.

4.2 Format

A regular season, single round robin shall be contested followed by a championship tournament. The round-robin competition shall be hosted by two different institutions over two weekends. Each team shall play three matches the first weekend and four matches the second weekend. The championship tournament shall consist of a single elimination playoff among all eight teams with a consolation bracket. The order of finish in round-robin competition shall determine the seeds for the championship.

General Format All matches shall be best 3 of 5 sets. Starting times for all matches shall be at two-hour intervals. A minimum of 30 minutes shall be provided between matches and shall begin when the team captains are called to meet with the match officials prior to the match. The 30 minutes shall include 11 minutes of court time followed by the 4-4-5-5 warm up. For teams

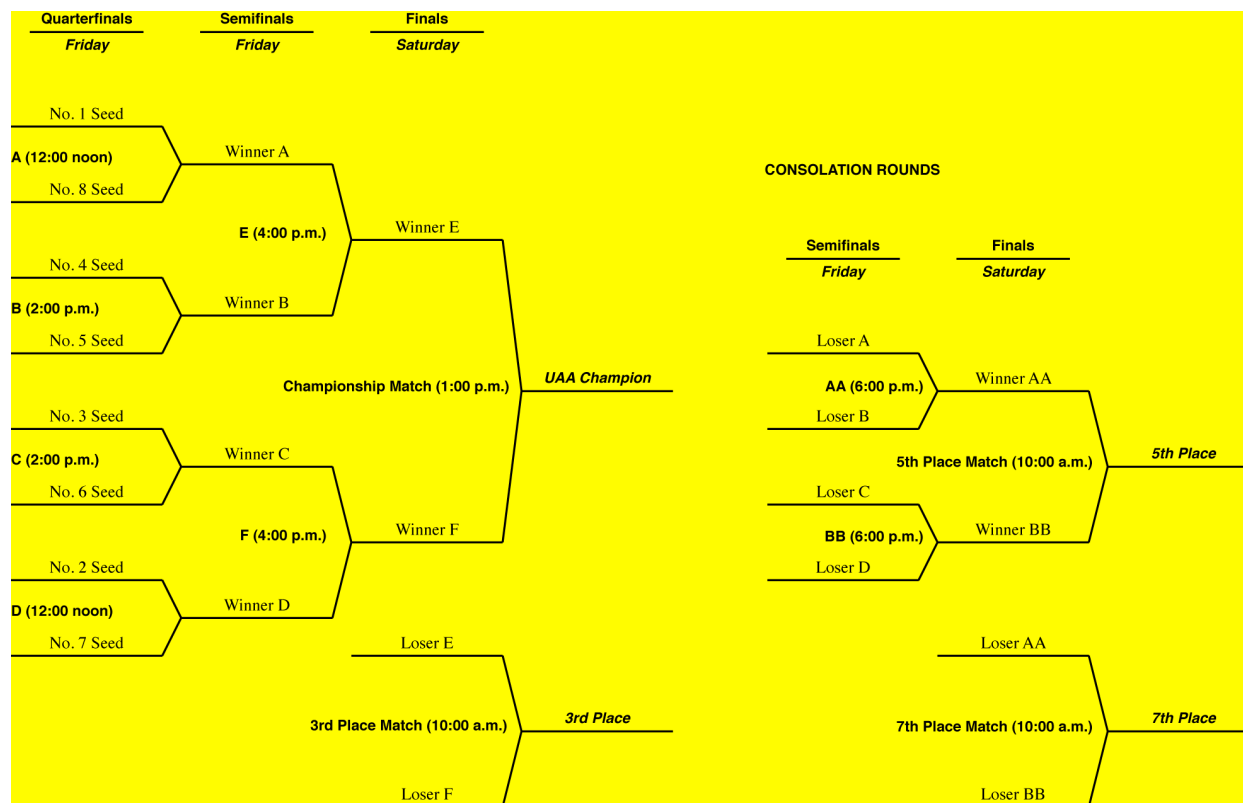
playing back-to-back matches and additional 10-minute rest period shall be provided prior to the beginning of the 30-minutes.

Round Robin Format The standard order of matches and starting times for the two round robin weekends shall be as follows. Pairings shall be based upon team finishes in the previous year’s Association championship. Teams finishing 1, 4, 5, and 8 shall play each other and teams finishing 2, 3, 6, and 7 shall play each other during the first round robin weekend. Remaining matches shall be played during the second round robin weekend.

