

## 505 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS 2017-18

### **505.1 FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP**

505.1.1 The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation shall be composed of a single division for play in the sport of volleyball.

#### 505.1.2 Federation Conference Schedule

**The 2018 Federation conference schedule shall consist of a 12-match format, playing home and away against each team.**

505.1.2.3 Any scheduling changes proposed after the schedule has been adopted must be mutually agreed upon by the institutions and the Federation's Executive Director. (6/11)

#### 505.1.3 Championship Tournament Format

The Federation Championship shall be determined by a single-elimination post-season tournament culminating **two Saturdays** prior to the NCAA Championships.

505.1.3.1 The site of the semifinal and final rounds of the championship tournament shall be at the home site of the top-seeded team after the conclusion of the conference season.

505.1.3.3 **All seven teams** shall compete in the championship tournament, **with seeds** determined on the basis of their Federation won-loss record after the conclusion of the conference schedule.

#### 505.1.3.4 Seeding

Teams participating in the championship tournament shall be seeded one through seven on the basis of their Federation **conference** records. (5/99)

#### 505.1.3.5 Privileges of the Top-Seeded Team

**The top-seeded team shall have a quarterfinal bye during the MPSF Championship Tournament (5/17)**

#### 505.1.3.6 Play-In Match

There shall be no play-in matches in the MPSF Championship Tournament. (5/08)

#### 505.1.3.7 Quarterfinal Tournament Matches

The number seven-seeded team shall compete at the home site of the number two-seeded team; the number six-seeded team shall compete at the home site of the number three-seeded team; and the number five-seeded team shall compete at the home site of the number four-seeded team. Quarterfinal matches shall start at the same time as the host institution's regular conference match start times. (5/08)

#### 505.1.3.8 Semifinal Tournament Matches

**The No. 1 seeded team after completion of the regular season shall host the MPSF championship semifinal and final matches.** Winners of the quarterfinal matches shall advance to the semifinal round at the home site of the MPSF's top-seeded team on the Thursday preceding Saturday's Federation Championship match. The **No. 1 seed will play the lowest remaining seed available. The other two remaining teams will compete in the other semifinal.** The start time of the semifinal matches shall be determined by the Federation's executive director in conjunction with the host institution, with priority given to television broadcast considerations. (5/08)

#### 505.1.3.9 Championship Match

Semifinal match winners shall advance to the MPSF Championship Match which will take place **two Saturdays prior to the** NCAA Tournament. The start time of the final match shall be determined by the Federation's executive director in conjunction with the host institution, with priority given to television broadcast considerations.

#### 505.1.3.10 Tiebreakers

Ties affecting the seeding for the MPSF Championship Tournament shall be broken by applying the following procedures in the order presented:

- The tie shall be considered broken as soon as one procedure produces a difference between or among the tied teams.
  - If a multiple tie has been broken and two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker will revert back to #A: head-to-head record comparison, then down the tiebreaker procedure until the remaining tie is broken.
  - If two or more teams remain tied, the process shall begin again with head-to-head and on down the list until all ties are broken. (5/01).
- A. Head-to-head record in MPSF conference matches play between tied teams.
  - B. Highest percentage of MPSF conference sets won in the matches played between tied teams.
  - C. Points scored divided by points allowed in MPSF conference matches between tied teams.
  - D. Percentage of sets won in all MPSF matches.
  - E. Total points scored in all MPSF matches divided by total points allowed in all MPSF matches.
  - F. Coin toss.

#### 505.1.3.11 Tournament Champion

The winner of the MPSF Championship Tournament will be the Federation Champion and receive the automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

#### **505.2 PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL** (4/02, 12/04, 5/05, 4/06, 9/07/, 1/08, 5/09, 5/10, 6/14)

The following pre-game time schedule shall be followed for all Federation volleyball matches: Courts shall be game ready with the net set up and available for both teams to begin pre-match warm-up ninety minutes (1½ hours) prior to the match start time. For one portion of the warm-up period, the court will be shared by both teams with each having one side. Coaches shall set-up their shared court warm-ups and jump serving with student-athlete safety in mind. Courtesy shall be provided to opponents during shared-court warm-ups. Note: With the express consent of the Executive Director, this protocol may be altered to accommodate television broadcast production requirements.

