

VOLLEYBALL OPERATING PROCEDURES

I. Regular season play

Each school will play home and away matches with all other conference schools. The playing dates will be determined by the participating schools, but matches must be completed the Saturday before the conference tournament.

II. Conference Championship

The conference champion will be determined by a tournament format determined by the number of teams participating in conference play. The conference tournament will be held two weekends prior to the national tournament.

Adult entry fee for the conference tournament will be \$6.00 or \$10.00 for a weekend pass. The host institution will provide programs and game management.

III. Tournament Site

2008 Loyola University
2009 University of Mobile
2010 Spring Hill College

IV. Seeding

The tournament will be seeded according to regular season play results based on over-all conference record. If there is a two team tie, tiebreaker will be as follows:

1. Head to head
2. Record vs. conference team beginning with highest ranked team
3. Games won head to head
4. Games won vs. conference teams beginning with highest ranked team
5. Point percentage head to head
6. Point percentage vs. conference

Criteria for breaking multiple team ties:

1. Overall match record of matches played between the tied teams
2. Record vs. conference teams beginning with the highest ranked team
3. Set percentage of matches played between the tied teams (sets won/sets played)
4. Sets won vs. other conference teams beginning with the highest ranked team
5. Point percentage of matches played between tied teams (total points scored/total points played)
6. Point percentage against other conference teams beginning with the highest ranked team
7. Coin toss

Teams will be compared until two teams remain and then return to criteria for breaking a two team tie.

V. Rules

NCAA rules with NAIA modifications (unlimited substitutions).

Conference play shall be conducted using the official NAIA ball.

VI. Officials

Will be provided by the host institutions.

VII. Awards

1. A 12 Member All-Conference Team plus Player of the Year
2. Setter of the Year (setter making All Conference Team with lowest points)
3. Freshman of the Year (freshman making All Conference Team with lowest points)
4. Libero/DS of the Year (libero/DS player with lowest points)
5. Coach of the Year

Each team will be allowed to nominate 6 players for awards. Player nominations and stats must be submitted to the Conference Chair the Monday before the conference tournament by 10:00 AM. Conference chair will compile information and send out to coaches. Coaches should return votes to Conference Chair by Wednesday afternoon (5 P.M.). Each conference coach will be on the ballot for Coach of the Year. Coaches will NOT be allowed to vote for their own players, leaving a possible 24 players to be voted on. The player you are voting on as player of the year will be given the value 1, second highest player 2 and so on. You will give a number value to players, 1-16. The last 8 players will be awarded a point value of 20. The Player of the Year will be awarded to the player with the LOWEST POINTS. The next 12 players with the lowest point value will be named to the All Conference Team. In the case that there is not a setter, freshman or libero/DS named to the All Conference Team, the player with the lowest points eligible for that award will be awarded.

Conference certificates will be handed out at the Conference Tournament. CERTIFICATES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST INSTITUTIONS. The conference chair will then report championship results and names of the All Conference winners to the commissioner and information director. GCAC will then be able to provide Conference certificates to award recipients.

The conference chair may open discussion on player placement on the All Conference Team. In case of a discrepancy, the chair may call for a revote on the player(s) in question.