



National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association

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RE: **2010 NCCS NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
April 1-3, 2010, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas



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The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) is proud to offer you the opportunity to compete in the **26th** Annual NCCS National Volleyball Championships. The pre-tournament information, describing the Volleyball Sport Club Championships is below.

The Mission of the NIRSA NCCS Championships *is to provide opportunities for participation in quality athletic sporting events, which foster the physical, emotional, social and psychological growth of its participants. The NIRSA NCCS Championships provide a high level of competition within a safe and equitable environment, while maintaining the structures of an organized recreational setting.*

Entries are currently being **accepted and the entry deadline is February 26, 2010**. Please keep in mind that many divisions fill prior to the entry deadline and by having a complete entry in by February 26, does not guarantee entry. The sooner a completed entry is received, the better a team's chances of being accepted into the championships. NIRSA Institutional Members will receive preferred status for the appropriate division if their entry is received by January 29, 2010.

REMINDER POLICIES FROM 2009:

- Online registration began on September 23. Entry fee and team roster will be the only items needed for the initial sign-up. Teams will be able to change their roster up until March 9. Enrollment verification forms will be sent via email to team reps by March 12. This form will need all participants' signatures, and must also be signed by sport club director/university designee and the university registrar. This form can only be turned in during on-site registration (March 31 at the Dallas Convention Center). **DO NOT** mail this form to the NIRSA office. If enrollment verification forms are not presented at the on-site registration area, that team(s) will not be allowed to participate.
- For all men's & women's volleyball tournaments taking place after Jan. 1, 2010, the host school/Tournament Director is responsible for submitting final tournament results to the NIRSA National Center. Results should be submitted by completing this [form](#). If a team competes in a league, league results and league standings should be sent to nirsasports@nirsa.org no later than Friday, March 12.

Jersey Number Rule:

Due to visibility issues, minimum number sizes have been revised. It is **REQUIRED** that the numbers must be a minimum of 4" in height on the chest and a minimum of 6" in height on the back. Centering of numbers on both the front (4 inches) and back (6 inches) of the uniform is the minimum required for 2009, but 6 inches on the front and 8 inches on the back will also be allowed for 2009 and may be the rule in future years. Uniforms - one jersey and short of each set - will be checked prior to the tournament at team check in. Each colored jersey will be inspected, especially the Libero's set(s). Teams that have illegal numbers prior to the start of their match will forfeit the first set in that match.

Libero Serving: - Implemented 9/28/06

The Libero will be allowed to serve. The Libero player may only serve in one position designated for the set in both men's and women's play.

1. **Team Liaison:**

Each participating college/university will be **required** to appoint an Official University-Approved Team Liaison to accompany their team(s) at the NCCS National Volleyball Championships. The Team Liaison may be a player and must be authorized by the college/university Recreational Sports Director, and will be responsible for their team's behavior while at the NIRSA volleyball championships. The Team Liaison will be responsible for ensuring that their team(s) will follow the Standards of Conduct. A mandatory meeting of Team Liaisons will be conducted on-site prior to the start of competition.

2. **Semester and Quarter Schools - Respective Enrollment Verification Forms:**

- **Semester Schools:** Students from schools that have academic semesters starting during the month of January and continuing through the championships date must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or 6 or more credit hours as a **classified** graduate student.
- **Quarter Schools:** Students from schools that have academic quarters must be enrolled 1/2 of full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or 6 or more credit hours as a **classified** graduate student during both winter and spring quarters.
- **Enrollment Verification Forms:** must be brought in person to the on-site registration on Wednesday, March 31 at the Dallas Convention Center verifying each participating student's academic status of the institution they are representing.
- **Post Event Enrollment Verification:** The top four teams in each division and 5 randomly selected teams from each division will be required to fill out and submit a second enrollment verification form following the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted to the NIRSA National Center between April 5 and April 16. The top four teams/division and those randomly selected must fulfill this requirement. Those teams that fail to submit the second certification form, or have students that are not enrolled in the required number of credits will not be allowed to enter the 2011 NCCS Volleyball Championship.

3. **Divisional Structure/Championship Format:**

ANTICIPATED FORMAT: 2 rounds of pool play followed by single elimination brackets.

Teams are scheduled for a minimum of six matches (forfeits included). If a 4-team pool format is changed to a 5, 6 or 7 team pool format, every attempt will be made for each team to be scheduled a minimum of six matches. In cases where teams are not scheduled a minimum of six matches, a portion of the entry fee will be refunded to compensate for the difference.

MEN'S DIVISIONS – *Division size could change based on volume of teams*

All men's teams from a 4-year college/university with an enrollment of 15,000 or more must choose the DI/DI-AA divisional option. Only one men's team per university may enter MDI, MDI-AA, or MDII. An additional team from the same institution may enter the Men's Division III. By submitting their entry packet, teams automatically agree to accept the division they are placed in.