***See Pre-Match Countdown Protocol for a 7:00 p.m. match on the next page***

## PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL for 7:00pm start time:

<b>7:00 Start</b>	<b>Clock</b>	<b>Allotted Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
• 5:30 pm	90:00	30 minutes	Open court
• 6:00 pm	60:00	15 minutes	Ball control, own side of net, no balls crossing the net
• 6:15 pm	45:00	10 minutes	Serve and pass only, no stretching on court, no pepper
• <b>6:25 pm</b>	<b>35:00</b>		<b>Coin Toss with Clock Stopped</b>
• 6:25 pm	35:00	10 minutes	Visiting Team on Floor
• 6:35 pm	25:00	10 minutes	Home Team on Floor
• 6:45 pm	15:00	5 minutes	Visiting Team on Floor
• 6:50 pm	10:00	5 minutes	Home Team on Floor
• 6:55 pm	5:00	5 minutes	National Anthem, Team Introductions (international protocol)
• 7:00pm	0:00		Match Begins

### Notes:

1. Home team chooses its bench.
2. Coin Toss will take place 35 minutes prior to the match start time with clock stopped.
3. No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court.
4. National Anthem: International protocol shall be used for introduction of teams and officials and for the national anthem. All players shall line up at center court and face their respective benches with referees and linespersons in the middle between teams; team captains shall be on the 3-meter line with starting libero next in line followed by the remaining players by order of jersey number. When a team has two liberos, the second libero will be the last player in the team presentation line. After the anthem, players shall shake hands of the opposing team and return to their benches. Introductions shall commence with the visiting team announce first.
5. Each host institution shall have balls and carts on the court(s) at 90 minutes prior to the official start time of the match with the court in game-ready condition including nets.
6. The host institution SID shall provide visiting teams and officials with the official match itinerary/protocol prior to match.
7. The host institution SID will provide visiting team with a copy of the match scoresheet and box score immediately following the match and will immediately post the match result on that institution's website and convey the results to the MPSF's volleyball media relations contact Darren Preston at [dp725@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dp725@sbcglobal.net).
8. Host institutions shall provide 30 properly inflated balls and two ball carts, or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.
9. Intermissions: allowed, not mandated. MPSF members shall declare whether an intermission will take place at their home matches or not. It is inappropriate for an institution to have an intermission for one opponent but not others.
10. Celebrations or promotions such as Senior Night, etc., must start promptly at 7:00pm or the designated match start time, and will be limited to no more than five minutes maximum. Activities of longer duration may take place at the end of the match. Such events shall be noted on the game itinerary and the opposing coach shall be notified 24 hours in advance.

*Any changes to above protocol must be approved by both coaches and the conference office no later than one- week prior to the match and will be noted on the pre-match itinerary distributed to both head coaches, the officials, the scorer's table and game management personnel.*

### ***Time Outs shall be 90 seconds in duration with a warning whistle to be blown at 75 seconds.***

- Each team shall receive two timeouts of 90-seconds per set.
- There shall be a media timeout in sets 1 through 4 when the first team reaches 15 points.
- In set 5, the media timeout will be taken when the first team reaches 8 points.
- The media timeout (90 seconds) will be cancelled if either team calls a timeout prior to the scheduled media timeout. If media determines a time out is not necessary both teams shall defer to the producer's decision.
- The timing of timeouts shall be worked out with attendant media (including TV, radio and internet) and a timeline shall be provided to participating teams in a pre-match itinerary sheet.

***MEDIA TIMEOUTS – see additional information ADDENDUM #1***

### **505.3 GAME BALLS**

#### **505.3.1 Official MPSF Ball**

The Molten V5M5000-3N NCAA Flistatec is the official ball of the Federation.

