

VOLLEYBALL – MEN'S

a. Regular Season / League Format

- Two (2) participating teams.
- One division.
- Each team plays the other participating teams six (6) times. (3 home matches, 3 away matches = 6 matches)
 - Each team participates in RSEQ/AUS interlock tournaments where the AUS teams play the RSEQ teams in one match at each tournament.
 - Each win = 2 points in the AUS standings.
- AUS/RSEQ Interlock Tournament Hosts:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
2003-04:	Nov. 2003	Sherbrooke	2012-13:	Oct. 2012	Montreal
	Jan. 2004	Dalhousie		Nov. 2012	Laval
2004-05:	Nov. 2004	Moncton		Jan. 2013	Dalhousie
	Jan. 2005	McGill	2013-14:	Oct. 2013	Dalhousie
2005-06:	Nov. 2005	Montreal		Nov. 2013	UNB
	Jan. 2006	Dalhousie	Jan. 2014	Sherbrooke	
2006-07:	Nov. 2006	UNB	2014-15:	Oct. 2014	Memorial
	Jan. 2007	Laval		Nov. 2014	Montreal
2007-08:	Nov. 2007	Sherbrooke		Jan. 2015	Laval
	Jan. 2008	Dalhousie	2015-16:	Oct. 2015	Dalhousie
2008-09:	Nov. 2008	Montreal		Nov. 2015	Sherbrooke
	Jan. 2009	Laval		Jan. 2016	UNB
2009-10:	Nov. 2009	UNB	2016-17:	Oct. 2016	Montreal
	Jan. 2010	McGill		Jan. 2017	Dalhousie
2010-11:	Oct. 2010	Laval		Feb. 2017	Laval
	Nov. 2010	Sherbrooke	2017-18:	Oct. 2017	Dalhousie
	Jan. 2011	Dalhousie		Jan. 2018	UNB
2011-12:	Oct. 2011	Montreal		Feb. 2018	Sherbrooke
	Nov. 2011	Memorial			
	Jan. 2012	UNB			

Tie-Breaking:

The tie breaking procedure utilized by Atlantic University Sport for the sport of men's volleyball shall be:

If two or more teams are tied in the standings at the end of regular season league play, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- i. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- ii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- iii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all league matches, will be ranked higher;
- iv. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher
- v. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during league play, will be ranked higher
- vi. As determined by the Sport Chair (e.g., extra game, toss of coin, etc.).

When applying this rule to break a tie, the following sequence should be followed:

- i. When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- ii. When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

Note: This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria b) is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken.

However, if criteria b) determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria c) and so on, if necessary. Do not start at a) again. Continue through the sequence of criteria.

b. Playoff / Championship Format

The host of the Atlantic University Sport championship event must appoint a chairperson. This chairperson or designate is to be on site for all competitions related to the championship.

The Atlantic University Sport championship is an Atlantic University Sport event managed by a host university or Atlantic University Sport, and the host of the championship is to comply with Atlantic University Sport policies.

Format:

- The top two (2) teams in the standings following regular season play advance to the Atlantic University Sport championship series.
- The championship series is to be a best 2-of-3 matches.

Scheduling:

- Game #1 at the top ranked school, game #2 at the second ranked school and game #3 (if necessary) at the top ranked school.

Players of the game and AUS championship awards

- A Subway player of the game will be selected following each AUS playoff match for both teams. The players of the game shall be announced using the public address system, referred to as such in any post-game recaps and recorded on the game sheet and/or statistical report.
- After every game at the AUS championship, both teams (winning and losing) shall remain on the playing surface for the presentation of the player of the game awards.
- Following the AUS championship game, both teams (winning and losing) shall remain on the playing surface for the presentation of the player of the game awards, AUS major awards/all-stars, championship MVP and championship banner.

Note: The winning team’s head coach shall be mindful of prolonged celebration immediately following the game, and will ensure their team lines up accordingly in a timely fashion for the post-game protocol.

(Amended May 2015)

AUS Championship Management Committee

The AUS Championship Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee at the championship.

The AUS Championship Management Committee shall apply AUS Rules. The Management Committee may not, nor may any member, make an exception to any AUS or U SPORTS Rule or to a sanction imposed by AUS or U SPORTS.

