

Section 6. Playing Regulations - Men's and Women's Volleyball

6.1 Rules

The CCAA National Championship Tournaments shall be governed by the rules as specified by the voting membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Rule changes must be forwarded to the national Sport Convenor for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

6.1.1 Rule Changes from NSO's

Rule changes received from the NSO's, following the CCAA AGM and therefore approval of the year's playing rules, shall be accepted for that season up until September 1 of each year. These rules will be approved and clarified by the Program Committee and circulated to the participating conferences by October 1st. Rule changes received after September 1 will be submitted for approval at the next CCAA AGM.

6.1.2 Rules

Competition shall be governed by the rules of Volleyball Canada with the following modifications:

6.1.2.1 A three-ball system will be used for all games.

6.1.2.2 The five (5) minute, five (5) minute warm-up shall begin at the 13-minute mark remaining on the clock, prior to commencement of the match.

6.1.2.3 A maximum of **fourteen (14)** players are eligible to play in each National Championship game.

6.1.2.4 Team captains will not be required to have a line or tape on their jersey signaling they are the team captain.

6.2 Team Composition

6.2.1 Only players whose names appear on the official tournament roster and are listed on the Institution's eligibility form and have been confirmed eligible by the member's MC are permitted to participate in the National Championship Tournament and sit on the team's respective bench.

6.2.2 During the warm-up, teams are permitted a maximum of 16 players. All 16 players may be in uniform, and they may participate in the official warm-up. Once the warm-up is complete only the 14 players on the game scoresheet are to remain in uniform. Teams must identify their 14 players at the 25-minute mark of the warm-up. The maximum number of team personnel on the bench is 22 this includes a maximum of (6) additional personnel. Additional personnel must serve a vital role (i.e., coaches, managers, statistician, therapist). Extra players are allowed on the bench but not in the warm-up area. The extra players plus team personnel cannot exceed a total of 22. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) and the removal of additional persons. Institutional sanctions through Code of Conduct will be issued if compliance is not immediate.

6.2.3 All players on the official tournament roster may dress, warm up and sit on the team bench. The maximum number of team personnel on the bench includes fourteen (14) rostered

players, two (2) additional player and six (6) additional personnel. Teams must identify their 14 players at the 25-minute mark of the warm-up. Additional personnel must serve a vital role (i.e., coaches, manager, statistician, therapist, or injured players). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) and the removal of additional persons. Institutional sanctions through the Code of conduct will be issued if compliance is not immediate.

6.2.4. The host must use Official CCAA Scoresheets for the Championship

6.2.5 The CCAA allows the use of two liberos at CCAA Volleyball Championships.

6.3 Eligibility & Conduct

6.3.1 Eligibility

Refer to Eligibility Rules (See Article 5)

6.3.2 Conduct

As CCAA members, all players and coaches are expected to follow the CCAA Code of Conduct Article 7 Section 2. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. Players and Coaches will treat everyone with fairness and respect during the match. Players will be allowed to serve the ball without any noise (shouting/animal/bird etc.) interference from opposing teams that is deemed to be unsportsmanlike by the referee. The first official will sanction with a yellow card for a warning and a red card for the second infraction resulting in a point to the serving team.

6.3.3 Responsibility of National Championship Code of Conduct Committee (See Article 7 Section 4)

6.4 Participant may be from the following conferences:

- Pacific Athletic Conference West
- Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference
- Manitoba Colleges Athletic Conference
- Ontario Colleges Athletic Association
- Quebec Student Sports Federation
- Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association

6.5 Participating Team Accreditation

6.5.1 The Host Institution of a National Championship may charge a maximum of \$75.00 per participant as an accreditation fee. The CCAA will invoice the participating institutions for the per participant accreditation fees and then provide a cheque to the Host Institution.

6.5.2 Accreditation includes a ticket to the All-Canadian Banquet, tickets to all games / matches and access to appropriate tournament amenities (Hospitality rooms; VIP Seating, etc.)