#### **505.3.2 Balls, Carts Available for Warm-ups**

The host institution shall provide 30 balls (same brand and inflation as game balls) and two ball carts on the court(s) at 5:30pm or one and one-half hours prior to the official match start time; or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall also provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.

### **505.4 BALL ROTATION**

505.4.1 The following three-ball rotation system shall be used in all Federation volleyball matches.

1. A different ball is used for each rally.
2. The two balls not in play are held by the ball person in the right back position, one on each side of the court.
3. Balls are circulated to the person in right back who does not have a ball during play. Balls are always rolled from corner to middle to corner. This circulation is done as fast and as inconspicuously as possible.
4. When not chasing or rolling balls shaggers should place themselves out of sight lines of spectators.

### **505.5 TRAVEL REGULATIONS**

#### **505.5.1 Squad-size**

The squad limit for Federation conference volleyball matches shall be limited to fourteen (14) eligible student athletes, **both at home and on the road.** (5/08, 6/09)

#### **505.5.2 Player Limitations**

During regular season MPSF Conference Matches, only the 14 players designated on the e-scoresheet are allowed to play, however for the home team there is no limit as to how many players may be on the bench or allowed to warm-up.

*Notes:*

- 1. For MPSF Conference matches on the road, teams may not travel more than 14 student-athletes.*
- 2. If a road trip involves both a conference and non-conference match, teams may not suit-up more than 14 student-athletes for the conference match.*

#### **505.5.3 Player Limitations – Championship Tournament**

For MPSF Men's Volleyball Championship play only, players may serve in a non-playing capacity. Teams shall be allowed to suit-up 15 student-athletes for official pre-match warm-ups and championship competition, however, the bench limit is restricted to a maximum of 21 total participants, including all coaches and staff. The playing roster for that match must be declared to the tournament director at the time. (5/08) (6/11)

##### **505.5.3.1 Non-Roster Player Limitations – Championship Tournament**

Players and staff of the traveling or host teams who are not eligible to compete or who are not designated as a member of the 21-participant competition squad (bench roster) must be in the spectator section of the stands and shall not be allowed to change sides with their teams. Non-roster players and staff are not allowed to sit with their teams or be in the vicinity of their team's bench. Non-roster players and staff shall not be issued participant credentials. Players, team staff members, coaches

and event management staff who do not immediately comply with this regulation are subject to immediate removal from the venue by MPSF or host event management staff. (5/16)

#### **505.6 OFFICIALS**

505.6.1 All match officials and linespersons shall be assigned by the Federation's coordinator of volleyball officials. (9/93)

#### **505.7 SCOREKEEPERS AND MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTORS**

505.7.1 All MPSF men's volleyball institutions shall use the NCAA electronic scoresheet. (6/11)

505.7.2 The host institution shall provide the NCAA statistical form and scoresheet to the visiting team within one-half hour of the end of the match. The host institution must post the box score on its athletic department website after each home match. (4/02)

#### **505.7.3 Game Statistics**

The host institution shall provide at least two competent adults (not redshirts) per team (total of four) knowledgeable of NCAA volleyball statistics to keep the game stats.

#### **505.8 SCOUTING**

505.8.1 No Federation member participating in the sport of men's volleyball shall be allowed to give or receive scouting information about a Federation member with any Non-Federation opponent. (1/99)

#### **505.8.2 Videotaping of Tournament Matches**

If the Federation Championship Tournament or a portion of the Championship takes place at a single site, all participants may videotape all matches at that site. (5/01)

#### **505.8.3 Videotape Exchange**

Coaches shall abide by the current policy and guidelines established for video exchange. (5/10)

#### **505.8.4 In-Person Scouting (9/06) (5/10)**

505.8.4.1 In-person scouting of opponents in any match involving MPSF teams is not allowed.

#### **505.8.4.2 Exceptions to 505.8.4.1:**

- a. Teams participating in tournaments may scout in-person any opponents in that tournament.
- b. When a team's season is concluded coaches from that team may watch matches.

