

KCAC VOLLEYBALL GUIDELINES

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Statement of Responsibility

The coach will be held accountable to the Athletic Director, Faculty Athletic Representative, and President of the College for properly and professionally monitoring and abiding by the guidelines set forth by the KCAC. Each coach is required to sign the following document prior to the beginning of the academic year stating that he/she will abide by the KCAC and NAIA regulations. A coach is defined as any staff member, volunteer or paid, student-assistant and / or manager.

Coaches Agreement

I have read and clearly understand the regulations that are set forth by the KCAC for in season and out of season sports participation. I accept responsibility for monitoring and abiding by the guidelines set forth for my sport and will be held accountable to my A.D., F.A.R. and C.E.O. I further understand and accept responsibility for the rules of the NAIA.

Head Coaches Signature _____

Date _____

KCAC Procedures

The following procedures in the KCAC provide for more clarity in the operation of conference policies. It should be of particular value to athletic personnel new to the conference that occasionally finds it difficult to know various conference procedures.

1. Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws must be emailed as an attached word document to the 2nd Vice President of the Conference and to the President of the Conference in time for the 2nd Vice President to provide each member of the Governing Council with a copy of the proposed amendment at least ten days prior to the time for the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.
2. A proposed specific-sport amendment must be presented as a written document. Documents initiated by coaches must show that the amendment was discussed, voted on, and passed (recorded) by a majority of the coaches in that sport whose sports chair shall then submit the proposed amendment to the KCAC sport supervisor. The Governing Council sport supervisor will bring the proposal to the governing body at a regular meeting of the Council.
3. Limitations on scheduling will not include NAIA or other affiliated post-season contests. Exceptions need to be cleared with the KCAC Governing Council.
4. In the KCAC, a regular varsity contest is interpreted as one which is advertised and for which admission is charged." Volleyball may not compete in varsity competition against junior colleges. A "junior varsity" contest can only be played during the regular season, and the team shall consist of non-varsity starters who are primarily freshmen and sophomores. Junior varsity contests shall in no way be used to enhance a varsity schedule.
5. Conference SID - KCAC news releases should be through this channel through the KCAC SID. Each school is responsible to report sport's results to the KCAC SID.

6. Statistics and reporting of game results - The host school is responsible for providing the visiting school with game statistics and reporting game results to the media.
7. Sports camps, which involve college athletes, shall not be scheduled in a way that would violate pre-season regulations.
8. Head coaches, SID, head athletic trainer and athletic directors from each college are expected to attend KCAC Coaches' meetings.
9. It is expected that all KCAC member colleges honor a letter-of-intent and refrain from further recruitment of an athlete who has been signed. Violations can be sent to the compliance/protest committee.
10. If during, or particularly after the season, a team must forfeit games/matches for any reason, the win/loss records of all participating schools will be revised and a champion determined.
11. Sportsmanship: No noisemakers in the gym (i.e. cow bells, horns, drums, etc.); signs are to be in good taste and not provoke or stimulate ill will; bands, and/or drums, are to refrain from playing during play in gymnasium.
12. The KCAC Governing Council decides standard student admission prices for visiting students. That price may not exceed \$2.00 for conference games. NAIA Passes are honored at all KCAC games including tournaments or classics.
13. Faculty/staff IDs are honored at all KCAC contests. – 2 people allowed in per ID.
14. Each game must have someone designated as a game administrator.
15. Officials should have a secure locker room with shower facilities available and supervised by security. Additional hospitality of drinks, sandwiches and towels are encouraged.
16. The KCAC allows 26 varsity playing dates, which is two less than the NAIA maximum of 28. A school may schedule a maximum of 26 varsity playing dates and 20 junior varsity playing dates in any one season. A two day tournament shall count as 2 playing dates. Post-season tournament play shall not be counted among the 26 playing dates. The KCAC Tournament is a post-season event.