6.5.3 Participating teams will receive a maximum number of Team / College personnel accreditations: Volleyball - 20

Note: For any extra traveling with their teams, the host will determine the cost and what it

would include. This notice must be given to the host by the assigned deadline.

6.6 Team Attire

6.6.1 Team Uniforms

Each team must have two sets of uniforms, one “light”, and one “dark”. The designation of which will be worn for each match will be made at the coaches meeting. Failure to do so shall result in a **\$100** fine.

6.6.2 Team Warm-up Dress

Participating Teams at National Championships during warm-up shall wear team warm-ups/ tracksuits, which are consistent in colour and form. It is strongly recommended that all student-athletes receiving medals and possibly tournament all-star/MVP awards be dressed in their warm-ups or College apparel and that all athletes taking part in the closing ceremonies be dressed similarly and/or neatly. It is expected that Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Athletic Personnel on bench have an appropriate “Dress Code” during the competition.

Permitted Attire:

- A collared shirt (i.e., golf shirt from your College or a dress shirt)

Attire Not Permitted:

- T-shirts with derogatory wording/messages
- Sandals
- Shorts
- Ball caps
- Jeans

6.6.3 No team personnel including coaching staff and therapist will be allowed on the bench area at any CCAA national championship competition if they do not meet the dress code.

6.6.4 No athlete will be allowed on the court of play if they do not meet the dress code of matching uniforms, warm up gear. It is the duty of the national convenor on site to implement this rule. Should the National convenor not be present, the CCAA Board Member attending would then ensure this rule is enforced.

6.7 Attendance at All-Canadian Banquet and Closing Ceremonies

Members of all participating teams at CCAA National Championships must attend All-Canadian banquets. It’s recommended that all teams attend closing ceremonies, but only the teams vying for a medal at championships must attend closing ceremonies. Teams in violation will be subject to a \$5,000 fine. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the on-site Code of Conduct committee.

6.8 Courts

Men's and Women's Volleyball National Championship hosts will have the option of using the sport court, pending approval of the bid committee. The host shall indicate their preference of court and provide the rationale to support their position in their bid submission. The bid committee shall rule on the floor request by considering the impact on the host (e.g., Financial and Human Resources); the impact on the student athletes and the impact upon the CCAA.

6.9 Officials

6.9.1 Number of Officials

6.9.1.1 Men's Competition - 6

All referees shall be at minimum, Volleyball Canada level 4 certified. There will be a maximum of six (6) referees nominated to a championship event, with a maximum of four (4) from out of province. A minimum of two (2) referees will be nominated from the host conference with consideration being given to the local area. Volleyball Canada will be allowed to nominate up to an additional two (2) referees at no cost to the host. The additional referees will be at minimum, Volleyball Canada level 4 certified.

6.9.1.2 Women's Competition – 6

All referees shall be at minimum, Volleyball Canada level 4 certified. There will be a maximum of six (6) referees nominated to a championship event, with a maximum of four (4) from out of province. A minimum of two (2) referees will be nominated from the host conference with consideration being given to the local area. Volleyball Canada will be allowed to nominate up to an additional two (2) referees at no cost to the host. The additional referees will be at minimum, Volleyball Canada level 4 certified

6.9.2 Per diems

The rate of the per diem allowance to be paid by the CCAA.

6.9.2.1 Local to receive four (4) days per diem allowance

6.9.2.2 Non-Local (driving) to receive five (5) days per diem allowance

6.9.2.3 Non-Local (flying) to receive six (6) days per diem allowance

6.9.3 Match rates

The CCAA shall pay game match fees as follows:

6.9.4 Payment of Game Fees and Per Diems

No later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the tournament, Volleyball Canada shall forward an invoice to the CCAA Office for the costs of per diems and match fees for all referees at each Championship.

