

## *N4 Volleyball*

### *N4.1 Playing Regulations*

Competition shall be governed by the Rules of Volleyball Canada.

CCAA Rule modifications of the Volleyball Canada Rule book will be adopted by the ACAA. ACAA Rule adaptations from Volleyball Canada rule book

#### *The three-ball system*

The three-ball system shall be used in all league games and at the ACAA

Championships. Players will be allowed to use practice balls during 1-minute discretionary timeouts.

#### *N4.1.1 Game Protocol*

A standard pre-game routine will be used.

During the warmup period, the following will happen:

40:00 minutes left on clock – Teams return to their own side

25:00 minutes left on clock – Official Warm-up begins (minimum time allowable- if previous match runs late)

15:00 minutes left on clock – Coin toss with captains.

13:00 minutes left on clock - Hitting begins for serving team (announce complete roster).

8:00 minutes left on clock - Hitting begins for receiving team (announce complete roster).

3:00 minutes left on clock - Teams return to bench.

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.

#### *N4.2 Team Composition*

The maximum number of players permitted on the official tournament roster is fourteen (14). All players on the official tournament roster may dress, warm up and sit on team bench. The maximum number of team personnel on the bench includes fourteen (14) and six (6) additional personnel. 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 forfeit.

Note: ~~ACAA AGM 2021 Motion 10 – That in ACAA competition, the number of players dressed on a team's bench be increased by 2 for the 2021-22 season only. This does not impact the number of players eligible to participate nor is applicable to CCAA Championship competition.~~

#### *N4.3 Eligibility*

Refer to ACAA Eligibility section.

#### *N4.4 Participants*

All members are eligible, as declared annually at the AGM.

#### *N4.5 Official Ball*

The Official Ball for CCAA women's and men's volleyball is the Molten V5M5000 ball.

#### *N4.6. League Schedule, Tiebreaker*

##### **Conference Play**

Women:

As of the 2020-2021 season, in a 9-team conference, the structure of play will be the following:

Conference will be composed of 3 divisions:

- North Division (UNBSJ, St. Thomas, Crandall)
- Central Division (Holland, DAL AC, Mount Allison)
- South Division (MSVU, UKC, U. Sainte-Anne)

Based on the standings of the previous season's schedule, teams will be seeded into their division.

The Women's league will play 18 regular season games – all best 3/5 – which is composed of 1 home and 1 away format against all other teams in the

league with 2 additional divisional games where the following match ups will complete the schedule:

- Each Division's #1 Seed plays at #3 Seed
- Each Division #2 Seed plays at #1 Seed
- Each Division #3 Seed plays at #2 Seed

Teams will earn 2 points for every match won towards the regular

season standings. Men:

Five teams: The men's league will have a 2 home and 2 away series against league opponents (home-away). All matches will be 3 out of five (3/5). The top four teams will advance to the ACAA Championships.

#### **Tie-Breaking Procedures**

In event of tie at the end of regular league play, Volleyball Canada's tie-breaking procedure to apply:

If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- a) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- b) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- c) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher.
- d) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams will be ranked higher.
- e) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the round will be ranked higher.
- f) As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g., extra game, toss of coin, etc.).

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

- 1) When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- 2) 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” can 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 the seeding/ranking of any of the tied teams, then the remaining teams which are still tied will use criteria „c” and so on to determine their seeding/ranking. Do not start at (a) again. Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams x, y, and z for criteria (d).

#### **N4.7 Championships**

##### **Protocol Number of**

##### **Playoff Teams Volleyball**

##### **Playoffs**

The top six (6) women’s teams and top four (4) men’s teams, as determined by league play, will

meet at a site determined by the Annual General Meeting. The draw will be:

- Single elimination
- The matches will be 3/5.
- The times of play will be confirmed by the host college at the February meeting of Athletics Directors.
- The first-place team will have choice of time for first round play.

##### **Uniform Colours for Playoffs**

Day 1: Higher seed dark  
and lower seed light  
Day 2: Higher seed dark and  
lower seed light  
Day 3:  
Higher seed light and  
lower seed dark

The winners (men’s and women’s) of the ACAA Championships will represent the Conference at CCAA Nationals. **If the ACAA is awarded a wild card (non-host) for the CCAA Championship, the ACAA Silver Medallist will become the wild card. If the ACAA Champion is the host of the CCAA Championship, the ACAA finalist will become the Host wildcard.**

#### *N4.8 Officials (see Appendix 6 for agreement)*

##### **Conference Play and**

##### **Tip-Off Tournaments**

Major Officials:

Referee (Min.  
Regional) Umpire  
(Min. Provincial)

Minor Officials: Official Scorekeeper **is to be certified official** and scorer may be provided by the host institution.

Linesperson (minimum of 2) - supplied by and registered with their Provincial Associations (VNS, VNB, VPEI)

Minimum court space as determined in the VC Rules and confirmed at ACAA AGM. Main court where scheduling permits.

#### **Championship Tournaments**

Major Officials **including lines people**: Referee (Min. National **or National Candidate**). Additional lines people may be assigned from the local area.

**Official Scorekeeper**: As above, but supplied by and registered with VNS, VNB and/or VPEI

#### **Letter of Agreement**

ACAA and the NS, NB, and PEI Officials Associations (See Appendix)  
Expenses

Conference Play - expenses are the responsibility of the Host.

*Tip-Off* - Tournament Officials expenses to be paid by host

*Championship Tournament Play* - Expenses are to be shared by participating teams.

### *N4.10 All-Conference Awards*

#### **Rookie of the Year**

“Rookie of the Year” for men and women’s volleyball is awarded to the top point-getter in coaches’ vote procedure from libero nominations for each team. See Awards Section (K) for complete All-Conference Selection Process details.

#### **Coach of the Year**

“Coach of the Year” for men and women’s volleyball is awarded to the top point-getter in coaches’ vote procedure from libero nominations for each team. See Awards Section (K) for complete All-Conference Selection Process details.

#### **Player of the Year**

The “Player of the Year” will be the top point-getter of the All-Conference Voting See Awards Section (K) for complete All-Conference Selection Process details.

**Volleyball Awards Tie-Breaking Procedures**

The tie-breaking procedure of ACAA awards shall be the total number of votes cast for the tied athletes by the coaches involved. The athlete receiving the greater number of votes cast will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the number of first place votes received by each athlete involved in the tie will be the determining factor. If the tie still exists, the athlete/coach having competed for the higher ranked team at the completion of regular league play, will be declared the winner.