The Championship Management Committee has no jurisdiction to consider or interpret U SPORTS Eligibility Regulations.

Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

- i) Convener of Championship;
- ii) Sport Chair or Designate;
- iii) Head Official or Championship Assignor;

A quorum shall require all of the committee members, or their replacement.

If a member of the Management Committee was involved, directly or indirectly, in a decision or an interpretation of an AUS or U SPORTS Rule that is being appealed/protested to the Management Committee, that member shall be excused from the Management Committee.

In this event, the remaining members of the Management Committee have the authority to appoint as a replacement for the excused member an individual who is independent, unbiased and uninvolved in the matter in dispute. The decision regarding whether a member of the Management Committee should be excused and replaced lies solely with the Management Committee.

The AUS Championship Management Committee shall have the power and jurisdiction to take interim on-the-spot measures to address minor code of conduct issues (inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct that is not criminal in nature) that arise at AUS Championships, in a timely fashion. The record of the incident, including the interim measures taken to address it shall be copied to the Athletic Director(s) of the affected school(s), and the AUS office.

It is the expectation of AUS that persons representing Member institutions, and/or AUS, at AUS Championships will behave responsibly, and with propriety, and in accordance with the laws of the land.

Security:

- a. There should be a sufficient number of security personnel (Student Police, Campus Security, City Police) to control the anticipated number of spectators.
- b. Security personnel should be instructed to observe the spectators and their actions and not the game.
- c. Inebriated spectators should be watched closely and removed if they are disruptive to the game or other spectators.
- d. Positive fan support should be encouraged and supported. Inappropriate fan reaction such as obscene gestures and abusive language should not be tolerated. Persons engaging in these actions should be given one warning and removed the second time.

Team Benches:

- a. The visiting team bench (and home team bench) should be separated from the spectator area and will be protected.
- b. Security personnel should be assigned specifically to the team bench areas as required to control spectator interference.

c. Playing Rules & Regulations

The following rules are applicable to all exhibition, league or playoff competition unless otherwise indicated.

The playing rules and regulations for Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball competition shall be identical to those contained in the U SPORTS Operations Manual, unless specified in the following rules.

The FIVB Rule Book for the current year shall be adopted as the basis for the Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball exhibition, league and playoff competition in that year, taking into consideration the U SPORTS amendments.

The English translation of the FIVB Rule Book shall prevail in cases of discrepancies in interpretation.

1. START DATES:

- 1.1 The start date (i.e. training camps or any full team activity) for AUS men's volleyball is the Friday of the Labour Day weekend. (For 2017-18: Friday, September 1)

(Amended January 2017)

Note: Prior to the start date, any practice or sport session organized by a members' head coach, or designate(s) where the number of student-athletes participating exceeds the maximum amount outlined in section 2.2 below would be considered a violation.

- 1.2 Institutions may not pay for room and/or board for any student-athletes prior to the start date. Prior to that date, all costs must be the responsibility of the student-athlete.

- 1.3 If a member university violates the start date regulations, that university shall forfeit the right to participate in the Atlantic University Sport playoffs in that sport. *(Amended May 1999)*

2. OUT OF SEASON PRACTICES:

2.1 Team practices* are not permitted from May 1st until the approved start date inclusive.

* Definition of Practice:

A practice is defined as a sport session organized by a members' head coach, one of his/her assistants, or a designate(s) of the head or assistant coach.

Note: A coach is any person who is directly associated with the university or someone acting for the university (including alumni and volunteers) who works with a player in a situation where he/she is instructing fundamentals, techniques, or systems.

2.2 If student-athletes are on campus following the last day of exams at their respective institution and prior to the approved start date, coaches or designates are permitted participate in organized individual technical development sessions with student-athletes as follows:

2.2.1 In men's volleyball, any such sessions are restricted to a maximum of **six (6)** athletes to train per session.

2.2.2 There are no restrictions on athlete-only scrimmages with no technical instruction from a coach. Coaches are permitted to attend, but not interact in an instructional manner.

2.2.3 Athletes are permitted to continue physical / dryland training (i.e. weight room & conditioning programs) under the direction of a coach for safety reasons.