Article 1 – Seasons

Sec. 1: The KCAC recognizes the official NAIA start date of Aug. 1 for all fall sports – specifically Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, Football, Men’s and Women’s Soccer, and Volleyball. Accordingly, all KCAC institutions may begin fall practice on Aug. 1. However, all KCAC fall sports will operate with the following restriction. A member institution is allowed 30 hours of contact prior to the Monday of the week in which September 1 falls. These 30 hours include all teaching of the sport, practicing, and strength training and conditioning (anything sport-specific related). Meetings involving orientation, rules, policies, guidelines, and checking out equipment are not included.

Sec. 2: One scrimmage date with an outside team or teams is allowed. This date can be used as early as the weekend (defined as Friday, Saturday or Sunday) prior to the Monday of the week in which September 1 falls. No other outside competition in the form of Varsity or JV matches is allowed prior to September 1st. An alumni game (not considered outside competition) is also allowed at any time during the season.

Sec. 3: The starting date for conference matches shall be no earlier than the Wednesday of the second week of September.

Sec. 4: The scheduling of conference matches shall be the responsibility of the coach or school representative and shall be finalized in the spring semester prior to the fall season.

Sec. 5: The school that initiates a change in the KCAC schedule must notify their Athletic Director after both volleyball coaches have agreed on a date and time. The Athletic Director will notify the Executive Council for approval.

Sec. 6: Out of Season Practice. A student-athlete shall be limited to 10 (60 minute per day) out of season practice sessions with no practices permitted on Sundays and shall be conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. A practice activity conducted by a coach is limited to classroom/office teaching, film review, and on the field/court technique work to include entire team.
2. Volleyballs can be used

A practice session shall not exceed 60 minutes per day and shall be limited to a total of 10 sessions of instruction and will be conducted between March 1 and May 1 with no practice sessions during spring break. Videotaping is permitted within the 10 practice sessions.

Article 2 – Number of Matches

Sec. 1: A school may schedule a maximum of 26 varsity playing dates and 20 junior varsity playing dates in any one season. A two day tournament shall count as 2 playing dates.

Sec. 2: Post-season tournament play shall not be counted among the 26 playing dates as outlined in Section 1. The KCAC Tournament is a post-season event.

Article 3 – Rules

Sec. 1: The Official NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations rule book shall be used. Rule books can be downloaded from the NCAA webpage.

A rule book can be purchased through the NCAA at 1-888-388-9748. The cost of the rule book is \$7.80 each.

*Note: The NAIA has adopted substitution rules that vary from the rule book.

Sec. 2: The official ball for conference play will be the NAIA-scarlet, white, and navy Tachikara SV-5W.

Sec. 3: The host school will provide warm-up balls for visiting teams. The mandatory procedure to be followed for pre-game protocol at the start of each conference match shall be:

Varsity Match preceded by a Junior Varsity match:

TIME		ACTION
6:00 p.m.	41 min.	warm-up available on court*/officials report
6:30		coin toss with captains
6:41	4 min.	visiting team court
6:45	4 min.	home team court
6:49	5 min.	visiting team court
6:54	5 min.	home team court
6:59	1 min.	team huddle/announcements
7:00		match begins with national anthem and introductions

Junior Varsity Match:

TIME		ACTION
5:00 p.m.	11 min.	warm-up available on court*/officials report
5:10		coin toss with captains
5:11	4 min.	visiting team court
5:15	4 min.	home team court
5:19	5 min.	visiting team court
5:24	5 min.	home team court
5:29	1 min.	team huddle/announcements
5:30		match begins

Times are adjustable for different starting times. For example, when a JV match with the same conference opponent delays the start of the varsity match.

Varsity Match not preceded by a Junior Varsity match:

TIME	ACTION
* Court must be available at 5:30 for 7 p.m. start time	
6:00	Shared Court
6:30	Captains Coin Toss
6:41	4 minutes, Visiting Team Court
6:45	4 minutes, Home Team Court
6:49	5 minutes, Visiting Team Court
6:54	5 minutes, Home Team Court
6:59	1 minute, Team Huddle & Starting Lineups

*Note: the NAIA recommends a minimum of 15 minutes private time available to visitors on the competition court prior to match protocol.

