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### **2012 NCVF Championships Set for Kansas City**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (July 26, 2011)** – The National Collegiate Volleyball Federation, in cooperation with USA Volleyball, has selected Kansas City and the Kansas City Convention Center Bartle Hall as the host city and venue for its 2012 NCVF Collegiate Club Championships to be played April 5-7, 2012. The event is run in partnership with USA Volleyball who is responsible for identifying venue options for the NCVF Championship Tournament.

“We are very excited to go the Heart of America and Kansas City to showcase collegiate volleyball in its purest form and spirit of competition,” said Sante Perrelli, president of the NCVF. “The Kansas City area has supported volleyball at all levels and I know all our teams will be thrilled to be a part of the collegiate sports extravaganza that will surround the championship event. We are thankful to USA Volleyball and the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association ([www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)) for extending this opportunity to our students, fans, administrators and staff this year.”

The 2011 NCVF Collegiate Club Championships drew 336 teams in just its second year, a 70-team increase from the inaugural event in 2010. The tournament drew 266 college club teams in 2010, its first year to bear the NCVF name while holding the endorsement of many of the core leadership positions, conferences and team which participated in the past national collegiate club championships.

According to NCVF Tournament Director Doug Hinton, next year’s event is expected to continue the upward trend.

“We are excited about the prospects for making this event the biggest collegiate club championship tournament ever, all while offering students the opportunity to compete for a national championship in an amazing festival environment,” Hinton said. “In just two years under the formal leadership of the NCVF, the tournament has exceeded expectations with only room for continued growth with additional schools wishing to compete. The combined resources of the NCVF and USA Volleyball has created a level of sustained growth, both in terms of teams and divisions that encourages player involvement of all skill levels.”

The NCVF Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships, which will use Molten as the official ball, will have five divisions for men and four divisions for women. Men will compete in Division I, Division IAA, Division IAAA, Division II and Division III. Women will have championship brackets for Division I, Division IAA, Division IAAA and Division II.

The NCVF acts as the national governing body for organized collegiate club volleyball competitions. For over two decades, NCVF volunteers have provided a full range of support for student club teams by promoting year-long affordable, organized and competitive volleyball events, and supporting a season-ending national championship tournament. It is made up of students, volleyball conference commissioners, player representatives, coaches, officials, trainers, recreation sports directors and many volunteers. The organization devotes 100 percent of its resources and funding toward the support of quality collegiate club volleyball activities.

For additional information on the 2012 NCVF Collegiate Club Championships and the NCVF organization, visit <http://ncfvolleyball.org/default.aspx>.