(Amended January 2017)

3. SCHEDULING:

3.1 Exhibition Competition

- 3.1.1 The first day of exhibition competition for men's volleyball is fourteen (14) days following the start date. (For 2017-18: Friday, September 15)
(Amended January 2017)

3.2 Regular Season / League Play

- 3.2.1 The first day of league competition for men's volleyball is October 1.
- 3.2.2 Where possible, no regular season games should be scheduled on the first weekend of January.

4. DRESS ROSTERS, TEAM BENCH COMPLEMENT AND WARM-UPS:

- 4.1 The home and away game-day dress roster for regular season and playoff games is a maximum of fourteen (14) players. *(Amended May 2010)*
- 4.2 A team can have a maximum of 22 people in the bench area including athletes, coaches and support staff.
Note: Any team member above the 22 is considered a spectator and must sit in the stands.
- 4.3 The maximum number of players permitted to participate in a team's pre-game warm-up is the maximum number of players allowed to dress for the game that day.

5. FORFEITED MATCHES

- 5.1 All forfeited matches shall be recorded as 3-0 with individual game scores of (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)
- 5.2 All statistics from a competition that has been completed and forfeited shall count and shall be reflected in all records (with the exception of any athlete deemed to be ineligible).
- 5.3 For all forfeitures, the teams' win, loss, tied records shall include the forfeit if applicable.

6. FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 Playing Area

- Courts shall comply with minimum specifications as outlined in the current FIVB Rule Book.
- When the court lines (boundary as well as internal) are not readily visible, the host institution must highlight these lines by either:
 - i. Highlighting the line itself by some means such as tape, etc.;
 - or
 - ii. Highlighting by extending the width of the line into the court or by painting a four-inch border in a contrasting color inside the court itself.
- When the court is highlighted, the highlight lines must not be added on the outside of the volleyball court.
- Rule 21.3.2.1 of the FIVB rulebook (penalty box) shall be removed.

6.2 Net and Posts

- Nets and posts shall comply with minimum specifications as outlined in the current FIVB Rule Book.
- Official nets in accordance with the FIVB Rule Book shall be used.
- Advertising is permitted on the playing volleyball net. Sizing to be confirmed by the U SPORTS Women's Volleyball Coaches Technical Committee.

7. BALLS

- 7.1 The official ball for all Atlantic University Sport exhibition, regular season and playoff men's volleyball competition shall be the official ball of the U SPORTS championship.
- 7.2 Host teams should always have four (4) game balls (3 for match circulation and 1 as a spare) available for all matches.
- 7.3 The three-ball system must be used in all matches.
- 7.4 The home team is responsible for providing a minimum of three (3) ball retrievers for each match. These ball retrievers must be trained in the 3-ball system.
- 7.5 The home team is to provide twelve (12) balls and a ball cart for the visiting team. Where possible, they should be the current official volleyball of U SPORTS.

8. OFFICIALS

- 8.1 AUS supports the concept of gender equity in the officiating of volleyball.
- 8.2 The Regional Officials Chair (ROC) in each province will be responsible for assignment of match officials for AUS exhibition, league and playoff competition, in accordance with the AUS minimum standards for officials.
- 8.3 The minimum officials standards for AUS competition are as follows:
- Referee – National
 - Umpire – National / Regional (National for Playoffs)
 - Lines – Level II (Provincial)
- 8.4 National official candidates are permitted to be the head official for Atlantic University Sport league matches (thereby creating an exception to the above minimum standards for officials) provided that:
- i. The host university (head coach or athletic department) is notified of the request by the regional officials association ten (10) days prior to the proposed match date.
 - ii. The host university approves of the request.
 - iii. The visiting university (head coach or athletic department) is notified of the request seven (7) days prior to the match date.
 - iv. The visiting university approves the request.
- 8.5 No official under the age of nineteen (19) may be allowed to officiate AUS exhibition, regular season or playoff games.
- 8.6 When major or minor officials are used who do not meet the AUS minimum standards for officials, the following action should be taken:
- i. The visiting coach notifies the Sport Chair of the situation.
 - ii. The Sport Chair will contact the host institution as well as the Regional Officials Chair (ROC) of that province to address the issue.

