



*National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association*

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TO: Collegiate Volleyball Sport Clubs

FR: Nick Todorovich, Asst. Director NIRSA National Sport Programs

RE: **2009 NCCS NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
*April 9-11, 2009, Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri*



The National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), with the cooperation of USA Volleyball, is proud to offer you the opportunity to participate in the **25th** Annual NCCS National Volleyball Championships. The pre-tournament information, describing the Volleyball Sport Club Championships is enclosed.

*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 will be **accepted BEGINNING January 7, 2009 and the entry deadline is February 27, 2009.** Please keep in mind that many divisions fill prior to the entry deadline and by having a complete entry in by February 27, 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 February 6, 2009.

**NEW POLICIES FOR 2009:**

- Online registration will begin on January 7. 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 10. After this date, adding players to the roster can only be made with approval from tournament director (Nick Todorovich). No roster additions will be accepted after March 27. Enrollment verification forms will be sent via email to team reps by March 13. 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 (April 8 at the Kansas City 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, 2009, 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](mailto:nirsasports@nirsa.org) no later than Friday, March 20.

**REMINDER POLICIES FOR 2009:**

- All members of a team (no matter what division) must be enrolled for a minimum of ½ full time enrollment as an undergraduate student or six or more credit hours as a classified graduate student of the representing institution, throughout the NCCS event.

- All members of a team should not be listed as a member of a varsity sport (or on “Squad List”) in the same or related activity and gender during the 2008-09 academic year. Exceptions will be granted for players who were listed on a “Squad List” for less than three weeks.
- Declared professional players in the same or related activity are ineligible to participate. A professional player is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletics participation or who has participated with a professional team. A professional athletics team is any organized team that provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team and/or declares itself to be professional.
- Libero Serving: - Implemented 9/28/06  
The Libero will be allowed to serve. In one rotation, the Libero may replace a player in position number one to serve in both men's and women's play.

#### 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.

#### **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, April 8 at the Kansas City 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 13 and May 1. 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 2010 NCCS National Volleyball Championships.

#### **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:**

48 teams. 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:**

36 teams. 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:**

48 teams. 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:**

20 teams. 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 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 DII. By submitting their entry packet, teams agree to accept the division they are placed in.

**Women's Division I:**

48 teams. Highest competitive level of play with the top 48 teams placed in this division. Seeding committee places teams from 4-year colleges/universities.

**Women's Division II:**

48 teams. This division is the only option for "B" teams that have their "A" team entered in DI; as well as Junior/Community College teams and all 2-year schools If space is still available after these teams have been accommodated, DII will rollover teams from DI that don't get into that division.

**Hotel Information:**

Marriott Kansas City Downtown

200 West 12th Street

Rate of \$115/night + tax for 1-4 occupants

For all reservations, [click here](#)

Please be aware that the group rate will no longer be available after Monday, March 16, 2009. After that time rates will be determined by the hotel.

Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown

1301 Wyandotte Street

Rate of \$107/night + tax for 1-4 occupants

For all reservations, [click here](#)

Please be aware that the group rate will no longer be available after Monday, March 16, 2009. After that time rates will be determined by the hotel.

**2009 NCCS NATIONAL  
VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
APRIL 9-11, 2009**

Conducted by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)  
Held at the Kansas City Convention Center – Kansas City, Missouri

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

Online Entries Accepted: **January 7, 2008**

Online Entry Deadline: **Friday, February 27, 2009**

Entry Notification: **March 16, 2008** (via web)

**\$985 Team Fee** for NIRSA Institutional Members.

NIRSA Institutional Members will receive preferred status for the appropriate division if their entry is received by February 6, 2009.

**\$1395 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, April 8 - All teams must check in on this date. **Registration will occur from 5:00pm to 8:00pm** in the lobby outside Exhibit Hall A-C of the Kansas City 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 Liaison & Coaches** meeting will be held at 8:00pm in the convention center in a place to be determined. At this meeting, we will first address the team liaison responsibilities for about 10-15 minutes and then will be excused. The coaches meeting will last approximately one hour. A coach or team representative **must** attend. Practice times will be available on designated courts from 2:00pm until 9:00pm for teams that submitted forms and received a confirmed time. NOTE: The Wednesday evening schedule may be abbreviated if an opening ceremony is held in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these championships.

Thursday, April 9 - 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 10-11 - 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 11. **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, the Libero may replace a player in position number one to serve in both men's and women's play.
- **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. Uniforms will be checked prior to the tournament at team check in. One colored jersey and short per set will be inspected. Teams that have illegal numbers prior to the start of their match will forfeit the first set in each match until proper correction is made.
- **Substitution:**
  - 1) The Libero replacement will be available for use to its full extent
  - 2) Twelve team subs with or without the use of the Libero.
- The Libero is designated by each game, and not by each match, and will be allowed to serve.
- **Scoring:**  
Scoring will remain with rally score to 25 points in all non-deciding games and rally score to 15 points in all deciding games. Deuce rule is effective.
- If a team is reduced to less than 6 healthy players, they will be allowed to continue in the competition if they wish, but will play **with a hole in their lineup**.

When teams are not competing, they may be scheduled to assist officials. Teams not fulfilling this obligation **will forfeit the first game in their team's next match. 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.**

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 be actively participating in a NIRSA Recognized Collegiate Club league **or** compete in at least two scheduled dates of play after January 1st of the current NIRSA season that include competition against at least four or more teams from NIRSA recognized conferences on each of those dates.

**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 10. 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 (April 8 at the Kansas City 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 are available [here](#)