6.9.4.1. The CCAA Office shall be responsible for the payment of the respective invoice.

6.9.4.2. Volleyball Canada shall be responsible for the payment of per diems and match rates to the respective referees

Accommodations

The Host shall block book the accommodations of all Officials (driving and flying) including Referee Supervisor and Referee Coach and any additional referees assigned by Volleyball Canada based on two officials per room, unless the assignment of different gendered officials does not permit this.

Volleyball Canada will make arrangements to pay the rooms and the CCAA will reimburse Volleyball Canada for the accommodations of 6 Referees (driving and flying) based on two referees per room and Referee Supervisor.

If additional referees are assigned by Volleyball Canada, there will be no additional cost to the CCAA for any extra room(s) for the additional referees assigned including Referee Coach.

6.9.5 Transportation

6.9.6.1 On-site Transportation

The Host will be responsible for the provision and payment of on-site transportation for Officials and Referee Supervisor and Referee Coach).

6.9.6.2 Off-site Travel Costs

6.9.6.2.1 CCAA shall be responsible for the travel costs of the officials and Referee Supervisor outside the host site

6.9.6.2.2 Air travel includes: round trip flight, 1 checked bag, airport parking and kilometer reimbursement to and from airport over 50 kilometers.

6.9.6.2.3 Ground travel includes: personal vehicle mileage reimbursement if the cost of the trip does not exceed the cost of using other forms of transportation (i.e., rental car, train).

6.9.6 Assignments Process

- a) Volleyball Canada shall assign all official for each event.
- b) A minimum of two (2) referees shall be from the host conference with consideration being given to the local area.
- c) The final 4 assignments to be determined based on the highest rated available officials in discussions with the CCAA. Assignments will be discussed with the CCAA in early December of each year to allow referee assignments to be finalized in January.
- d) Consideration for assignments shall be given based on the following guidelines:
 - i) The highest rated available officials
 - ii) The highest rated available Female official representation at women's championships

6.9.7 National Event Referee Supervisor / Referee Coach

- 6.9.7.1 Volleyball Canada shall appoint a National Event Referee Supervisor and Referee Coach for each event.
- 6.9.7.2 CCAA shall pay for the Referee Supervisor travel cost to the host site.
- 6.9.7.3 Volleyball Canada shall pay for the Referee Coach travel cost to the host site.
- 6.9.7.4 CCAA shall be responsible for the Referee Supervisor per diems, service fee honorarium, and accommodations.
- 6.9.7.5 Volleyball Canada shall be responsible for the Referee Coach per diems, service fee, and accommodations.
- 6.9.7.6 Referee Supervisor and Referee Coach shall attend the CCAA Coaches meeting.

6.9.8 The host institution, in cooperation with the local officials' association, shall assign and pay for scorers and lines persons. Wherever possible, provincially certified personnel shall fill these positions unless previously agreed to and approved by the National Convenor. All scoring desk officials must be pre-trained going into the national championships. There shall be five (5) qualified lines persons for all matches with the additional linesperson serving as the backup and tracking the double Libero. All lines persons shall wear appropriate attire and possess a lines flag.

6.10 Warm-Up - Statistics

6.10.1 Twenty-five minutes shall be permitted for warm up between matches. This shall include 5-5 warm-up at the net. If the previous match goes over the allocated time, the twenty- five-minute warm-up still applies.

A standard match protocol will be used for CCAA games.