9. PARTICIPANTS

9.1 Location of teams & staff

- Coaches and team members may cheer, applaud and speak to their teammates while sitting on the bench or from the warm up area.
- The head coach can sit anywhere on the bench but all time-outs and substitutions are to be requested by the coach from the normal position at the end of the bench (closest to the score table) as per the FIVB Rule Book.

9.2 Uniforms

- Teams must be compliant with FIVB regulations regarding specifications for uniforms, at a time consistent with U SPORTS enforcement of the new standards.
- Uniform numbers will be from 1 to 20.
- The location of the numbers in the center front of the jersey is not required.
- It is not mandatory to have the bar under the number of the captain's jersey.
- For AUS regular season matches, home teams will wear dark uniforms for the first match and light uniforms for second match of a series. For a league tournament, uniform colors will be predetermined.

Note: An AUS 'internal' league schedule shall be circulated by the sport chair with uniform assignments be included. (*Amended May 2010*)

10. INTERRUPTIONS AND DELAYS

10.1 Time-Outs

- There will be in sets 1 to 4 an automatic 60-second technical time-out when the first team reaches 16 points. Each coach will have two (2) other discretionary 30-second time outs to be utilized at any time. (*Amended June 2011*)
- In set 5 there are no technical time-outs, only two 30-second discretionary time-outs per team.
- The length of a time-out shall be 60 seconds (the horn will sound at 60 seconds for technical time-out).
- During time-outs, players will go to the bench area, and all members of the team may participate in the time-out discussion.
- During time-outs athletes are allowed to warm-up with balls provided that they are not on the volleyball court.

10.2 Floor Wiping

- Floor wipers should be used when available.
- External towels should be used when they are available, and under the discretion of the officials.
- The officials will wait until this action is satisfactorily completed and players have returned to their positions before resuming play.

10.3 Intervals Between Sets

- The time between all games shall be three (3) minutes.
- Between games 2 and 3, the host institution may use a maximum of 5 minutes promotional time. If this time is to be used, the details must be given to the coaches prior to the start of the match.
- At the discretion of the coaches, teams may leave the gymnasium between the 2nd and 3rd set.
- There is to be no entertainment on the court between the 4th and 5th set.

- During the break between the 4th and 5th set, teams who chose to use the net for hitting must hit towards the side of the court they will occupy at the start in the 5th set.
- Should both teams choose to use this time for hitting, they must respect the opponents and conduct the hitting in a manner that does not cause interference with the opponent.
- The official visual score clock is to be used for time outs and between game periods.

10.4 Blood Rule

- The international blood rule will be used with one (1) minute to eliminate blood/blood transfer (as per injury time-out).
- Should a uniform become unacceptable due to blood, the uniform must be replaced with an identical uniform or with an unused number or with a used number with the score sheet changed if necessary to reflect the new number at no penalty to the team involved.

11. THE LIBERO PLAYER

11.1 Changing the Libero Player

11.1.1 The libero rule (rule 8.5 of the FIVB rulebook) shall be modified to allow the libero to be changed for each set.

11.1.2 Coaches can declare 0, 1 or 2 Liberos and change their designation each set of the match.

11.2 Designation of the Libero

11.2.1 Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two specialist defensive players: Liberos.

11.2.2 The Libero(s) is to be recorded on the score sheet with the team roster, not on the special line. The number of Libero(s) is to be recorded on the line-up sheet for all sets.

11.2.3 The Libero on court is Acting Libero. If there is another Libero, she is the second Libero for the team.

Only one Libero may be on court at any time.

11.2.4 For U SPORTS competitions, the team captain cannot be one of the Liberos for the first set of the match. The Liberos cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing as a Libero.

- a) If one of the Liberos is re-designated after set 1 or subsequent sets, the re-designated Libero may be the player who is listed on the score sheet as the team captain.
- b) If the above re-designation occurs, the coach must appoint a new team captain. This is to be recorded in the remarks section of the score sheet.
- c) At the conclusion of the match, the original team captain is to sign the score sheet.

11.3 Monitoring Libero Substitutions

11.3.1 Atlantic University Sport does not comply with FIVB's use of a separate official to record libero substitutions.

11.3.2 The line for the libero on the scoresheet should remain blank – players are recorded under the normal roster for the team.