Round Robin 1	Saturday			Sunday		
5 Weeks prior to UAA championship	10:30	12:30	2:30	10:00	12:00	
Court A	1-5	1-8	3-6	5-8	1-4	
Court B	2-6	4-5	2-7	6-7	2-3	
Court C	4-8	3-7	—	—	—	

Round Robin 2	Saturday			Sunday		
3 Weeks prior to UAA championship	10:30	12:30	2:30	10:00	12:00	2:00
Court A	6-8	1-3	1-6	2-8	7-8	1-2
Court B	5-7	2-5	2-4	1-7	3-5	3-4
Court C	—	4-7	3-8	—	4-6	5-6

Championship Tournament Format The championship tournament shall be a single elimination competition among all eight teams with a consolation bracket.



4.3 Squad Size

Competitive squads for any match shall be limited to 14 players in uniform except that there shall be no squad size limit for the host institution. Only the 14 players designated as competitors for a match shall be allowed to participate in the pre-match warm-up for that match. There are no restrictions on which 14 players may be designated as competitors from match to match. Non-competitors in the bench area shall not be in uniform (i.e., they may not wear a game jersey, or the jersey must be covered by another piece of apparel).

The size and composition of each member institution's travel party shall be determined by that respective institution.

4.4 Officials

The host institution will provide the officials. Officials should be rated at the state or national level if at all possible.

Two certified officials shall be used as linespersons for all matches.

4.5 Rules

All Volleyball matches shall be conducted according to the current NCAA guidelines and rules for championship play.

No match protests shall be allowed. This prohibition against protests related to the overall outcome of a match does not supersede the submission of set protests that can be adjudicated by the Rules Interpretation Committee at the site of competition as provided for in the official volleyball rules.

4.6 Rules Interpretation Committee

The Rules Interpretation Committee shall include the host institution's primary athletic administrator or his/her representative, the head coaches of the institutions hosting the current, succeeding, and immediate past year's championships, and the head tournament official. If any of the coaches are involved in a specific ruling, an alternate shall be appointed to serve regarding the matter under consideration. Per NCAA guidelines the host institution shall appoint an official rules interpreter to handle all protests.

4.7 Equipment

The ball used for Association play shall be the same as that adopted for NCAA championship play. All set balls and practice balls shall be provided by the host institution.

A minimum of 20 balls shall be available on each court for warm-up prior to all matches.

Three match balls shall be provided on each court.

4.8 Seeding

Seed order for the Championship Tournament shall be based on criteria listed in the current NCAA and NAGWS volleyball rules as Method B—Head to Head Competition and Point Differential:

- 1) Match record — total competition
- 2) Match results — head-to-head competition against tied teams
- 3) Set record — head-to-head competition against tied teams (sets won/sets played)
- 4) Set record — total competition (total sets won/total sets played)
- 5) Point differential of matches against tied teams
- 6) Total point differential
- 7) Flip of a coin

Point differential is determined by subtracting total points lost from total points won for each team. The highest plus or the lowest minus remainder shall be considered the superior team for tie-breaking purposes.

4.9 Facilities

A minimum of three courts that meet NCAA guidelines and regulations plus a warm up area.

4.10 Miscellaneous Administration

Two trained scorekeepers (one to do the book and one to run the scoreboard) and a libero tracker shall be provided for each match. It is the responsibility of the host institution to train these individuals prior to the event. Whenever possible, experienced individuals should be assigned as scorekeepers.

Two ball chasers shall be assigned and a three-ball system used for all matches.

Provision shall be made for a participant social event in the late afternoon/early evening of the Saturday of the first round-robin weekend.

A brief recognition of all senior players shall be conducted immediately prior to the championship match. Each coach shall provide the host institution a listing of all seniors to be recognized including name, major, and hometown.

SECTION 5. General Guidelines

5.1 Uniforms

The uniforms should conform to NCAA guidelines and regulations.

5.2 Scheduling

Regular season round-robin competition should be scheduled each year on comparable dates. The first round-robin weekend shall be conducted on the Saturday/Sunday five weeks prior to the Association championship. The second round-robin competition shall be conducted on the Saturday/Sunday three weeks prior to the Association championship. The days of competition may be shifted at the discretion of the Athletic Administrators Committee.

The UAA Volleyball Championships shall be hosted the Friday/Saturday immediately prior to the first round of NCAA playoffs.

Scheduling shall be reviewed at the annual Sport Committee meeting. All competition between UAA schools shall be scheduled two years in advance to allow for individual schedule freedom with non-Association institutions.

When inclement weather prohibits travel to UAA volleyball competition every effort should be made to re-schedule.

5.3 Scouting

On site scouting of any kind will not be permitted except where teams are playing in a tournament at the same site or in the same city.

