



VOLLEYBALL

SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures

1. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants.
2. Scheduling Protocol:
 - a. All Region XIX Division II teams must play each other twice.
 - b. All Region XIX Division III teams must play each other twice.
 - c. There is no Region mandate for Division II and Division III schools to schedule each other.
3. Schedule Conflicts

If the Athletic Directors from both institutions cannot agree on a specific date, the Sport Committee will review the problem to determine the validity of the disagreement. If there is no valid justification for the disagreement, the game will be played according to the date shown on the master schedule. If valid justification is presented, the Sport Committee will work with both Athletic Directors to decide upon a mutually agreeable date. If no date is mutually agreeable, the Sport Committee will determine the game date.
4. Team Travel

If a team arrives late for a contest, but has notified the host institution that they will be late, the team shall be allowed at least a ten (10) minute warm-up period prior to the start of competition. In addition, teams that are traveling should adhere to the NJCAA tournament guidelines for dress code; including no workboots or jeans.
5. 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.
6. Rules of Play

NCAA rules of play shall be followed
7. 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 or Administrator in charge

Please note that individuals sitting out a suspension (refer to Ejection Policy for clarification) due to any region offense, will not be allowed to travel with the team. Individuals who are academically ineligible will not be allowed on the bench, unless serving as the one (1) designated statistician.

8. Warm-up Procedures

- a. Teams will follow NCAA protocol outlined in NCAA rule book for warm-ups. Each team will be given a total of 30 minutes for warm-up prior to the start of a match. Twelve (12) minutes shall be designated for general warm-up and eighteen (18) minutes of an official warm-up to be shared by both teams and monitored by the Head Official. The home team shall provide the visiting team a minimum of six (6) practice balls of similar make/brand of the game ball for warm-ups.

9. Official Game Ball

The official volleyball of Region XIX is the **Tachikara SV5WNJCAA-11**

10. Event Management

- a. The host school shall supply the following, as a minimum standard, to host a Region XIX Volleyball contest:
- b. Two NCAA certified officials
- c. A NCAA approved venue
- d. Two linespeople
- e. An official scorekeeper
- f. A scoreboard operator
- g. Minimum of six (6) practice balls, similar to make/brand of game ball
- h. Water and cups
- i. Locker Room facilities

11. All matches shall be played to 25 points (win by 2), utilizing the rally scoring system. If matches are tied, the deciding game shall be played to 15 points, win by 2.

12. Region XIX Divisional matches will be conducted as best three out of five, regardless of format

13. Out of Region and/or out of Division Region matches may be conducted as best two out of three.

14. 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

15. Club Teams

- Any College fielding a club team must follow all NJCAA, NCAA and Region XIX regulations, including; filing an NJCAA Club Form, pay Region 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 Region XIX.

SECTION B Officials

1. There is not a central assignor for volleyball in Region XIX. All institutions are responsible for securing NCAA rated officials.
2. Each match should be governed by two (2) NCAA rated officials, where possible

SECTION C Region XIX Website / Reporting of Scores

1. Team schedules and rosters must be entered, prior to the start of the season, on the Region XIX and NJCAA websites.
2. Teams are responsible for inputting scores on both the Region XIX and NJCAA websites immediately after the completion of their contests.
3. Colleges that fail to update their respective sport rosters, schedules and/or scores will be assessed a \$50 fine by the respective sport committee. If no payment is received by the respective region director five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting the offending college(s) will be reported to the Standards and Ethics committee.

SECTION C1 Card Accumulations

1. All cards received must be reported to the volleyball chairperson on each Friday of the season.

SECTION D Regional Tournament Format

1. Region XIX will conduct single elimination tournaments for Division II and Division III
2. Division III will conduct a first round, if needed, on the Wednesday prior to the Final Four.
3. All matches in the Regional Tournament (including first round) will be best 3 out of 5.
4. The Region XIX Tournaments shall be scheduled so as to conclude ten (10) days prior to the NJCAA National Tournament date.
5. The rally point scoring system will be in effect for the Region Tournament
6. No team shall play two (2) consecutive matches without a thirty (30) minute break
7. In Division III, arrangements will be made in the Final Four to accommodate a team from Region XXI, if necessary.

SECTION E Regional Tournament Qualification

1. The top four (4) teams in each division must participate in the Region Tournament.
2. Any additional teams with a .500 (or greater) winning percentage overall or in region divisional play may participate.
3. All records on the Region XIX website shall be regarded as official when no later information is available to be used in determining selections.

SECTION F Regional Tournament Seeding

1. Designation of participants and the match pairings for Region XIX's volleyball tournament shall become the duty of the volleyball committee.
2. The criteria for seeding will be as follows:
 - Region XIX / Division Record
 - If two teams are tied, head to head competition will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the team with the higher winning percentage against teams seeded higher, in descending order, than the teams which are tied will get the higher seed. If a tie still exists, the team with the higher winning percentage against teams participating in the tournament, in descending order, will be the higher seed. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will be used to determine the higher seed.
 - Forfeits will be counted as wins and losses for seeding purposes.
 - In the event that three or more teams are tied, head to head competition among all the teams (as if they were in their own division) will be used to break the tie. If this tie breaker defines one spot, but not all, the remaining teams head to head records will once again be compared, followed by the remaining teams records against the teams seeded higher in descending order. If a tie exists, a coin flip will be used to determine the higher seed. *Examples will be referenced in Appendix A.*

SECTION G Regional Tournament Entry Fees

1. The entry fee for the Region XIX Volleyball Tournament shall be established by the host college. The host college will divide all expenses and bill each school in equal increments. ***NOTE – Given the expansion of Volleyball, the possible adoption of a standard tournament entry fee will be discussed during the 2011-12 year.***

