



National Collegiate Volleyball Federation

2011-12 NCVF Divisional Rules

NCVF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

1. Championship Structure

The 2012 NCVF National Championship Tournament provides four divisions for men and four divisions for women. The Ranking Committee reserves the right to adjust team entries for each division as well as division size.

2. Men's Divisional Rules

- 2.1 No more than one men's team per university may enter MDI, MDIAA, or MDII.
- 2.2 Up to two teams from the same university may enter MDIII.
- 2.3 A university may not have more than three teams entered in the Championship Tournament.
- 2.4 Student enrollment includes undergraduate and graduate students. Online students will not be counted in the enrollment numbers when determining divisional placement.
- 2.5 Submission of an entry packet and a fee for the Championship Tournament constitutes a team's acceptance to play in whichever division the Ranking Committee selects for it.
- 2.6 The Ranking Committee will place teams into divisions based on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 2.6.1 Exception - Throughout the season the Ranking Committee will rank the top twenty-five teams. Any team within the top twenty-five at the time of the Championship Tournament entry deadline will have its spot reserved for the division in which it is ranked. That said, if a top twenty-five team registers after the entry deadline, this exception no longer applies.

Example - Fifty teams register for MDI. Team X turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #10 by the Ranking Committee. Team X is guaranteed a spot in MDI. If Team X registers after the entry deadline, it is not guaranteed a spot in MDI.

3. Men's Divisional Structure

3.1 Men's Division I/IAA (MDI, MDIAA)

- 3.1.1 MDI shall consist of forty-eight teams.
- 3.1.2 MDIAA may consist of up to thirty-six teams.
- 3.1.3 Teams from a four-year university with a student enrollment of 14,000 or more must play in MDI or MDIAA.
- 3.1.4 When splitting the divisions, the Ranking Committee will give preference to teams from a university with a student enrollment of 14,000 or more.
- 3.1.5 Teams from a four-year university with a student enrollment less than 14,000 may play in MDI or MDIAA if placed by the Ranking Committee or if space still is available after the entry deadline.
- 3.1.6 Teams that are not selected for MDI or MDIAA will remain on the wait list. In no event will a team be permitted to play in MDII or MDIII.
- 3.1.7 A team from a two-year university may not participate in MDI. Such a team is eligible to participate in MDIAA or MDIII.

3.2 Men's Division II (MDII)

- 3.2.1 MDII may consist of up to forty-eight teams.
- 3.2.2 Only teams from a four-year university with a student enrollment less than 14,000 may play in MDII.
- 3.2.3 Teams eligible to participate in MDII may compete in MDI or MDIAA if placed by the Ranking Committee or if space still is available after the entry deadline. If a team that is eligible to participate in MDII elects to play in MDI or MDIAA it vacates its ability to participate in MDII.

Example - Team Y comes from a college with 10,000 students. It is eligible for MDII. Team Y, however, wants to play MDI. Team Y turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #20 by the Ranking Committee. Team Y is guaranteed a spot in MDI. Team Y selects to play in MDI. Team Y can no longer play in MDII.

3.2.4 A team from a two-year university may not participate in MDII.

3.3 **Men's Division III (MDIII)**

3.3.1 MDIII may consist of up to twenty-four teams.

3.3.2 A team from a two-year university is eligible to participate in this division.

3.3.3 A team from a four-year university may participate in this division only if it already entered a team in MDI, MDIAA, or MDII.

Example - Team A, Team B, and Team C come from the same four-year college with 14,000 students. Team A is enrolled in MDI. Team B and Team C now are eligible to participate in MDIII.

3.3.3.1 Exception – A school's MDI team decides not to attend the Championship Tournament. In this instance, the Ranking Committee will consider accepting that same school's MDIII team.

4. **Women's Divisional Rules**

4.1 No more than one women's team per university may enter WDI or WDIAA.

4.2 Up to two teams from the same university only may enter WDIII.

4.3 A university may not have more than three teams entered in the Championship Tournament.

4.3.1 A second or third team from the same school will not be ranked for WDI or WDIAA.

4.4 Submission of an entry packet and a fee for the Championship Tournament constitutes a team's acceptance to play in whichever division the Ranking Committee selects for it.

4.5 The Ranking Committee will place teams into divisions based on a first-come, first-served basis.

- 4.5.1 Exception - Throughout the season the Ranking Committee will rank the top twenty-five teams. Any team within the top twenty-five at the time of the Championship Tournament entry deadline will have its spot reserved for the division in which it is ranked. That said, if a top twenty-five team registers after the entry deadline, this exception no longer applies.

Example - Fifty teams register for WDI. Team X turns in its entry packet and fee on the entry deadline, and is ranked #10 by the Ranking Committee. Team X is guaranteed a spot in WDI. If Team X registers after the entry deadline, it is not guaranteed a spot in WDI.

5. Women's Divisional Structure

5.1 Women's Division I/IAA (WDI, WDIAA)

- 5.1.1 WDI shall consist of the top forty-eight ranked teams as determined by the Ranking Committee.
- 5.1.2 WDIAA may consist of up to forty-eight teams, which shall consist of the next top forty-eight teams ranked by the Ranking Committee, except for a second or third team from the same university.
- 5.1.3 Only teams from a four-year university may participate in WDI or WDIAA. A second or third team from the same university must play WDIII.

5.2 Women's Division II (WDII)

- 5.2.1 WDII may consist of up to forty-eight teams.
- 5.2.2 Only teams from a four-year university with a student enrollment less than 14,000 may play in WDII.
- 5.2.3 Teams eligible to participate in WDII may compete in WDI or WDIAA if placed by the Ranking Committee or if space still is available after the entry deadline. If a team that is eligible to participate in WDII elects to play in WDI or WDIAA it vacates its ability to participate in WDII.

Example - Team Y comes from a college with 10,000 students. It is eligible for WDII. Team Y, however, wants to play WDI. Team Y turns in its entry packet and fee on the

entry deadline, and is ranked #20 by the Ranking Committee. Team Y is guaranteed a spot in WDI. Team Y selects to play in WDI. Team Y can no longer play in WDII.

5.2.4 A team from a two-year university may not participate in WDII.

5.3 **Women's Division III (WDIII)**

5.3.1 WDIII may consist of up to thirty-six teams.

5.3.2 Any team not placed in WDI/IAA, or WDII will be placed in this division.

5.3.3 Up to two teams from the same university/school may enter this division.

5.3.4 Any second or third team from the same school must participate in WDIII.

5.3.4.1 Exception - If a school's WDI/IAA or WDII team decides not to attend the Championship Tournament, the Ranking Committee will consider accepting that same school's second or third team.

5.3.5 A team from a two-year university is eligible to participate in this division. Such a school may not participate in any other division.