Men's Division I:

Highest competitive level. Seeding committee places teams from 4-year colleges/universities. NOTE: Teams from institutions under the 15,000 enrollment figure can play up and compete in DI or DI AA (space permitting), but vacates its DII participation rights.

Men's Division I-AA:

Preference given to teams of 15,000+ enrollment. Seeding committee places teams from 4-year colleges/universities. Teams that don't get into this division, will remain on the DI/DI-AA wait list, and not roll over into DIII.

Men's Division II:

Enrollment: less than 15,000 students at 4-year colleges/universities or if competitive enough can opt to compete in DI or DI AA (space permitting)

Men's Division III:

This division is the only option for "B" teams that have their "A" team entered in DI, DI-AA or DII; as well as Junior/Community College teams and all 2-year schools,. If space is still available, DIII will rollover teams from **the DII waitlist only**.

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS - *Division size could change based on volume of teams*

All 4-year schools must select DI or DII unless they are a "B" team, with their "A" team entering DI. "B" teams as well as all Junior/Community College teams and all 2-year schools, must select DIII. By submitting their entry packet, teams agree to accept the division they are placed in.

Women's Division I:

Highest competitive level of play with the top teams placed in this division. Seeding committee places teams from 4-year colleges/universities.

Women's Division II:

Next highest competitive level of play with teams placed in this division by seeding committee.

Women's Division III:

This is for "B" teams or other teams that requested or whose submitted results merit this division.

HOTEL INFORMATION:**[Sheraton Dallas Hotel](#)**

400 North Olive Street

Dallas, Texas 75201

Phone: 214-922-0308

NCCS discounted room rate: \$109*

*Teams will be able to book rooms at the NCCS discounted rate later this fall.

**2010 NCCS NATIONAL
VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

APRIL 1-3, 2010

Conducted by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)

Held at the Dallas Convention Center – Dallas, Texas

1. **Championships Entry Due Date/Fees:**

Online Entries Accepted: **September 23, 2009**

Online Entry Deadline: **Friday, February 26, 2010**

Entry Notification: **March 11, 2010** (via web)

\$895 Team Fee for NIRSA Institutional Members.

NIRSA Institutional Members will receive preferred status for the appropriate division if their entry is received by January 29, 2010.

\$1,310 Team Fee for Non-NIRSA Institutional Members

A \$50 reduction in team fees will apply to schools entered in MDIII if they have another team entered in MDI, MDI-AA, or MDII, as well as women's teams entered in WDII as long as they have another team entered in Women's Division I.

Entry fees are non-refundable (Except for teams on a waiting list that don't get into tournament).

Entries will receive an official "date" of completeness when:

1. Online registration has been completed. **AND**

2. Payment is received (Purchase orders are not considered as payment). NIRSA must have a check, credit card charge, or money order in hand for payment to be considered received. Make check or money order payable to **NIRSA Services Corporation**.

2. **Tentative Event Calendar:**

Wednesday, March 31 - All teams must check in on this date. **Registration will occur from 5:00pm to 8:00pm** in the lobby outside of Hall F of the Dallas Convention Center. The team rep/coach needs to check in for each team and the **Team Liaison** must check-in, in-person. Team reps will also need to verify that their team jerseys/shorts are legal at the uniform verification station. Uniform numbers must be a minimum of 4" in height on the chest and a minimum of 6" in height on the back. Only numbers 1-99 are legal. All sets of jerseys (light and dark) must have the same number on them. If playing with a designated Libero, that player needs to have their own jersey number as well as a different color jersey top. Team reps do not need to bring each player's jersey; instead, the team rep should bring an example of one jersey per color. Jersey numbers must be in sharp contrast to the jersey's main body color. A **Mandatory Team Rep & Coaches** meeting will be held at 8:00pm in the convention center in a place to be determined. The coaches meeting will last approximately one hour. A coach or team representative **must** attend.

Thursday, April 1 - Pool play competition will begin at 8:00am and conclude by 11:00pm. When teams are not competing, they may be scheduled to assist officials as line judges and scorers. **This responsibility is mandatory when assigned.** Scheduling will occur in waves.

