

**PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL SUPPLEMENT**

4.320 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

4.321 SEASON OF SPORT

A. Schedule

- (1) The volleyball season is as prescribed in the CCCAA Constitution.
- (2) Conference matches shall be scheduled for Fridays at 10:00 am as three-ways or as an individual match. In three-way competitions each round will start simultaneously. Wednesday dates will be used secondarily if needed. Any changes made following Conference approval must follow Conference policy.
- (3) Any college unable to meet the original scheduling commitment will result in a forfeit. A match is forfeited if either team fails to arrive at the scheduled location 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time. An exception will be made when the opposing team has been notified of a late arrival or when there are circumstances are beyond the control of a college (i.e. an accident).
- (4) In the event of a forfeit, both colleges will notify the Conference Commissioner in writing. An email may be used to meet the requirements of this bylaw.

B. Re-scheduling of Halted or Protested Games.

- (1) In cases of a halted match, the two teams shall make up the game per the rules of this supplement
- (2) Games can be halted for dangerous conditions at the discretion of the game manager and/or head coaches for reasons related to safety (lightning, darkness, etc.) per the PCAC Constitution and Medical Guidelines. A halted match shall be continued from that point at which it was halted. In the interest of student safety, student success and cost containment, the continued match shall be scheduled as follow:
 - a. If the contest has not started, the match shall be played at a date to be determined by the mutual consent of the colleges. If they cannot reach agreement, then the contest will be played on the next unscheduled date.
 - b. If the match will be continued from any point prior to the halfway mark of the individual contests being completed, the match shall be played at a date to be determined by the mutual consent of the colleges. If they cannot reach agreement, then the contest will be played on the next unscheduled date.
 - c. If the match will be continued from any point after the halfway mark of individual contests, the match shall be rescheduled on the date of the next conference match between those two teams, during the current season as part of a doubleheader, regardless of location.
 - d. If the match will be continued from any point after the halfway mark, yet those two teams do not have another conference match scheduled during the current season, the match shall be played at a date to be determined by the mutual consent of the colleges. If they cannot reach agreement, then the contest will be played on the next unscheduled date.
- (3) If the site of a scheduled match is determined to be unplayable, the match may be switched to another college. The coaches and athletic directors from all colleges involved in the contest must agree to the change. If this is done, the next

scheduled match between these colleges in that season will be played at the site originally deemed unplayable.

- (4) In the event of a halted match on the last Friday of the conference schedule, the match will be made up on the next available day (including Saturday and Sunday).
- (5) Exceptions to the schedule rules may be made due to extenuating circumstances as determined by the Commissioner. This may include the preemptive re-scheduling of a game in anticipation of inclement weather or other potential disruptions in the interest of cost containment (transportation, facilities, classified staff, officials) and student academic schedules.

Note: In the event that a halted match is to be rescheduled, the home college head coach shall immediately notify the conference assigner of officials (as appropriate). In turn, the assigner shall determine the assignment of officials for the rescheduled match (as appropriate). Coaches are not permitted to obtain officials on their own; this is the duty and responsibility of the official conference assigner (as appropriate).

4.322 PLAYING RULES

A. Conference competition shall be played under the rulebook as prescribed by CCCAA Bylaws. Exceptions shall be as follows:

(1) Ladder

- i. Ladders will be locked at the beginning of conference play and extending through the entire conference schedule.
- ii. Line-up substitutions should be communicated to the official referee as soon as they are determined and, at the latest, one hour before the start of play on a given day, or 15 minutes before a match is to begin if made during the same day.
- iii. Once the warm up begins in any match (on any number of courts) substitutions are not permitted and players may not be replaced.
Before warm up begins, if a coach replaces a member of the doubles team in the lineup, he/she may place an "alternate" in the vacated spot that is an (alternate- not a member of pairings 1-5), and the team remains in the same position. If the coach replaces both members of a doubles team, then the lower teams will move up to fill the vacated position and the two alternates create a new team that plays in the #5 team. If playing on less than five courts, the players not on the court may still be replaced before the start of their warm up (e.g. if a player on team No. 4 gets sick/injured while No.1-3 are warming up...team No. 5 replaces team number 4 and slide the remaining team up.