12 PLAYING ACTIONS

12.1.1 Penetration Under the Net

- In the event of that the setter, in the act of moving away from the net to play the second contact, crosses the center line, no fault is called provided there is no interference on the play.

13 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1.1 Team Room

- Visiting teams will be provided with a team room or equivalent facility for changing and/or team meeting for each match.
- The team room must be available a minimum of 90 minutes prior to the match.

13.1.2 Therapist

- Each participating team will have adequate access to qualified host athletic therapy personnel or acceptable host facilities, which can accommodate athletic therapy staff from the participating teams.

13.1.3 Announcer

- An announcer is to be used at all Atlantic University Sport league matches. Content / Information for announcing will be at the discretion of the host.
- The public address system shall be silent from the moment the referee blows the whistle to initiate the rally until the whistle is blown to end the rally.
- The host institution will take steps to ensure the announcer is informed of and adheres to the Atlantic University Sport Bilingualism Policy.

13.1.4 Player of the Match

- A player of the match will be selected following each AUS regular season game for both teams, as selected by each team's head coach.
- The players of the match shall be announced following the game and recorded on the game sheet and/or statistical report.
- The SUBWAY Player of the Game shall be awarded to the true player of the game (from either team, winning or losing) who delivered the biggest impact on the game, shall be announced as the SUBWAY Player of the Game and referred to as such in any post-game recaps and recorded on the game sheet and/or statistical report.
(Amended May 2015)

13.1.5 Scoring and Statistics

- PrestoSports live stats entry software is to be used for all AUS men's volleyball matches.
- The home team is responsible for training and assigning scorers and statisticians. The home team must arrange for a minimum of one (1) scorer and two (2) statisticians for each match.
- As a minimum, the official statistics sheet is to include the following general information:
 - i. Date, match start time, participating teams, final match score (including scores of each game) and attendance.
 - ii. Clearly printed first and last names of all dressed participants and corresponding jersey numbers.
- The host institution must forward results to Atlantic University Sport, the sport chair, the Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball schools, and media within thirty (30) minutes of completion of each match.
- The host will report results to U SPORTS following the current reporting protocol.
- A copy of the official statistics sheet and the official score sheet will be provided to the visiting team within 15 minutes of match completion.
- Where possible, game statistics are to be emailed to all other teams (head coach / SID or both) after each match.
- In the event of a significant discrepancy in match statistics, the coach of the home team will review the match video tape and make a recommendation to the Atlantic University Sport statistician on appropriate adjustments after agreement on the changes by the two head coaches.
- Statistical definitions are those used by U SPORTS.

13.1.6 Video Recording / Sharing

- The home/host team is required to digitally videotape all exhibition, regular season and post-season matches.
- AUS men's volleyball schools must use the Vidswap system to upload/exchange video of their respective home games.
(Amended May 2016)

- i. Games must be uploaded by the home/host school as soon as possible following the completion of the game and no later than 12 hours after the game start time.
- ii. Host schools that do not upload their game video within 12 hours after the start time of a game shall be fined \$100.00 by Atlantic University Sport.

A second offence will result in a \$250 fine, third offence a \$500 fine, and a fourth offence will be referred to the AUS Executive Committee for further action. (Amended May 2014)

Note: Any head coach looking for a game which has not been uploaded within 12 hours after the start time of a game should report the infraction to the Sport Chair.

- iii. The home team is not required to provide a digital copy to the visiting team following games.
- In the case of teams travelling with their own video equipment, the host will designate video camera locations that provide each team with the same opportunity to access the same camera angle.

d. Awards

Atlantic University Sport Award Certificates will be awarded to the following:

- i. The AUS most valuable player.
- ii. The AUS rookie of the year.
(Eligibility criteria as defined in the U SPORTS operations manual).
- iii. The AUS coach of the year.
- iv. The AUS student-athlete community service award
(Nominee for the U SPORTS Dale Iwanoczko Award - Criteria as defined by U SPORTS).
- v. A first all-star team consisting of seven (7) players.
(6 players + Most Valuable Player)

Selection Process:

- i. **Post Season Coaches Meeting:**
 - The AGM of the men's volleyball coaches will be held (either face-to-face or via teleconference) at least one week prior to the start of the AUS championship and will allow for three hours duration.
 - The sport chair will convene the meeting and the voting process.
- ii. **Nomination:**
 - Coaches may submit up to seven (7) players (can be less) for all-star consideration and any number of rookies for rookie of the year consideration.
 - Coaches may list their all-star nominees in priority / ranked fashion, but must indicate this when submitting.
(Note: When voting, coaches are not required to respect this order, it is for information purposes only.)
 - Coaches are encouraged to pre-circulate information on any of their nominees for any of the above awards, however this is not necessary.
 - Each coach shall have the opportunity to speak to the achievements of their nominees, with statistics and award recognitions as a reference.

