

GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | VOLLEYBALL CODE**SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures**

1. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by GSAC rules. In all cases, determination of eligibility will be under the jurisdiction of the Region XIX/GSAC Assistant Director of Eligibility.
2. NCAA rules will apply, unless superseded by operating code.
3. All matches shall be played to 25 points, rally scoring winning by two (2). If matches are tied, the deciding match shall be fifteen (15) points, win by (2).
4. Tri-matches will be conducted as follows:
 - First match: home team vs. team traveling furthest
 - Second match: the two visiting teams
 - Third match: home team vs. other visiting team
5. Scheduling Protocol: All GSAC Volleyball Teams must schedule a home and away contest with each conference team.
6. Schedule Conflicts: Conference scheduled games shall take priority over all other scheduled contest.
7. Cancellations/Postponements/Rescheduling
 - All scheduled games within your division must be played. Games outside of your division should, in good faith, be attempted to be rescheduled. If either college closes due to inclement weather, a scheduled game must be postponed. In the event a mutually agreeable make-up date cannot be determined between the participating Athletic Directors, the game must be played on the next available date when both teams are open and the home facility is available.
8. Bench Personnel:
 - Each team shall be allowed the following personnel on their bench:
 - Institution Certified Coaches
 - Players in uniform
 - Medical Personnel/Athletic Trainer
 - Statistician (1)
 - Injured Players
 - Athletic Director/Administrative Personnel
 - *Please note that individuals sitting out a suspension for any region offense will not be allowed on the bench. Individuals who are academically ineligible will not be allowed on the bench, unless serving as the one (1) designated statistician.*
9. Warm-up Procedures: Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes prior to the start of a match. Twelve minutes shall be given for general warm up and eighteen(18) minutes, (4-4, 5-5) of an official warm up to be shared by both teams and monitored by the Head Volleyball Official.
 - a.If a team arrives late for a contest, but has notified the host institution of this, it shall be allowed at least a ten minute warm-up period prior to the start of competition.
10. Official Game Ball will be the NJCAA approved volleyball.
 - a.The home team shall provide the visiting team at least six (6) practice balls similar to that of the game ball for warm ups.
11. Event Management

- The following items relate to event management for all volleyball games within Region XIX.
 - It is mandatory in the GSAC that a host institution provide an appropriate site manager (recognized Athletic Administrator) for each contest.
12. Club Teams
- Any College fielding a club team must follow all NJCAA, NCAA and Region XIX regulations, including; filing an NJCAA Club Form, pay Conference dues, report game results to Service Bureau, adhere to uniform rules, follow ejection policies for coaches and players as well as reporting these ejections, follow home game supervision requirements and use game officials under contract with GSAC.
13. When a visiting school arrives late late (after 30 minutes prior to contracted start time) to an away contest, and notifies the appropriate hosting administrator, the team will receive a 25 minute period of time once the team, in its entirety, enters the building/playing site and meets with the on-site administrator. (as per Winter 2011 meeting.)

SECTION B Officials

1. The central assignor for volleyball in the GSAC will be responsible for securing NCAA rated officials for all conference contest.
2. Each match should be governed by two (2) NCAA rated officials, where possible.

SECTION C Reporting of Scores / Card Accumulations

1. All service bureau reports must be emailed/called/faxed in by Friday before 11:00am each week to the Service Bureau Director.
2. Service Bureau: All games and statistics must be faxed weekly or your team will be fined \$50. Such fine(s) must be paid in full five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting for the tournament. Colleges not reporting to their respective service bureau director by the due time because of emergency closures (i.e. snow closure) will have 24 hours (next working day) from the due time and date to submit their report. If it is known that the institution will be closed at the reporting time - the report should be sent prior to the closing and before the due time. If at this time no report is received by the service bureau director, a fine of \$50 will be assessed (invoice sent by the service bureau director w/ copy to the respective region director, men's or women's and payment sent to respective region director). If no payment is received by respective region director five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting the offending college(s) will be reported to the Standards and Ethics committee.
3. All Yellow/Red Card accumulations shall be reported to the Conference volleyball Chair. Host Athletic Directors should report these offenses to the opposing teams A.D. within 24 hours.

SECTION D GSAC Conference Championship

1. A plaque will be given to the team with the best won/lost record during regular season play against member colleges.
2. In case of ties, a champion will be determined using a tie break formula developed by the membership of the GSAC.

SECTION E Regular Season Awards / All-Conference Teams

1. All Conference selections shall be determined by the results of the All Region selections minus the region the institution selections that are not GSAC member institutions.

SECTION F Coach of the Year

1. The Coach of the winning GSAC team will be named GSAC Coach of the Year.

SECTION G Code of Conduct

1. All members of teams including players, coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, and spectators will follow the Code of Conduct enforced by the National Junior College Athletic Association throughout all games.

SECTION H NJCAA / Region XIX/GSAC Ejection Policy

1. An athlete in any contest involving a GSAC college who is ejected for violent conduct or fighting shall not be allowed to participate in the next played contest as determined by the schedule of that institution. If this ejection occurs in the last contest of a given season, the suspension shall be in effect for the first regular game of the player's next season.
2. If a player or coach is ejected, an ejection report must be filed with the Region Director.

SECTION I Health and Safety

1. In regard to an open wound, under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the coach or official and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
2. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

SECTION J GSAC Member Breakdown: Division III (5)

- Atlantic Cape
- Bergen
- Middlesex
- Union
- Passaic