Team Line-ups

- iv. Exchange of line-ups. One hour before the start of the match, the coaches shall simultaneously exchange their complete doubles line-ups.
- v. Only physically able players shall be listed in the line-up. Coaches shall list players in the line-up only if they are able to play.
- vi. Players must play in order of ability. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. "Matching up" is prohibited. Players must compete in order of ability with the best doubles team on the team playing at

the No. 1 position, the second best at No. 2, and so on through all positions

Team that has an insufficient number of players.

- vii. A team appearing with an insufficient number of players shall default matches at the bottom of the line-up. If the No. 1 doubles team is not available to compete, all doubles teams must move up one position. The No. 1 doubles match cannot be forfeited. The minimum number of players for a dual-meet match is six physically able players. A team that does not meet this minimum must forfeit the match **other** than the #1 position. (if #5 is unavailable then you forfeit the #5 match).

Team Line-ups

- viii. Coaches are responsible to position their teams in order of ability for ALL matches from the first match of the season to the last match of the season.
- ix. Within this guideline, line-up changes are restricted to one position up or down from one event to another.
- x. If a player is injured and misses one or more matches, she returns to the line-up in her old position.
- xi. If a player gets injured on the #2 pairing, and she is replaced with an alternate, in that instance they are allowed for no more than one movement down for that pairing so that the #3 pairing becomes the #2 pairing and the #2 pairing became the #3 pairing.

(2) Teams will utilize the nearest bench during time outs.

- i. Host colleges will provide twelve water bottles to ensure that water is available at all player benches.

(3) Cameras will be positioned on the end lines away from player benches.

(4) There will be an area established that encapsulates the playing area. ONLY players, coaches, officials, athletic trainers and score keepers will be allowed in this area.

Officials

(1) The Conference Commissioner will contact the sand volleyball officials' assignor to provide relevant information.

(2) Officials are not required for Conference play.

(3) Home colleges may choose to employ paid officials.

(4) The Conference will set the officials' fee schedule.

(5) The home college will post a match and officials schedule 30 minutes prior to the contest, and post final match scores as they are completed.

(6) Any college canceling a scheduled Conference volleyball match will notify the Commissioner's office, the other college involved, and the assignor (as appropriate).

C. Equipment/Supplies

(1) All colleges will use the CCCAA-approved volleyball for match warm-ups and contests.

- (2) The home college must provide a minimum of twelve approved balls for the visiting college's warm-ups.

D. Facilities

- (1) Court space will be available for warm-up sixty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for the match (when schedule permits).
- (2) Adequate space for team seating will be provided. Each college must provide **their own seats, pop-up tents or other amenities.**
- (3) Coed athletic training facilities will be available.
- (4) It will be the responsibility of the home college to provide for the following conditions:
 - a. Adequate crowd movement in and out of spectator area;
 - b. Supervision of the conduct of the spectators;
 - c. Ejection of spectators from the playing site whose conduct is disruptive or derogatory toward members of either team or the officials. The home team may initiate such ejection at their own discretion; however, it must carry out all ejections stipulated by the referee or the match will be stopped.

E. Decorum.

- (1) The official sport rulebook effectively addresses conduct, behavior and sportsmanship as part of the playing rules for a match.
- (2) CCCAA bylaws, when more stringent than the sport rulebook, shall take precedence. Such determination shall be made by the Conference Commissioner, especially in instances where a decorum violation may be in question.
- (3) Officials, and in the absence of officials the head coaches of the colleges competing, shall manage decorum issues during an event and are charged with reporting any violations that occur within one business day of the event to their AD and Conference Commissioner.
- (4) Colleges who have a student-athlete suspended for any contests shall notify appropriate personnel per the PCAC and/or CCCAA Constitutions.

4.323 WARM-UPS

A. Pre-match protocol

- (1) Each team will simultaneously have a 45 minute warm-up on one of the three courts. This will begin an hour before the designated start time. (For a 10am start time, from 9am-9:45am each of the three teams will get one court for warm up.)
- (2) The official rulebook pre-match warm-up schedule shall be used.

- B. Music may be played at low volumes during warm-ups and the match. Music shall not interfere with players, coaches or spectators abilities to converse during the contest.

4.324 CONFERENCE STANDINGS & STATISTICS

- A. Each coach will submit each week's matches, tournament results and players' statistics per CCCAA protocols by the end of the business day on the following Monday.