- Note: The AUS student-athlete community service award (U SPORTS Dale Iwanoczko award nominee) requires support material as per criteria in the U SPORTS manual. This material is to be circulated to all participating coaches, the AUS office and the sport chair.
- An athlete may only win the AUS student-athlete community service award once. (Amended May 2017)

iii. **Voting:**

MVP and all-stars:

- The awards shall be voted on using the order noted above.
- A vote is taken of the nominees for most valuable player.

Note: The AUS most valuable player is automatically a member of the AUS all-star team.

- Next a vote is taken for the #1 all-star, then a vote for the #2 all-star, etc., until a specific order is established for the most valuable player and subsequent five (5) all-stars.
- For all player award selections, coaches must verbally state how they are voting. Coaches may not vote for players from their own team.

Coach of the Year:

- The AUS men's volleyball coach of the year award will be awarded to the head coach of the team that finishes in first place in the AUS standings following regular season play.
Note: This is specific to a three-team league.
(Amended May 2014)
- In the event there are four or more AUS teams in the league, the coach of the year will be selected by a secret ballot. Coaches must submit their top two ranked choices to the sport chair and may not vote for themselves.
- The sport chair will compile and forward the results to the Atlantic University Sport office.
- The Atlantic University Sport representative for the U SPORTS all-Canadian selection process will forward award winners to the U SPORTS by the timelines outlined by the U SPORTS.

- All coaches must be prepared to forward the required information (biographical, statistics, etc.) for each of their athletes who will be up for a U SPORTS award. The Atlantic University Sport representative will also distribute the results to the Atlantic University Sport championship host.
- Breaking Ties in voting:
Ties are not permitted when the selection of AUS all-stars and awards are being made.

When two or more individuals are tied in voting for an individual award (AUS all-stars, AUS all-rookies and AUS major awards), the tie shall be broken by following the steps, in the order they are listed:

1. The individual with the highest number of first place votes will be ranked higher.
2. The individual who appears on the greatest number of ballots.
3. The individual whose team finished higher in the AUS regular season standings.

iv. Press Releases

- The Atlantic University Sport office will be responsible for releasing all information regarding conference all-stars and major awards.
- The sport chair will forward the names of the all-stars and major award winners to the Atlantic University Sport office once all the voting has been tabulated.
- For all AUS student-athletes who are being nominated for a U SPORTS major award, U SPORTS all-Canadian recognition and/or a U SPORTS all-rookie team, the sport chair will communicate this within 3 days with the AUS office as well as the head coach, athletic director and sports information contact of the recipients.

Note: This information should include the upcoming process by which the U SPORTS awards will be determined, deadlines for submission to the U SPORTS /coaches reps as well as any related U SPORTS nomination forms that need to be completed.

<u>Trophy / Award</u>	<u>Name of Trophy / Award</u>
Atlantic University Sport Championship	The Dartmouth Sportstore Trophy
Most Valuable Player	None
Rookie of the Year	None
Coach of the Year	None
Student-Athlete & Community Service Award	None

Note: All applications to create, name or re-name trophies for competition within Atlantic University Sport are subject to the AUS Trophy Policy as set out in the General Operating Procedures and final approval by the AUS management council.