Friday/Saturday, April 2-3 - These two days will feature more pool play, challenge rounds and single elimination competition and include the semifinals and championship matches. A flowchart will be announced in upcoming newsletters and teams should prepare to play multiple matches from Thursday through a portion of Saturday. The championship for each division is scheduled for Saturday, April 3. When teams are not competing, they may be scheduled to assist officials as line judges and scorers. **This responsibility is mandatory. Teams not fulfilling their obligation will be penalized (see Rules of Play below).**

3. **Rules of Play:** USAV rules will be used with the following modifications adopted for all divisions.
 - **Libero Serving:**
The Libero will be allowed to serve in one rotation. When serving, the libero would not be required to leave the playing area or be out of the set for one rally/dead ball before replacing the incoming player in the right back position.
 - **Jersey Rule Number**
Uniform numbers must be clearly visible, marked in a permanent manner and centered on the chest and back. Uniform numbers must be from 1 -99. It is **REQUIRED** that the numbers on the uniform must be a minimum of 4" in height on the chest and a minimum of 6" in height on the back. Teams that have illegal numbers prior will forfeit the first set in each match until proper correction is made. One set of uniforms (shirt and shorts), in each color, to include the Libero uniform, will be inspected prior to the tournament at team check in.
 - **Substitutions**
Twelve substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per set. Unlimited individual entries by a substitute are allowed. Each entry must be in the same position in the line-up. More than one substitute may enter the set in each position.
 - **Libero**
Each team may designate one Libero per set. The Libero cannot be either the team captain or the game captain at the same time as performing as the Libero function. Libero replacements are unlimited.
 - **Scoring**
A set is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of two points. A deciding set, if necessary is played to 15 points, with a minimum lead of two points.
 - **Playing with less than 6 players**
If a team is reduced to less than 6 healthy players, they will be allowed to continue in the competition if they wish. The position in the line-up will remain open and a substitution will be made for the open position – ‘00’ for the #. Teams will not be allowed to return to six players during that set.
 - **Officiating Assignments**
When not competing, teams may be required to provide a total of four (4) support officials: two (2) line judges, one (1) Libero Tracker and one (1) scoreboard operator. It is the responsibility of each team to determine their officiating schedule from the Results Station or to contact the Championship Desk to determine the time and location of their officiating assignments. Failure to provide officials as assigned will result in the following actions:
1st Offense: For every minute the officiating team is late, or does not appear, one point shall be assessed and given to their next opponent – up to a 25-0 forfeit of the first set. The time calculation will begin at the designated warm-up time ten minutes prior to the time when the assigned match begins.
Additional Offenses: Forfeiture of assigned team’s next match.
4. **All-Tournament Team (ATT) Selection Process:**
A committee will make selections to the All Tournament Team based on the following criteria:
 - **MVP** - Comes from the top 4 teams in each Division
 - **ATT** - First team selections will come from the teams that advance to the Gold Round and second team selections will come from teams that advance to the Gold or Silver Round in each Division.
5. **Official Championships Ball:** Molten "Super Touch" (women’s) and "Pro Touch" (men’s)
To order volleyballs, [click here](#)
The red, white, and blue balls (RWB) will be used during the course of the championships.

6. **Photo ID Requirement:**
Photo ID is required of each player; assigned Officials will be checking IDs before each team's first game and reserve the right to check IDs throughout the course of the competition.

7. **Eligibility Guidelines:**
[Click here](#) to review NCCS player and team eligibility guidelines.

Team Eligibility – Additional Info:

- A College or University may enter only one men's team in either MDI, MDI-AA or MDII, and may enter a second team **ONLY** in MDIII.
- A College or University may enter only one women's team in WDI, and may enter a second team in WDII.

- A men's/women's collegiate team wishing to enter these championships must:
 1. compete in at least two scheduled dates of play after January 1st of the current season that includes competition against at least four or more teams from recognized conferences on each of those dates.

OR

2. Actively participating in a recognized collegiate club league

Individual Eligibility – Additional Info:

- If a player(s) is a graduating senior, and taking less than the required hours to fulfill their graduation requirements, a letter from the registrar stating that fact must be submitted.

8. **Player Forms – Due at check-in:**

- ***Enrollment Verification Form*** - If teams have completed their online registration, enrollment verification forms will be sent via email to team reps by March 12. This form will need all participants' signatures, and must also be signed by sport club director/university designee and the university registrar. This form can only be turned in during on-site registration (March 31 at the Dallas Convention Center). **DO NOT** mail this form to the NIRSA office. If a team does not have enrollment verification forms at on-site registration, that team will not be allowed to participate until one is produced.
- ***Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form*** – Each individual must sign one copy of this form, and verify their insurance coverage and plan #.
- ***Standards of Conduct*** – The Standards of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in a National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) sponsored or endorsed tournament or activity. All players and coaches on the team must sign this form, and the Official University-Appointed Team Liaison, must also sign the form.

Both of the Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form and Standards of Conduct forms will be available in 2010.

9. **Educational Sessions/Civic Engagements and More!:** Much like in 2009, educational sessions and civic engagements will be available for all 2010 participants. The session topics for this year have yet to be determined, but last year's topics covered volleyball officiating and volleyball coaching. Regarding civic engagements, the NCCS Volleyball Work Team is currently working with the local Dallas area to identify volunteer opportunities for teams that wish to give back to the Dallas community. Also, another tournament enhancement will include a one night, 4-on-4 co-rec volleyball tournament. More details will be available this winter.