

CHAPTER 4—WOMEN’S BEACH VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

1. Playing Season Policies.

a. Championships Determination.

The team and individual Conference champions in women’s beach volleyball shall be determined at a Conference championship tournament. (8/15)

b. Conference Schedule.

There shall be no required regular season Conference schedule in the sport of beach volleyball. (8/15)

2. Match Policies.

a. Playing Rules.

Regular-season competition shall be conducted under the USA Volleyball Beach Rules as modified by the NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules. (8/15)

3. Conference Championships.

a. Date and Site.

The Conference Beach Volleyball championships shall take place on Thursday through Saturday one week prior to the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championships. (8/16)

Year	Host Institution	Year	Host Institution
2017-18	Stanford		
2018-19	tbd		
2019-20	tbd		
2020-21	tbd		

(8/16)

b. Format.

The Conference Beach Volleyball Championships shall include individual and team events, and shall meet all relevant NCAA automatic qualification requirements. Competition shall be conducted under the USA Volleyball Beach Rules as modified by the NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules and/or NCAA Championship Rules. The team tournament will be conducted as a nine team, double elimination competition to be completed on two consecutive days. (8/15, 6/17)

c. Expense Sharing.

The event management costs, Championships mementos, and travel expenses (airfare and ground transportation) for each team shall be shared equally by the competing institutions. The number of individuals eligible for travel expense reimbursement is 12. (8/15, 8/16)

d. Lineup.

The lineup rule in effect for the NCAA Championships shall apply to the Conference team championship tournament. Each team shall submit its lineup for the Conference championship, via email to the Conference liaison, by 12:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Conference championship. The liaison will send all

submitted lineups to the coaches for review by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. If necessary, at noon on Tuesday, there shall be a lineup conference call hosted by the staff liaison. During this call, any team's lineup that is challenged must receive a majority vote of the other coaches to be approved. A lineup not receiving majority support shall be amended by the coach of that institution until it receives majority support. A team may not change the make-up of the 12 student-athletes once the Tournament begins. (8/16)

(1) Fine.

A monetary fine shall be imposed for non-compliance with the deadline for lineup submissions. (6/17)

e. Match Completion.

Once a team wins three flights, any other matches in progress shall be suspended (8/16).

f. Game Ball.

The official game ball for Conference championship shall be that used in the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship. (8/16)

g. Seeding Committee.

A Seeding Committee, appointed by the Conference liaison, shall consist of a head coach from the Pac-12 North Division, a head coach from the Pac-12 South Division, and the SWAC liaison, with a Pac-12 communications liaison and the Conference staff liaison ex officio. The Conference office will confirm the tentative entries in the individual pairs championship for each institution and provide these to the coaches on Friday, prior to the Pac-12 beach volleyball championship. Each coach shall rank the entrants for each team and individual pairs with No. 1 being the top-ranked team and top-ranked individual pair. Each coach shall submit their rankings to the Conference office no later than Monday at noon before the Pac-12 beach volleyball championships. The Conference shall compile this information and assign each team and individual pair a score based on the rankings by the coaches. The team and individual pair with the lowest score will be ranked first, the second lowest score will be the No. 2 seed, etc. The Conference shall provide results of individual pairs seeding and team seeding accordingly. Coaches will have a period of time to submit challenges, for individual pairs seeding, to Conference liaison. If there is a challenge of seeding for the individual pairs, there shall be a seeding committee only Conference call hosted by the staff liaison. Any seeding that is challenged must receive a majority vote of the seeding committee to be approved for the tournament (8/16, 6/17)

h. Squad Limit.

There shall be a squad limit of 12 for the Conference Championship. (8/16)

i. Uniforms.

The higher seeded team shall wear a light uniform and the lower seeded team shall wear a dark uniform. Any other arrangements must be made prior to the match by mutual agreement of the coaches. (8/16)

j. Video Exchange Policies.

Standard level VolleyMetrics shall be used as the video exchange system at Conference beach volleyball championships. (8/16)

4. Meetings of Coaches.

There shall be an annual meeting of the beach volleyball coaches, to be held in the Pac-12 offices in San Francisco on a date and time established by the Conference office. The attendance of each head coach is mandatory. (8/15)

5. Awards.**a. All Tournament Team.**

The coaches shall select an All-Tournament team consisting of five pairs, and provide each member with an award from the Conference. Coaches shall submit up to three pairs from their team for consideration. Coaches may not vote for their own players. (8/16)

b. All Conference Team.

The All-Conference team shall consist of 10 first team and 10 second team members. Coaches shall rank their top 20 choices, indicating their first choice with 20 points, their second with 19 points, etc. The 10 players having the highest point totals shall be named to the All-Conference first team, and the next 10 shall be named to the All-Conference second team. First team players shall be provided an award from the Conference. Second team players shall receive a certificate. Coaches may not vote for their own players. (8/16)

c. All-Freshman Team.

The All-Freshman team shall consist of five members (true freshmen). Coaches shall rank their top five choices, indicating their first choice with five points, their second with four points, etc. The five players having the highest point totals shall be named to the All-Freshman team and each shall be provided a certificate from the Conference. Coaches may not vote for their own players. (8/16)

d. Individual Awards.

Individual awards shall be provided to the Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, the Coach of the Year, and Pair of the Year. The Player of the Year shall be the player who accumulates the most points in the all-Conference team balloting. The Freshman of the Year shall be the player who accumulates the most points in the all-freshman team balloting. Each coach shall list two choices for Coach of the Year and Pair of the Year, with the first choice receiving three points and the second choice receiving one point. (8/16)