Clock Time – prior to Advertised Start Time	Team and Referee Actions
60:00	Facility Available for Practice
40:00	Teams return to their own side
25:00	Start of Official Warm Up
15:00	Coin Toss
13:00	Five and Five (Warm-Up at the net)
3:00	O' Canada - See below Introductions of: Referees, Lines Judges and Scorers Visiting Team – Starting 6 + Libero and Head Coach Home Team – Starting 6 + Libero and Head Coach
At Advertised Start Time	1st Referee Whistles for service

1. At completion of the 5 & 5 Warm-up at the net, the players return to their team bench.
2. All players will stand on their respective end line for the playing of the national anthem. Coaches, Assistant coaches, and trainers will stand in front of their bench. (Players are to line up on the end line (in Pos. 1) in the order of – Captain, Libero, players by ascending number)
3. After the national anthem, the 1st Referee blows the whistle, and the players return to their benches.
4. The Referees will proceed to the center of the court, R1 on Team A's side, R2 on Team B's side. The Line Judges will move to their respective positions. The Announcer introduces the 1st Referee, 2nd Referee, Line Judges and Scorers.
5. Starting line-up, coaches and trainer sit on the bench, reserve players go to the designated warm up area or remain at the end of the bench.
6. The Visiting team's starting 6 and Libero are announced – the players are to come off the bench and run into the center of the court.
7. The Visiting team's Head Coach is announced following the starters.
8. The Home team's starting 6 and Libero are announced – the players are to come off the bench and run into the center of the court.
9. The Home team's Head Coach is announced following the starters.
10. The 1st Referee whistles for the match to begin.

6.10.2 No warm-up shall begin on an adjacent court to a continuing match, unless a suitable barrier separates the playing and practicing areas.

6.10.3 In the three-minute interval between games and during the one-minute timeouts, players may use balls during their warm-up.

6.10.4 The host institution shall compile statistics for each match. The statistical software package must be approved by the National Convenor.

6.11 Practice Time

Quarter-final winners at the CCAA Volleyball Championships must inform the sport convenor of their intentions to practice on Friday. Inform convenor 30 minutes following their Thursday match for the Friday practice schedule. Teams will only be allowed their scheduled 45-minute time slot. Time slots will be decided based on schedule.

6.12 Draw and Format

The draw and format for the CCAA Men's and Women's Volleyball Championships shall be an eight (8) team, **four** (4) day elimination tournament with a cross over for losers of the first-round games. There shall be a 7th and 8th place game to guarantee 3 games for every team. There shall be no 5th and 6th place game –since teams are involved already in cross over.

Fill process: as defined by Guiding Principle Article 8 Section 6 and Wild cards as per Article 8 Section 7.

*Note maximum of 2 teams per conference.

Schedule:

DAY 1 – QUARTERFINALS

Game 1 – A1 vs. A4 Pool A

Game 2 – A2 vs. A3 Pool A

Game 3 – B1 vs. B4 Pool B

Game 4 – B2 vs. B3 Pool B

DAY 2

Game 5 – Bronze Quarterfinal Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2

Game 6 – Bronze Quarterfinal Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4

Game 7 – Semi Final – Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

Game 8 – Semi Final – Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

DAY 3

Game 9 – 7/8 Game - Loser of Game 5 vs. Loser of Game 6

Game 10 – Bronze Semi Final – Loser of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 6

Game 11 – Bronze Semi Final – Loser of Game 8 vs. Winner of Game 5

DAY 4

Game 12 Bronze Medal Game- Winner of Game 9 vs. Winner of Game 10

Game 13 Gold Medal Game - Winner of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 8

Note: Convenors have the flexibility to move game assignment times during Day 1 to facilitate the host's spectator draw.

Note: In the event two teams with the same seed meet in later games (i.e., A1 Vs B1), the team that was ranked highest in the last posted CCAA Rankings will be designated as the Home Team.

6.13 Back-up Plan for Nationals:

In the case of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances which prohibits games/matches to be played, a committee consisting of 3 to 5 members represented by 1) Host 2) Head Official 3) National Convenor 4) CCAA Executive/Staff on site 5) Technical Director of Tournament shall be empowered to make the final decisions on the direction taken. The Committee will be struck at the Coaches meeting and will ensure each team/coach is aware of any possible changes to schedule.

The first consideration the committee will make with pending bad weather is to move up the game start time. Hosts will need to ensure officials and facilities are available throughout the event.