

Good Afternoon NCVF Team Reps:

Attached please find the 2024 NCVF Championships newsletter detailing all of the topics below. **PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER.**

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And the following reminders:

1. Team Officiating Responsibilities
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6. Overall Behavior Issues

We are one week from check in! See everyone in KC!!



2024 NCVF VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Road to Kansas City – Newsletter

As the NCVF Volleyball Championships quickly approaches, this newsletter is to help communicate reminders and announcements to prepare you for your trip to Kansas City, Missouri. We encourage you to read this newsletter in its entirety.

For more information, see the [NCVF Volleyball Championships website](https://www.ncvf.org/volleyball-championships).



Event Amenities:

- Enhanced Behavior Policy** – As the event continues to grow, enhancements to the behavior policy are in order to ensure security and safety of all participants and spectators. As such, we have stepped up the efforts and sanctions for inappropriate conduct. Teams and players have been suspended from participating this year because of their actions last year so make sure to not jeopardize your team's future eligibility. We need everyone to pitch in to make this NCVF Championships safe and secure for everyone. Please communicate this to all players on your team(s) that the leagues/conferences, NCVF will not tolerate violations of the NCVF Championships Behavior Policy, NCVF Code of Conduct, applicable league codes of conduct. The NCVF has stepped up security and implemented a disciplinary system. An NCVF Behavior Liaison will be issuing infraction reports that will be communicated back to university administrators, a triage of reporting and communication channels, and will be working with law enforcement to assure that these expectations are met.
- Oversized Feature Courts** – Several oversized feature courts will be utilized throughout the event for feature matches with additional seating and extra space to accommodate larger crowds.
- Action & Team Photos** – ClubVolleyballPhotos.com will be the Official Photographer for the event and



will be on hand at the tournament to shoot both team and action photos. You can sign up online now to request photographers at your match by completing the online request form. For action photos, you will be able to request a photographer to shoot your matches and view/purchase prints or full CD's online following the tournament. For team photos, you will be able to setup a time to take a team shot on your schedule. *Don't wait - Signup today to request a photographer to shoot your matches! Follow us on Facebook* – ClubVolleyballPhotos.com is on Facebook.

4. **2024 Player Party**– A player party will again be offered for all participating teams, players, and coaches immediately following the Men’s Division I Finals and Awards ceremony. The party has been a success in previous years with over 2000 players taking part in the fun. There will be DJ music with large dance area. No alcohol will be allowed, and all bags will be searched upon entry. The player party will be at the Kansas City Convention Center main ballroom. The party will run from 10:00PM – 2:00AM and is free of charge for all athletes.
5. **Text Messaging Updates** - Text message updates for event announcements and reminders will be offered to all team captains to receive information from the Championship Desk. This information is collected from the information that you provide on the Pre-check-in Form on the VBREG registration system located at the bottom of your national tournament roster page. It is important that the information is accurate. Incorrect or returned text messages will result in the information being immediately deleted and no further communication from the championship desk will be sent to incorrect numbers provided.



6. **Tournament T-shirts by Lucky Dog Volleyball** – Tournament shirts, long sleeves, and hoodies designed by Lucky Dog will be available for purchase in the vendor area - Stop by for your official tournament T-shirts. Tournament apparel always goes fast so make sure to get yours early.
7. **Sponsors** – A big thank you to [REN Athletics](#), [All Volleyball](#), [Slunks](#), and [BSN Sports](#) for sponsoring not only the NCVF Championships, but supporting the leagues and clubs throughout the year. Please stop by their booths to see what they can offer your teams and tell them thank you for supporting collegiate club volleyball!
8. **Molten Volleyballs** – [Molten](#) is once again the official ball of the NCVF Volleyball Championship tournament.
9. **Spirit Days** are Back! - Make sure your teams start preparing & planning now:
 - **Day 1 (April 18):** Crazy Socks – Patterns, lengths, mismatch galore!
 - **Day 2 (April 19):** Tropical Day – Take your summer vacation early! Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, and tourist outfits welcome.
 - **Day 3 (April 20):** Costumes/Onesies – Bring your best for the final showdown!

10. **Cluster Truck Food Delivery** - To keep our more than 7,000 student-athletes well fed throughout this year's tournament, the NCVF is proud to team up with ClusterTruck, our preferred meal delivery partner! Using the promo code "NCVF-2024" teams can have an amazing variety of fresh, high-quality meals delivered directly to them at discounted prices. All participants will receive 20% off orders of \$25 or more (max \$50 discount per order) from April 17th through the 21st. See attached flyer.



Event Facts & Reminders

1. **Registered Teams** – The tournament has once again reached capacity with a total of 564 teams across 12 divisions that completed the registration process with a breakdown of 288 men’s teams & 276 women’s teams.