Sec. 4: Conference matches are scheduled for 7:00 pm on weekdays and 2:00 pm on Saturdays. Junior varsity matches (when played) begin at 5:30 pm on weekdays and 12:30 pm on Saturdays. Matches will begin no earlier than their scheduled time. When junior varsity

matches are played, varsity matches will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of the junior varsity match. A team may elect to schedule non-conference junior varsity matches prior to a conference varsity match when the scheduled conference opponent does not have a junior varsity program. However, these junior varsity matches must be scheduled in such a way that the match concludes 25 minutes prior to the scheduled varsity match starting time, allowing the conference varsity match to start at the scheduled time.

- Sec. 5: There will be a break lasting four minutes in length after the third game of all conference matches. Matches that are won or lost in the first three games of the match will not have a break. Teams are required to stay in the gym during this break and must be prepared to resume play at the end of the four-minute break.
- Sec. 6: A three-ball rotational system is mandatory for all conference matches. The host school must have three game balls and two ball retrievers available for all home matches.
- Sec. 7: Each host conference school needs to film for the visiting school. Each host school needs to provide two new tapes before the match. The copy will be provided to the visiting team before the visiting team departs.

Article 4 – Team Rosters

- Sec. 1: A copy of an official eligibility list must be sent to the appropriate Eligibility Chairperson prior to the first intercollegiate match of the season. When a name is added to the eligibility list, a copy of the addition must be sent to the appropriate chairperson before the athlete competes in an intercollegiate match.
- Sec. 2: Equipment managers, scorekeepers and other personnel assisting the squad shall not be considered players unless their names appear on the official.
- Sec. 3: All conference coaches are responsible for sending a current team roster to each coach and Sports Information Director of all competing KCAC schools by September 1.

Article 5 – Conference Alignment

- Sec. 1: Each member school must play each other member school within the conference twice each season. Member schools include: Bethany College (Lindsborg), Bethel College (North Newton), Friends University (Wichita), Kansas Wesleyan University (Salina), McPherson College (McPherson), Ottawa University (Ottawa), Southwestern College (Winfield), Sterling College (Sterling), Tabor College (Hillsboro), and University of Saint Mary (Leavenworth).
- Sec. 2: Conference play will be of double round-robin format with all matches consisting of a best-of-five-games match. Each member school will play each other member school once on their home court and once on their opponent's court. Rotation of conference matches shall be agreed upon by KCAC coaches. Changes from the yearly conference

schedule may be made by mutual agreement of participation schools. All changes should be stated in writing and submitted to the Coach and Athletic Director at each participating school.

Sec. 3: The conference statistician shall keep the official record of all matches. Each school via e-mail must report Conference statistics to the conference statistician each week. Upon completion of the season, the season's record for each team shall be sent to the conference statistician. Match results shall be reported by the host school to appropriate media personnel. The conference statistician will circulate weekly information to all coaches reporting statistics.

Sec. 4: A KCAC Player of the Week, KCAC Libero/Defensive Specialist of the Week and a KCAC Setter of the Week will be chosen from among nominations submitted to the KCAC Sports Information Director and the KCAC Statistician. Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form via SID Help. Submitting incomplete information will likely result in removing the nomination from consideration. The \ KCAC Volleyball Chair will be consulted in the event of a tie and will be the deciding vote.

Sec. 5: The KCAC Volleyball Assignor shall assign the officials for all scheduled matches. Officials holding a NAGWS rating shall be used whenever possible.

Article 6 – Conference Championship

Sec. 1: The final standing of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference double round-robin match play shall determine the regular season conference champion. In the event of a tie, co-champions will be named.

Sec. 2: A post-season KCAC Conference Tournament will be held to determine the KCAC automatic qualifier to the NAIA National Tournament. The conference tournament will begin on Saturday – one week prior to the NAIA Volleyball Qualification deadline. The tournament will then continue the following Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. All ten KCAC schools will compete in the post season tournament. The play-in round and quarterfinal round matches will be held at the home site of the higher seed. The semifinals and final will be played at the home site of the highest advancing seed from the quarterfinal matches in the tournament.

Seeding into the tournament will be determined by the regular season conference finish.