e. Game Protocol for Single Matches

60 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clock is set to 60 minutes and started. • Court area in match configuration available to both teams. • Balls available for both teams as per regulations. • Team members may not conduct warm-up activities or handle a ball in the opponent's court/free space, unless both teams agree to share the space (i.e. For serving and passing) • If only 1 team is present they may use the entire area, but must cease any activity involving the opponent's court/free space upon their arrival, unless both teams agree to share the space. • If both teams agree to share the space they shall do so until 35 minutes prior to match time at which time both teams must warm-up only on their side of the court and free space.
30 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coin toss.
10 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving team has entire court, roster introduced.
5 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of warm-up for serving team. • Receiving team has entire court, roster introduced.
Match start time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of warm-up for receiving team. • Players change into match jerseys and will stand by their benches. • National anthem played. • Announcement of officials. • Announcements of visiting team starters. • Announcements of home team starters. • Head official whistles to begin match.
Between 4 th & 5 th sets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams choosing to use the net for hitting must hit towards the side of the court they will occupy at the start in the 5th set. • Should both teams choose to use this time for hitting, they must respect the opponents and conduct the hitting in a manner that does not cause interference with the opponent.
End of match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams shake hands • Presentation of Atlantic University Sport Player of the Match.
Within 15 min. of completion of the match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home team provides visiting team with game video via Vidswap and copies of score sheet and stats sheets.
Within 60 min. of completion of the match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game statistics forwarded to AUS office, Sport Chair, each men's volleyball institution and media. • End of game time and attendance to be recorded on game score sheet. • Official roster form forwarded to AUS office and Sport Chair. • Report score to U SPORTS.

f. **Game Protocol for Doubleheader Matches**

Should two matches be scheduled for back-to-back time slots, as in play-offs or a double header involving a men’s and women’s match the following protocol will apply for the second match.

30 min. before match time (This shall be reduced to 20 minutes for the second match in facilities having additional court space available) (May 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coin toss. To take place 30 minutes prior to scheduled match time away from the court. • If the same officials are doing both matches then the coin toss will take place as soon as possible following completion of match #1. In this case the coin toss will be completed before the officials check the net. • Clock is set to 30 minutes and started. Clock is not to start until the bench area is clear <u>and</u> the net has been adjusted if a height change is required.
10 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving team has entire court, roster introduced.
5 min. before match time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of warm-up for serving team. • Receiving team has entire court, roster introduced.
Match start time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of warm-up for receiving team. • Players change into match jerseys and will stand by their benches. • National anthem played. (Optional – once per double header is sufficient) • Announcement of officials. • Announcements of visiting team starters. • Announcements of home team starters. • Head official whistles to begin match.
Between 4 th & 5 th sets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams choosing to use the net for hitting must hit towards the side of the court they will occupy at the start in the 5th set. • Should both teams choose to use this time for hitting, they must respect the opponents and conduct the hitting in a manner that does not cause interference with the opponent.
End of match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams shake hands. • Presentation of Atlantic University Sport Player of the Match.
Within 15 min. of completion of the match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home team provides visiting team with game video via Vidswap and copies of score sheet and stats sheets.
Within 60 min. of completion of the match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game statistics forwarded to AUS office, Sport Chair, each men’s volleyball institution and media. • End of game time and attendance to be recorded on game score sheet. • Official roster form forwarded to AUS office and Sport Chair. • Report score to U SPORTS.

g. Atlantic University Sport Championship - Hosting Guidelines

The Playing Rules and Regulations for Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball championship shall be identical to those in the regular season, unless specified in the following rules.

1. TEAM COMPOSITION:

a. Rosters

- Team rosters shall be comprised of any fourteen (14) players (eligible under U SPORTS rules) who have competed in at least one Atlantic University Sport regular season match for their respective university.
- The team roster for the championship can change as long as all the players meet the above criteria.

b. Support Staff

- The size of support staff is left to the discretion of the coach. Staff includes assistants to the head coach and medical/training personnel, and does not include superfluous players.

2. PRACTICE TIMES:

- Practice times are to be a minimum of 60 minutes, including a minimum of 30 minutes on the competition court.
- Allocation of practice times for visiting teams will be based on court availability, and must be requested at least three (3) days prior to the event.
- Access to the gym during practice times will be restricted to the appropriate tournament personnel and the participating team scheduled to practice (where practical).
- The Host will provide at least twelve (12) official balls and a ball cart to be used during practice sessions.

3. UNIFORMS:

- Teams at the championship must have two (2) sets of uniforms of uniforms of clearly contrasting colors.
- For each match, the higher seed (host) has choice of uniform color, and will inform the lower seed of the color selection no later than one hour before the match.