Division	Count
Men's Division I	48
Men's Division IAA	48
Men's Division IAAA	48
Men's Division II	48
Men's Division IIAA	48
Men's Division III	48
TOTAL MEN	288

Division	Count
Women's Division I	48
Women's Division IAA	48
Women's Division IAAA	48
Women's Division II	48
Women's Division III	48
Women's Division IIIAA	36
TOTAL WOMEN	276

2. **Enrollment Verification Form** - The PLAYER ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION / PLAYER CERTIFICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE online at www.vbreg.com for you to print out and take to your University Registrar for certification. We have processed over 500 teams and sent several emails to the teams with outstanding Enrollment Verification Forms.. The deadline for these forms was April 3rd. **THE LATE DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 11th AT WHICH POINT YOUR TEAM MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**
3. **FINAL Roster Verification** – Team captains will be sent information and required to complete a FINAL verification for the team roster and numbers assigned to each player entered in the registration system. After final verification, any jersey # changes will be \$50 so get the rosters correct now or you will be paying additional fees. You can make changes online now for only \$25 so make them now before the price increases.
4. **Team Check-in/Registration** – All teams are required to complete the Team Registration & Check-in Process on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 4:00PM - 8:00PM at the Convention Center. Teams are required to complete multiple stations during check-in process including:
 - a. **General Check-In** – Teams are required to check in, collect team wristbands for entry into the venue, and receive check in process steps.
 - b. **Uniform Verification** – Teams must bring samples of any jerseys that will be used during the tournament, including libero jerseys, for inspection and approval by tournament officials. If you have any questions on the legality of your jersey, you should email a photo of them immediately to playingrules@ncvf.org for review before you arrive and find out you cannot use them.
 - c. **Captain's/Coach's Meeting Videos** – There will NOT be an official live captain's meeting this year. We will be posting videos for important tournament topics that should be viewed by all team captains prior to the event.

Teams checking in after 8:00 PM without prior notice may be charged a late check-in fee of \$50. Payment must be made in cash or via credit card online at the time of check in. If you will be checking in late, you must email ntoth@ncvf.org by Monday, April 15th to avoid a late check in fee.

If your team encounters travel delays that will impact check in/registration, teams must contact the emergency hotline - (513) 341-6355 to ensure their tournament spot is not given to teams on the waitlist. This number will not be active until Wednesday, April 17th.

All registration and required player forms should have already been completed. If they were not completed, players and coaches will not be eligible to participate.


5. **Eligibility Checklist** – All teams must complete [Eligibility Checklist](#) online to ensure that their team is in compliance with all NCVF rules and guidelines before participating in the tournament. Review of rosters and players for eligibility can be completed at any time before, during, and after the event in order to ensure teams are in compliance. Any team found to be in violation of the eligibility rules (example - # former/current varsity players) is subject to immediate disqualification from the event. It is your responsibility to know the rules and report your varsity players. Please review the eligibility checklist to make sure you are in compliance.
6. **Practice Times** - Signups for team practice times is available through your account in VBREG – www.vbreg.com. All practices will take place inside the Kansas City Convention Center.
7. **Online Daily Results Updates** -- All results will be updated throughout each day of competition and will be accessible 24 hours a day starting Wednesday, April 17, 2024. You can access the results on AES or on the ncvf website: <https://ncvf.org/tournament-home>
8. **Playing Venue** -- The NCVF Championships will use 73 courts inside the Kansas City Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium with the 7 final championship matches played at T Mobile Center. Play will be staged in morning and afternoon waves on Thursday and Friday and will begin each day at 8:00am and end around 9:00pm. All teams will compete in single elimination brackets on Saturday until they are eliminated. There will be an admission charge to enter the event for all spectators. Players and coaches will be required to display wristbands to enter the playing facility. All other spectators will be required to enter through a separate entrance requiring individual security and bag checks.

NOTE: Any players or coaches caught sharing their wristbands with spectators may be removed from the event. There will be a replacement fee to replace lost or forgotten player wristbands, so players should keep track of their wristbands.