505.8.4.3 Sanctions for violation of this policy will be reviewed by the MPSF Commissioner's office.

505.8.4.4. No information derived from in-person scouting shall be received by coaches from any source. Student-athletes may watch matches in which they are not participating, but may not scout in any manner. (5/09) (5/10)

#### **505.9 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

505.9.1 Complimentary tickets or press box credentials for the purpose of opponent scouting are prohibited in the sports of men's volleyball per NCAA Bylaw 11.6.2.2.

#### 505.9.2 Number of Complimentary Tickets

A total of forty (40) complimentary tickets for seats shall be provided for the visiting team in volleyball. Under no circumstance are any of these 40 tickets to be resold. (4/02) (5/05) (5/10)

#### 505.9.3 Championship Credentials for Coaches

During MPSF Championship semifinal and finals matches, each MPSF head coach shall receive two all-access credentials with access to the host institution's hospitality area. For MPSF quarterfinal matches, non-participating coaches shall receive two general admission tickets each available at will call. Coaches shall email the host institution's tournament director one day prior to the match. (4/06) (6/11)

### **505.10 UNIFORMS**

505.10.1 For televised matches, the home team in all Federation volleyball matches must wear light colored jerseys, while the visiting team must wear dark colored jerseys unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in advance by the two institutions' Directors of Athletics or their designees.

505.10.2 For conference matches, the home team shall wear light colored uniforms and traveling teams shall wear dark colored uniforms unless otherwise agreed upon by the coaches. (5/15)

### **505.11 CONTRACTS**

505.11.1 There shall be no financial guarantees between institutions in Conference volleyball contracts.

### **505.12 GAME MANAGEMENT**

505.12.1 During matches spectators may not change sides with their teams. (4/02)

505.12.2 Event managers shall make an explicit effort to introduce themselves to all members of the officiating crew so they are aware of the institution's contact person in the event of need during a contest. Game managers shall make themselves readily available at all times during contests. (5/09)

505.12.3 Event managers shall provide a 10-minute period after each match where spectators are not allowed on the court in order for teams to warm down without distraction or interference. (5/10)

### **505.13 HOST INSTITUTION CHAMPIONSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

505.13.1 The top-seeded team remaining after the quarter-final round shall host the semifinals and finals matches which determine the Federation volleyball champion. Prior to the semifinal round, the host institution shall produce a participant manual based on the Federation's tournament handbook and championship regulations.

505.13.1.1 Host institutions shall work well in advance to secure 14-room blocks for visiting teams advancing to the quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds. Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the host institution for the championship. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, it must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager; or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms. There shall be no opportunity for appeal should a traveling team not abide by the conditions of this policy.

505.13.2 Alcohol shall not be sold during MPSF Championship events.

#### **505.14 GAME DAY PRACTICES**

If the visiting team requests practice time for the day prior to the contest the home team shall make every attempt to provide or arrange for practice time in the game (or other suitable) facility. Requests must be made a minimum of three weeks prior to the contest. If the visiting team requests practice time for the day of the contest the home team must accommodate them in the game facility for a minimum of one hour. If the game facility is not available for the visiting team but time is reserved for the home team then the home team shall either share time with the visitors or use the alternate site as well. The visiting team should contact the home team as soon as is possible if it intends to cancel any practice time that has been reserved. Practice shall be closed to all rostered staff and student-athletes from the opposing team. (5/13)

#### **Addendum # 1**

##### **MPSF MVB Media Timeouts**

It has always been the philosophy of this group to accommodate media in order to promote the sport. In the spirit of this philosophy, legitimate requests for media time outs will be granted. Officials working MPSF matches have been instructed to accommodate such requests, regardless if the request is coming from media working home or road matches. For example, when Hawaii is at home, they have media time outs during the first four sets when the 15<sup>th</sup> point is scored whether or not a previous time out is utilized by either team. MPSF officials have been directed to accommodate this procedure when UH is at home and when media is traveling with the team on the road. This same policy applies to any MPSF team at home or when traveling.