



**Commission on Athletics**

**Men's Volleyball  
Guide**

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# MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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## POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION

All rules and regulations set forth in this guide are subject to review and modification by the Commission on Athletics (COA).

### 1. MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Postconference Competition (PC) in men's volleyball shall conclude with the state championship (see COA Bylaw 6.17).

### 2. CONFERENCE COMPETITION

- A. Dates—See COA Bylaw 3.11.
- B. It is the responsibility of the conference to determine its representative to PC.
- C. Conferences shall develop methods to break ties without additional contests.
- D. Conference champions shall qualify for the state tournament. The south shall administer regional play including the second- and third-place teams from each of the two (2) conferences. They will play a single-elimination tournament held on one (1) day to determine the fourth seed for the state tournament. The tournament will be held during the week prior to the state tournament.

### 3. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PC

3.1. ON-SITE HOST ADMINISTRATORS FOR PC EVENTS (SEE COA BYLAW 6.12.)

3.2. ON-SITE PROTEST COMMITTEES FOR PC EVENTS (SEE COA BYLAW 6.13.)

3.3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8, 6.14, 6.15, AND 8.1.)

3.4. PLAYING RULES (SEE COA BYLAW 4.)

- A. USA Volleyball rules will govern conference competition.
- B. Exceptions:
  - 1. Twelve (12) unlimited substitutions per game permitted.
  - 2. Coaching from sidelines permitted—providing it is not disruptive.
  - 3. May use a different Libero each game; however, the coach must indicate his number for each game lineup.
  - 4. Switch sides at eight (8) points during the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) game. 5/4/07
  - 5. Libero may serve in one (1) rotation in the proper serving order.
  - 6. Games one (1) through four (4) will be played to 30, game five (5) to 15. The entire match will be played using rally scoring. Teams must win by two (2) points. 10/13/06

3.5. OFFICIALS (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8.4. AND 6.8.5.)

- A. Prior to March 15, each coach shall recommend officials for regional and state playoffs to the state event manager and regional event manager. The event managers shall provide these names to a selected tournament official assignor. This assignor shall not be associated in any way (i.e., coaching or in a coaching capacity) with any team participating in regional or state playoffs.
- B. The state event manager shall be responsible for selecting officials for the state championship using the list of recommended officials submitted by the coaches.

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- C. Coaches of the two (2) colleges playing in the finals shall be presented with a list of officials from which they will rank officials who shall officiate the finals.
1. The two (2) coaches shall rank the officials with number one (1) being first choice.
  2. The two (2) officials receiving the highest ranking shall officiate the finals.
  3. Consensus of the coaches whose teams are in the finals shall determine first referee and second referee unless no consensus can be reached. Then, the official receiving the highest ranking shall be the first referee.
- D. Participating coaches in regional rounds one (1) and two (2) may request that an official scorer be assigned by the tournament official assignor.
- E. Official lines people for regional and state postconference competition shall be paid \$30 each: two (2) per match for all postconference competition, regional and state.
- F. Official scorer for regional and state postconference competition shall be paid \$25 each: two (2) per match for all postconference competition, regional and state.
- G. Postmatch protocol: After a match has been concluded, the R2 referee will cross the court and stand next to the R1 referee. R1 on the right, R2 on the left. Each team will line up on the end line of its respective court. The R1 will signal the teams to come to the net and each player will shake hands with the opposing team under the net then shake the referee's hand. After the handshake, both teams will go to their benches. 10/13/06

### 3.6. EQUIPMENT

The ball to be used for all PC shall be the COA-approved volleyball.

### 3.7. COACHES ASSOCIATION

The California Community College Men's Volleyball Coaches Association (CCCMVCA) shall meet annually during the state tournament. The meeting shall be held Saturday morning prior to the final match of the state championship. Time and place shall be determined by the CCCMVCA president and state championship event manager.

## 4. FORMAT FOR REGIONAL PLAY

### 4.1. SEEDING AND THE SOUTHERN TOURNAMENT SITE

- A. South regional participants shall be the second- and third-place teams as defined by each conference.
- B. The second-place teams from the Pacific Coast and Western State conferences shall be designated as the host colleges for regional competition. 4/5/07
- C. Colleges shall be seeded according to the following criteria: 4/5/07
1. Head-to-head match in conference.
  2. Best match record against highest finishing conference team or teams.
  3. Best overall record (conference and inter-conference record).
  4. Head-to-head conference game records using win/loss percentage.
  5. Overall point ratio in conference play (points for divided by points against).

### 4.2. REGIONAL FORMAT

- A. Tournament competition shall be single elimination.
- B. All regional matches shall be decided by one (1) college winning three (3)-out-of-five (5) games.

C. Winners will advance to the state championship.

D. Second-place teams from the Pacific Coast and Western State conferences will each host a regional playoff match on the Tuesday prior to the state championship. 4/5/07

E. Regional seeding will be: 4/5/07

Western State #2      hosts    Pacific Coast #3  
Pacific Coast #2      hosts    Western State #3

Times of matches to be determined by the event manager.

F. The following Pre-match Warm-up Schedule (MPSF) shall be used for the one (1) hour prior to all matches: 4/5/07

15-minute visiting team court time

15-minute home team court time

10-minute shared court time (no hitting)

7.5-minute visiting team court time, serving

7.5-minute home team court time, serving

5-minute shag balls, national anthem, announce teams (starters only)

When both teams are on the court during warm-ups, each team shall hit only from the left (or right) half of the court with all hits directed down the line.

No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court during the pre-match warm-up.