9. **Online Ticket Purchase and Sales** - There will be an admission fee for all spectators. Tickets are available online for purchase in advance or can be purchased at the door. Avoid ticket lines and purchase online today at: <https://www.axs.com>

- **Single Day** = \$15 / day [Purchase Tickets](#)
- **Three Day Pass** = \$35

10. **Trainers** - Athletic trainers will be available to assist with athletic injuries and preventive care throughout the tournament. They will have access to ice. 
11. **Water Use During Competition** -- Teams and players are required to supply their own water bottles that may be filled between sets at water fountains in the facility or teams may bring in bottled water/sports drinks. However, no other outside coolers/food are allowed in the Convention Center.
12. **All Tournament Selection** – Coaches from all teams that competed in the Gold Flight of their respective division are invited to participate in the All-Tournament Selection meeting at the scheduled time following the Division Gold Match. Teams with no coach are allowed to have a single team representative attend the meeting. Teams that are not represented to provide feedback may jeopardize placement of players from their team on the ATT. Ensure that you have entered the ATT voter contact information for your team in VBREG under the Onsite Contact Information link under your National Tournament Roster.

13. **All Tournament Awards** - Players who are selected for MVP, 1st, or 2nd team All Tournament teams can pick up their awards in the awards photo booth at the convention center until 5:30PM OR at the T Mobile Awards Stage after 5:30PM. Women's and Men's Division I will be presented on the stage after the Men's Division I final.
14. **“Oh Say Can You Sing.....”** – Once again, play will commence each morning (Thur., Fri., & Sat.) and prior to each championship match with live renditions of the national anthem offered by your fellow teammates and competitors. This year however, we would like to include groups as well as soloists and instrumentalists. If you or someone on your team has a talent to sing and is interested in singing the National Anthem, please complete the [Singer SignUp Form](#) and you will be contacted with available days/times. Singers are requested to arrive at the Championship Desk in the Convention Center on the day of their confirmed time at least 10 minutes prior to the listed times.
15. **Team Travel Delays/Emergency Onsite Contact - READ BELOW BEFORE CALLING THIS NUMBER.** Keep us posted on any travel problems that will cause delay to your mandatory team check (i.e. - weather problems delaying flights) by contacting us at Championship **Emergency Tournament Hotline Number.**

This phone number will not be activated until April 17, 2024. **Calls for any other reasons than those listed below will NOT be addressed on this phone. The Emergency Hotline should only be used for the following reasons:**

- Teams to communicate any **URGENT** issues with team attendance at the tournament
- Teams to communicate any travel delays and issues with arriving for team registration/captains meeting on Wednesday
- An EMERGENCY number for parents or school administrators to reach participants for Emergencies Only!
- Emergency Tournament Hotline Number: (513) 341-6355

Reminders: Rules & Guidelines

1. **Team Officiating Responsibilities** - Teams are required to provide a total of 6 support officials: 2 line judges, 1 down official, 1 Libero Tracker, 1 scorekeeper, and 1 flip scoreboard operator. Officiating assignments will be listed in the playing schedule. These assignments generally will be immediately prior to or after the match in which the team has played. Failure to provide officials as assigned will result in the following actions:
 - a. **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. This time calculation will begin at the designated warm-up time ten minutes prior to the time when the assigned match begins according to the match official.
 - b. **Additional Offenses:** Forfeiture of assigned team's next set.
2. **Student ID Verification** -- This will be done before every scheduled match throughout the tournament. **BRING YOUR STUDENT/UNIVERSITY ID WITH YOU TO EVERY MATCH!** Make sure all of your players have their school ID before you leave for the championships, and before you depart your place of lodging every morning.

3. **Saturday Final Match Policies** - The finals for most divisions will be held on the Championship Court in Municipal Auditorium or T Mobile Center. There will be controlled access to the finals, and NO ALCOHOL will be allowed. No backpacks, bags larger than 12x6x12, selfie sticks, tablet computers, outside food and beverage, pocket knives, any type of weapon, fake weapon or object resembling a weapon and chain wallets. [A complete list of prohibited items can be found on this page.](#) No spectators will be allowed on the courts at any time. Spectators on the court area will be dismissed from the championship venue immediately.
4. **Recertification Form** - The top four teams in each division and 5 randomly selected teams from each division may 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 between April 20 and May 20. The forms will be emailed to the selected team reps. Teams that fail to submit the recertification form or have students that are not enrolled in the required number of credits, will not be allowed to enter the 2025 NCVF National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships and may receive sanctions from their respective NCVF Conferences.
5. **Hotel Noise Complaints** - All tournament hotels have records of teams staying at their hotel and contact information for the NCVF. Each hotel will enforce its own behavior policies (including but not limited to warnings, fines, or removal from the hotel) and may report issues to the NCVF or law enforcement for additional follow up. The NCVF may also report issues to school administrators.
6. **Inappropriate Conduct** - We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for all players, teams, coaches, commissioners and representatives, all of our leaders, all our colleagues, friends and supporters, to get the word out that conduct, on and off the court, in and outside of the hotels and playing venue, on the way to the tournament and on the way home, and at all times in between, be EXEMPLARY.

For more information, visit <https://ncvf.org/tournament-home>