Sec. 2a: The tiebreaker format for seeding the KCAC Conference Tournament will be as follows:

1. Head to head competition.
2. Percentage of sets won of those played among tied teams. (Total sets won/total sets played.)
3. Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams. (Total points won/total points played.)

4. Percentage of total sets won in conference play.
5. Percentage of total points won in conference play.
6. Coin flip.

Note: Once any tie has been broken, this procedure will repeat from Step 1 to begin breaking any other ties.

Sec. 3: The format for KCAC Post Season play will consist of all ten conference schools being seeded into a single-elimination tournament. All matches will follow a best-of-five-games format.

In the first-round or “play-in round” of the tournament, all matches will be played at the home site of the higher seed. Seed #7 will host seed #10 and seed #8 will host seed #9 in with matches played at 7:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of the tournament.

Seeds 1-6 will draw byes until the quarterfinal matches to be held on Tuesday night. The #1 seed will host the winner of match between #8 and #9. Seed #2 will host the winner of match between #7 and #10. Seed #3 will host the #6 seed while seed #4 will host the #5 seed.

Upon completion of the quarterfinal matches, the tournament will be re-seeded to ensure the highest remaining seed will play the lowest remaining seed. The other semifinal will pair the other two remaining seeds. The semifinals will be played at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Friday and championship final will be played on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. All three of these matches will be played at the home site of the highest remaining seed advancing out of the quarterfinals.

The tournament winner claims the KCAC automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament.

Sec. 3a: Ticket sales for the post season tournament need to be sold until the end of game two at each host site.

Sec. 3b: Certified officials shall be paid to line and score at all tournament matches.

Sec. 3c: The KCAC Sports Information Director shall prepare the KCAC Volleyball Tournament Program for the post season tournament.

Sec. 4: A conference JV tournament may also be held when coaches desire. In the event that such a tournament is held, the site will be determined by participating coaches. A JV team electing to participate in the tournament must have played every other participating JV team at least once. Furthermore, any individual player participating in the JV conference tournament must have played in at least half of the regular season JV matches against conference opponents.

Article 7 – All-Conference Selections

Sec. 1: KCAC Volleyball coaches will select a first team All-KCAC consisting of 12 members. A second team All-KCAC or honorable mention team will be selected. Nominations must be made on the appropriate nomination form (the same form used for All-American nominations found in the NAIA Volleyball Coaches Handbook) and must be accompanied by a 3X5 black and white photo for forwarding on for All-American consideration. Nomination forms with statistics must be faxed to the KCAC Volleyball Chair by NOON the Friday before the KCAC Tournament. The meeting to vote for All-Conference selections will be held the Monday of the week that the KCAC Tournament is held.

Sec. 2: Post-season honors will be determined as follows:

1. Nominations accepted for first team only by each coach or representative of the institution in person.
2. Vote for first team from 12 down to 1 with 12 being the top vote getter and determined rankings of first team athletes based upon overall points. All unanimous are athletes listed on each ballot.
3. Player of the year will be voted on. The top 5 point getters are then voted on for player of the year.
4. Remove all names for first team and leave all others nominated for Honorable Mention. Then add additional nominations from all coaches and re-vote for Honorable Mention selections
5. If a defensive specialist/libero is not listed on the first team or honorable mention team, then a separate vote to add a defensive specialist of the year to the first team honors will be added. A coach cannot vote for their own player.
6. Freshman of the Year is nominated and voted separately. A coach can not vote for his/her own player.
7. Coach of the Year is voted on.

Article 8 – Duties of KCAC Volleyball Chair

Sec. 1: The KCAC Chair is:

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The duties of the volleyball chair are as follows:

1. Send a current copy of KCAC Volleyball Guidelines to each conference coach prior to the start of the season.
2. Work with commissioner in assigning officials by submitting a complete conference schedule.
3. Work with conference statistician on the reporting of appropriate statistics.
4. Organize and chair meetings of the KCAC Volleyball coaches.
5. Circulate a complete conference schedule to each KCAC coach upon completion of the schedule in spring.
6. Keep a record of meeting minutes and circulate after each meeting.
7. Serve as a focal point for communication among and between all KCAC volleyball coaches.

Sec. 2: The KCAC Rater is:

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