4.325 AWARDS

- A. PCAC recognition shall be awarded as follows:
- (1) 1 Team Championship Award;

- (2) 15 Championship Team Members Awards;
 - (3) 2 Individual Champions Awards;
 - (4) 2 Duo of The Year;
 - (5) 16 All-Conference Certificates
 - (6) 1 Coach of the Year Award.
- B. Selection of All-Conference Teams
- (1) All Conference Selections:
 - i. First place team will name 3 All-Conference duos
 - ii. 2nd and 3rd place will name 2 All-Conference duos
 - iii. 4th place team will name 1 All-Conference duo
 - (2) The Duo of the Year will shall be chosen by a vote of the conference coaches before the beginning of the individual conference tournament.
 - (3) Coach of The Year shall be chosen by a vote of the conference coaches at the annual Spring coaches meeting.
 - (4) The Individual Conference Champion will be named once the Individual Conference Tournament has completed play.

4.326 PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION

- A. The opportunity to host the Individual Conference Tournament will rotate alphabetically.
 - (1) If a college chooses to host they must be able to provide three quality courts, and a suitable training area and bathrooms.
- B. Colleges and individual teams shall be seeded into post-conference competition based on their conference finish.
- C. A tie-breaking format shall be used to determine the Conference's final rankings and regional seeding:
 - (1) **In the event of any tie among colleges, the following criteria will be used, in order, until the tie is broken:**
 - A. **Conference match results head-to-head among all tied colleges;**
 - B. **CCCAA PC seeding criteria (if applicable);**
 - C. **Head-to-head set record among tied teams; (ex. Team A defeats Team B (4-1); Team B defeats Team A (3-2). Team A goes ahead).**
 - D. **Conference record against the highest finishing Conference team not involved in the tie; (ex. Team A and Team B both beat each other 3-2; how did they do against the next highest team. Team A beat Team C 5-0 and team B beat Team C 4-1 then Team A goes ahead) If tie has not been broken the same will be evaluated against teams in descending order.**
 - E. **Vote by Conference Head Coaches;**
 - F. **Coin flip by commissioner.**
 - G. **Once a tie is broken among multiple teams (if applicable), remaining tied teams shall use this criteria to break all remaining ties, beginning with 1.(a)**
 - (2) **If a head to head match ends in a tie (i.e. 2-2), the following criterial will be used, in order, until the tie is broken:**
 - A. **Set percentage from the match**
 - B. **Point percentage from the match**

- (3) For the purpose of seeding the eight quarterfinalist individual duos from the PCAC Individual Tournament for the CCCAA Individual State Tournament the following format and process will be used.**
- A. The champion will be the #1 seed.**
 - B. The runner up will be the #2 seed.**
 - C. The duos that lost in the semi-finals will be the #3 and #4 seed. Flights and conference finish will be used to determine order.**
 - D. The duos that lost in the quarter-finals will be the #5, #6, #7, and #8 seeds. Flight and conference finish will be used to determine the order.**

4.327 CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL REPRESENTATION

- A. The Conference shall appoint a Sand Volleyball Representative.
- B. Conference Coaches Meeting
 - (1) There will be a minimum of one volleyball coaches meeting each school year on the Saturday prior to the regional seeding meeting. This meeting shall start at 9:00 a.m. at a site to be determined by the Conference Volleyball Representative.

4.328 Miscellaneous

- A. Circumstances not covered by this supplement may be appealed to the Conference Commissioner for a final decision.

PCAC Women's Volleyball Coaches Code of Ethics



Ethical Recruiting

- All Coaches and agents of the college shall abide by the spirit and letter of CCCAA/CCCAA Bylaw 2. (See new rules on 1st electronic contact for out of area athletes).
- A head Coach must accept total responsibility for the activities of all assistant Coaches
- It is a breach of ethics/rules to recruit a student currently enrolled at another community college and who has attended an in season "intercollegiate" practice.
- Negative recruiting is a serious breach of ethics by any coach. Derogatory and/or slanderous statements about other institutions, its coaches, administrators, current players, and past players cannot be accepted. The Coach must confine his/her statements to an honest and forthright presentation of the facts about their institution solely or else this could be termed as a defamation of character.
- It is unethical for any coach to make statements to any prospective student athlete which knowingly they cannot be fulfilled.
- Do not respond to contact made on behalf of the student-athlete (parent, friend, family member) or by a recruiting service or agent.

Coaches Code of Ethics

- Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the playing rules and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism.
- Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others (players, coaches, and officials), whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of their sport.
- Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of their sport and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport- violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the rules governing competition.