Member institutions may obtain informal oral reports on other UAA teams from each other. Films or video tapes may be exchanged.

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Member institutions may NOT provide information of ANY KIND on UAA teams to institutions outside the UAA.

5.4 Statistics

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures.

5.5 Organizational Meetings

Championship and Sport Committee meeting shall be conducted at 8:30 a.m. the Friday morning of the championship weekend.

At the Sport Committee meeting, the institution designated as host for the next year's championship shall present any proposed changes to the standard format for the next year's championship weekend. Likewise, the institutions designated to host the succeeding year's round-robin competitions shall also present for approval any proposed changes to the standard format for the next year's round-robin weekends to the Sport Committee at the meeting of the Sport Committee.

SECTION 6. Awards

6.1 Team Champion

Team trophy to be awarded to the winner of the tournament.

Individual certificates to be awarded to the members of the championship team.

6.2 All-Association Team

Prior to the first round of UAA competition, each head coach shall submit a watch list to the Association Office. Players shall be listed on the watch lists in rank order by their respective coaches. The UAA Office shall compile the watch lists and make them available to coaches at the start of the first round.

Coaches shall submit their watch lists for the championship tournament 10 days prior to the tournament. Coaches may make additions or deletions to their lists at that time. The championship tournament watch list with complete Association statistics for all individuals shall be distributed to all coaches at the championship site.

By 12:00 noon local time on the Monday immediately following the conclusion of the championship tournament, all coaches shall revise, as they determine necessary, and resubmit to the UAA Office a rank ordering of players from their respective teams included on the watch list. Complete individual statistics shall also be due at that time. By 5:00 p.m. the UAA Office shall forward a ballot with complete UAA statistics for all nominees to the coaches.

By 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday following the UAA Championship all coaches shall submit their completed ballots to the UAA Office. A draft compilation of the All-Association Teams shall be made available to all coaches and sports information directors as soon as possible on Tuesday with an official release to follow.

Coaches may NOT vote for their own players. Coaches shall vote for 16 players in rank order. Players shall receive points equal to their rank order on each coach's ballot. The first eight players with the highest point totals shall comprise the All-Association First Team, and next eight players with the highest point totals shall comprise the All-Association Second Team. (If a tie in point totals occurs for eighth position on either team, all players with that point total shall be named to the respective team. A tie in point totals for the first team shall not affect the selection of the second team.) The next eight players with the highest point totals (plus ties) shall receive Honorable Mention.

In the event the distribution of votes results in an incomplete second team, the Sport Committee chair shall determine whether a supplemental ballot shall be distributed to facilitate selection of a full complement of players to the second team. A mechanism appropriate to the situation and consistent with established selection procedures shall be used.

6.3 Most Valuable Player

Voting for the Most Valuable Player shall be completed at the same time on the same ballot distributed for selection of the All-Association team. Coaches may NOT vote for their own players. Coaches shall vote for up to three players, listing them in rank order. Players shall receive 3 points for each first place vote, 2 points for each second-place vote, and 1 point for each third-place vote. The player(s) receiving the highest point total shall be named the Most Valuable Player.

6.4 Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year shall be selected by ballot of the coaches. Only traditional, first-year student-athletes shall be eligible. Each coach shall submit the names of three players listed in rank order. Coaches may NOT vote for members of their own teams in the balloting for the Rookie of the Year. The player with the highest total points from the rank order ballots shall be declared the Rookie of the Year and shall receive a certificate in recognition of selection.

6.5 Coaching Staff of the Year

The Coaching Staff of the Year shall be determined by ballot of the head coaches. Awards shall be made to all members of the selected coaching staff.

SECTION 7. Miscellaneous

7.1 Compliance with Deadlines

Coaches and other responsible individuals shall comply with all deadlines for the exchange or submission of materials and information as specified in the Code of Conduct. In the event of a missed deadline, the designated recipient shall notify the Association Office immediately. The Executive Secretary shall then notify the primary athletic administrator of the institutions involved, and that primary athletic administrator shall take action to ensure compliance with the specifications of the deadline.

7.2 Round Robin Events and Team Brunch

The following schedule shall be used for the first weekend of round robin competition.

Saturday

Coaches meeting — early morning
Two rounds of competition
Social event for players and coaches

Sunday

One round of competition

The social event for players and coaches shall provide opportunities for student-athletes and coaches to interact with each other. The host institution shall inform the coaches of any procedures designed to facilitate such interaction prior to the event. All coaches shall cooperate with the host institution in implementing such procedures and communicating the same to their players.