#### 4.3. TICKET INFORMATION 4/5/07

A. The price of admission (tournament pass to all games) shall be a minimum of:

1. \$8.00 – General admission
2. \$5.00 – identified students, faculty, staff, senior citizens, and children under 12 years of age

B. Passes

1. The only press passes honored shall be regular press passes according to host college policies.
2. Current CCCMVCA Membership Cards and COA Passes/Lifetime Passes shall be honored for entry.
3. There shall be no other passes honored. Regional matches are a part of the state playoff system. No student, parent, conference, or any other passes shall be accepted. It is important that this notice be publicized prior to your game. We must defray game expenses.

#### 4.4. AUTHORIZED GAME EXPENSES (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8, 6.14, 6.15, AND 8.1.)

#### 4.5. REGIONAL EVENT ADMINISTRATION (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8, 6.14, 6.15, AND 8.1.)

Regional event managers shall be determined as follows:

- A. The host college shall provide the regional event manager.
- B. The corresponding regional competition where the state championships are not held will be directed by a person designated by the COA representative.

#### 4.6. AWARDS

There shall be no awards presented at regional events.

#### 4.7. CONCESSIONS AND PROGRAM SALES (SEE COA BYLAW 6.8.17)

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**5.1. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATE AND SITE (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11)**

- A. The state championship site shall be determined between the Western State Conference and the Pacific Coast Conference. 4/5/07
- B. The CCCMVCA Executive Committee, with input from the COA Executive Director's office and the COA men's volleyball representative, shall be responsible for the state tournament site selection.
- D. State Championship Format
  - 1. The Pacific Coast Conference Champion will play the winner of the Western State Conference #2 vs. the Pacific Coast Conference #3. 4/5/07
  - 2. The Western State Conference Champion will play the winner of the Pacific Coast Conference #2 vs. the Western State Conference #3.

**Excerpted from the COA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 4:****4.3 Decorum**

4.3.1 Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. PARTICIPANT — is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
- B. DISQUALIFICATION — is removal from an event for an accumulation of personal or technical fouls, yellow cards, etc. and is not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.
- C. EJECTION — is defined as the immediate removal from further participation in an event as a result of abusive, verbal or physical behavior.
  - 1. First Offense: In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from the following contest. Each ejection shall be reviewed by the conference commissioner to determine if the ejection is a "strike" and covered by this policy.
  - 2. All ejections shall be treated as first offenses unless a previous "strike" has been declared by the conference commissioner.
  - 3. Second "strike" (same Individual): In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from all remaining contests including PC.
  - 4. Determination of whether or not an ejection is a "strike" may only be appealed to the conference appeals board. A decision by the conference appeals board is final.
- D. VERBAL OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR — is defined as, but not limited to: unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, pointing a finger, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting of opponents, or inciting undesirable crowd reactions which results in ejection.
- E. PHYSICAL ABUSE — is defined as any physical act that results in ejection.
- F. EVENT — is defined as the time a visiting team or participant arrives at the site until the time the visiting team or participant leaves the site.
- G. FOR WATER POLO: Game disqualification — The official may issue a participant a disqualification which results in disqualification from that contest for overaggressive play or actions that are unacceptable within the spirit of the rules and are likely to bring the game into disrepute. All applications of the rule per the NCAA Rule Book.

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4.3.2 Where official playing rules and COA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall be enforced.

**4.4 Punishment for Physically Assaulting Officials**

Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the individual shall be disqualified from participation in California community college athletic activities for a period of sixty (60) months.

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**4.5 Punishment for Leaving Bench Area**

Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished as outlined in Bylaw 4.3. If, in the opinion of the officials, a coach going onto the field of play was helpful to the officials in the effort to control players, the penalty against the coach may be waived.

**4.6 Punishment for Violation of the Tobacco and Substance Abuse Policy**

4.6.1 The use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances by any participant during California community college-sponsored athletic activity shall be punished by ejection.

4.6.2 Ejection for violation of Bylaw 4.6 shall be the same as those outlined in Bylaw 4.5.

**4.7 Reporting of Ejections**

4.7.1 Within 24 hours after a contest where there has been an ejection of a player or a participant, the coach of the team shall report the names and circumstances to the athletic director who, in turn, shall immediately inform the conference commissioner. Failure by a coach to report shall be penalized the same as in Bylaw 4.3 and 4.4. Failure of an athletic director to report may be referred to the conference commissioner for disciplinary action. Conference commissioners shall cause the report of ejections to be sent to the next team on the college's schedule.

4.7.2 Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out assigned non--game responsibilities.

4.7.3 Each person participating in a California community college athletic event shall receive a copy of this decorum policy and provide a written acknowledgment of understanding.

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## Sports Information:

If your college does not have a sports information professional to assist you, the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) has compiled the following to help you better serve your student athletes.

Prior to the start of each season, each coach should provide a *complete* roster (in column order: Number, Name, [first, then last], Position, Height, Weight, Year of Eligibility, Hometown, High School) to his/her college's sports information office or whoever handles sports information functions (public information, athletic secretary, athletic director, etc.), his/her sport's state statistician and the COA office. Updates should be sent as necessary.

The coach and his or her staff should also know who the local media are and have a directory (phone and fax numbers) of those media outlets. Results of each contest should be reported to the local media regardless of the outcome (win, lose, tie, rainout postponement). The coach is responsible for making sure adequate statistics are being kept on each contest and that a copy of those statistics can be provided to members of the media following each contest. Members of the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) have adopted the NCAA standards for statistical reporting.

Coaches should also be willing to serve as ambassadors for their colleges and for the good of the entire community college athletic scene, working closely with their own sports information director, the opponent's sports information director, and the media covering the contest.

The CCCSIA was created in part to help provide direction in the practice of sports information. For other information on sports information responsibilities, questions on various functions of the sports information professionals, or training and instructions for individuals who will be handling sports information responsibilities, please contact a member of the CCCSIA Executive Board.

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