4. PROTESTS:

- a. Protests must be handled as per the FIVB Rule Book which states:

“A Captain may legally protest only AN ERROR IN APPLYING A RULE OR RULE INTERPRETATION. The Captain must lodge the protest immediately and the referee must direct a written record on the score sheet or a paper to be attached to the score sheet. This record includes game number, score, ball possession and player position on floor at time of protested decision; and reason for protest. Once this record is made, the same referee administers the balance of the game and match. The protest is then referred to the Championship Management Committee for acceptance or refusal. Refusal that the game or match result stands as played. Acceptance involves replaying of the event in whole or in part, depending on the judgment.”

5. AWARDS:

- a. Championship MVP and Players of the Matches

- The Awards Selection Committee will select a Player of the Match to be awarded upon completion of each match.
- The Awards Selection Committee will also select the AUS playoff most valuable player to be awarded upon completion of the Final.

- b. Championship Banner and Trophy

- The Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball championship banner and trophy will be presented to the championship team.

- c. Major Award Winners and All-Stars

- Following the Championship, the Atlantic University Sport Men's Volleyball major award winners and all-stars will be recognized by the P.A. Announcer.

6. COMMITTEES:

a. Championship Management Committee

- The purpose of this committee will be to rule on all matters necessary for the championships to proceed. (See section b above)

b. Host Organizing Committee

- A Host Organizing Committee will be established by the host to perform all necessary functions to host the Championship Tournament. The composition of the committee is at the discretion of the Host.

c. Awards Selection Committee

- The Host Organizing Committee shall establish an Awards Selection Committee. This committee will be responsible for the selection of the Player(s) of the Match following each match, as well as the selection of the Atlantic University Sport Championship Most Valuable Player.

h. Statistical Definitions

SECTION 1 – ATTACKS

- **ATTACK:** an ATTACK will be defined as the culmination of offence such that the attacking team intends to end the rally. (Any ball that is directed over the net by means of a forearm pass is not considered an attack.) All other forms of sending the ball over the net may be deemed an attack if the definition applies.

METHODS OF RECORDING:

- **KILL:** a KILL is recorded if the attack terminates the rally resulting in a point for the attacking team.
- **ATTACK ERROR:** an ATTACK ERROR is recorded if the attack attempt results in a point for the defending team. (ie. ball blocked, ball hit out, ball hit in net)
- **ATTACK CONTINUATION (RALLY):** an ATTACK RALLY is an attack attempt such that the rally continues. To record a continuation the attack must be recovered by the defending team or blocked back into the attacker's court and recovered by the attacking team.
- **Downball:** a downball should be recorded as a kill, error or rally based on the attackers attempt to end the rally. The decision on whether or not the attacker attempted to end the rally will be left to discretion of the statistician.
- **Net & Line Violations:** The defender commits the net or line fault... In this situation, whether or not to record the kill would, again, be left to the discretion of the statistician. In this situation the statistician judges whether or not the attack would have terminated the rally. If, in their best judgment, the attack would have terminated the rally in the attackers favour, regardless of the net or line fault, then a kill would be recorded. If the attacker commits the net or line fault, then an attack error is recorded.

SECTION 2 – BLOCKING, SERVING AND DIGS.

- **BLOCKING:** a BLOCK is defined as the defensive attempt to intercept the attacked ball above the height of the net. A stuff block is recorded if the block terminates the rally in favour of the blocking team. In the case of a single block only one player is credited with a block and with a double block both players are credited with a block.
- **SERVICE ACE:** an ACE is recorded only when the termination of the rally is a direct result of service. If the served ball lands, within the court boundaries, without making contact with anyone on the receiving team then an ace is recorded. If a receiving team member makes contact with the served ball but is unable to control it such that a second, playable contact is possible, then an ace is also recorded.

- **DIGGING:** a DIG is recorded if the attacked ball or blocked ball (off a reject block) is recovered such that the rally continues. A dig is recorded whenever an attack rally is recorded. Digs are recorded for the individual who is immediately responsible for the recovery of the attacked or blocked ball allowing the rally to continue. In a situation where a block slows down the attack attempt to such an extent that a player is able to volley the ball, by definition, a dig should also be recorded.