SECTION H Regional Tournament Logistics

1. Teams that participate in the first round of the tournament will be responsible for all expenses. The visiting team will pay for travel, while the host will pay for officials.
2. Teams that advance to the Region Final Four shall be responsible for all expenses incurred for housing, travel and meals.
3. Schools that wish to host the volleyball championship shall submit an application to the Championship Events Committee. The school selected will host for two years.
4. All regional tournament applications must be in writing and include an entry fee, team roster and team photo with personnel identified.
5. Host college must arrange for two (2) nationally rated NCAA officials for each match and two (2) nationally rated officials for Line Judges.
6. Host college is responsible for all expenses incurred during the operation of the tournament, (i.e., trainers, officials, scorekeepers, awards, event staff, etc.).
7. Host college must provide all items necessary (balls, scorers, linespeople, water, etc.) to conduct the regional volleyball tournament.

SECTION I Regional Tournament Awards

1. The Regional Office will have the appropriate tournament awards shipped to the host institution. The host institution will receive an invoice from the Regional Director for the awards.
2. An All-Tournament team consisting of six (6) will be selected by a committee appointed by the Regional Tournament Director, and (1) Tournament MVP.
3. The Region Championship Team shall receive a Regional Championship Plaque.
4. The Region Runner-up Team shall receive a Regional Runner-up Plaque.

SECTION J Regular Season Awards / All-Region Team

1. The coach of the team winning the Region XIX women's volleyball tournament will be named Region XIX Coach of the Year.
2. All-Region Teams will be selected by balloting of the Region XIX coaches in both Division II and Division III.
3. The procedure for nominating and voting is as follows:
 - Balloting Chairperson will send out the official *Region XIX nomination form*, which should be signed and returned to the chair by the date indicated. Coaches will nominate players in order of ability as indicated on the form.
 - Each coach may nominate a maximum of three (3) players from his/her team.
 - In order for an individual to qualify for an All-Region team, the team must have completed 80% of the season.
 - After all nominations are collected, each coach will receive the official *Region XIX ballot and voting form* from the balloting chairperson and will be asked to select and rank players according to their abilities. The number of teams being selected on the voting form will be based on Article IV Section D of the Region XIX Bylaws. The best player will receive the number of points equal to the number of players being selected, down to the final selection receiving one (1) point.
 - Coaches may not vote for their own players.
 - After tallying the votes, the players will be awarded All-Region status by being placed onto five (5) player teams. The number of teams selected will be in accordance with Article IV Section D of the Region XIX Bylaws.
 - Numerical ties for a player ranked in the top five (5) will be broken by awarding the higher place to the player with the most #1 votes. If still tied, #2 votes will be utilized, down the line until the tie is broken. Numerical ties for a player ranked out of the top five (5) will result in both players making the respective team.
 - The #1 ranked player in the voting will be named the "Region XIX Player of the Year"
 - Ballots must be received by the chairperson by the deadline established.
 - The ballot must be signed by the athletic director.
 - Coaches not voting will have student-athletes representing their institution removed from the ballot.
4. Nominations for NJCAA All-American will be derived from the All-Region Team results.

SECTION K 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 L NJCAA / Region XIX Ejection Policy

1. If a coach is ejected from a Region XIX contest and there is no college approved representative designated by the Athletic Director present, then the game is terminated and forfeited at that point. Also the coach must sit the next scheduled contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season the ejection will carry into the following year.
2. An athlete ejected from any Region XIX contest for any reason must sit the next game. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport.
3. Any player ejected for fighting or violent act, will sit the next two (2) contests. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport. A second ejection for fighting in a season will result in that player suspended from competition in that sport for the remainder of the season. Reminder: NJCAA and NCAA rules may allow for more severe penalties. Region XIX will impose the most severe penalty allowable.
4. In the event of any ejection, an ejection report must be filed with the Region Director. The AD's of both colleges should file the appropriate NJCAA ejection form to the Region Director.
5. Personnel and athletes suspended under the NJCAA rules shall not be allowed in the facility/gym/field complex before or during the contest and may not coach or participate before the game, during play or at halftime. Suspended coaches may travel with the team, but only to drive a van, they are not allowed in the venue. Suspended athletes may not travel with the team while serving a suspension.

SECTION M 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.
3. Visiting teams utilizing home team training services must provide athletic tape and other sports medicine related items.

SECTION N Region XIX Divisional Breakdown**Division II (4)**

County College of Morris

Del Tech – Terry

Harcum

Lackawanna

Division III (8)

Bergen

Passaic

Middlesex

Union

Atlantic Cape

Northampton

Manor

Montgomery

APPENDIX A

1. Teams A, B and C are tied for 5th place in an 8 team tournament. In head to head Region competition, Team A is 3-1 against B and C; Team B is 2-2 and Team C is 1-3. In this case, Team A is the 5th seed, Team B is 6th and Team C is 7th.
Note: the fact that A and B split with each other does not come into play.
2. Four teams are tied, Team A swept the head to head competition and is 6-0. The other 3 teams all split in head to head and are 2-4 against the group of tied teams. In this case, Team A will get the highest seed of the group. The next tie breaker will not be usable since the teams split with each other. Therefore, the record against the higher seeded teams in the tournament in descending order will come into play.
3. Four teams are tied. Their record in head to head competition is: Team A is 4-2, Team B is 3-3, Team C is 3-3, and Team D is 2-4. Team A gets the highest seed, Team D gets the lowest seed and Teams B and C begin the tie breaking process beginning with head to head against each other.

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