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505 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

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 Federation conference schedule shall consist of double-round robin play and include two games on a home and home basis with each member institution.

505.1.2.1 With the exception of the series against either Brigham Young University or the University of Hawaii, institutions will play a home and home schedule against the other teams.

505.1.2.2 Each team's series against either Brigham Young University or the University of Hawaii will rotate home sites annually.

505.1.3 Championship Tournament Format

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

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

505.1.3.3 The top-eight teams shall compete in the Championship Tournament as determined on the basis of their Federation won-loss record after the conclusion of the double-round robin conference schedule.

505.1.3.4 Seeding

Teams participating in the Championship Tournament shall be seeded one through eight on the basis of their overall Federation records. (5/99)

505.1.3.5 Privileges of the Top-Seeded Team

The top-seeded shall have a quarterfinal bye, and shall host the semifinal and championship matches on the Thursday and Saturday, respectively, immediately prior to the NCAA Tournament.

505.1.3.6 Play-In Match

The number eight seed and the number seven seed shall compete in a play-in match at the home site of the number seven-seeded team on the Wednesday evening after the final weekend of Federation competition.

505.1.3.7 Quarterfinal Tournament Matches

The winner of the play-in match shall advance to quarterfinal play where it shall compete at the home site of the number two 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.

505.1.3.8 Semifinal Tournament Matches

The winners of the quarterfinal matches shall advance to the semifinal round at the home site of the number one-seeded team. The lowest remaining seed will play the highest remaining seed in the semifinals on the Thursday preceding the Saturday of the Federation Championship match. The semifinal match winners shall advance to the Federation Championship match. 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.

505.1.3.9 Championship Match

The Championship Match will take place on the Saturday evening preceding 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

In the event of a two-way tie for any seeding position in the Championship Tournament, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. If the two tied teams are from different divisions, the winner of the tied regular season match will receive the higher seed.
- B. If the two tied teams are from the same division, the winner of the tied teams' Federation series will receive the higher seed.
- C. If the two tied teams split their Federation Series, then the team with the best overall MPSF match record within their division will receive the higher seed.
- D. If still tied, then the team with the best overall MPSF record against all other MPSF tournament qualifiers will receive the higher seed.
- E. If still tied, then the team with the best overall MPSF match record against all tournament qualifiers from their division will receive the higher seed.

F. If still tied, then the team with the best percentage of games won in all MPSF matches will be the higher seed.

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)

The following pre-game time schedule shall be followed for all Federation volleyball matches: One and a half hours prior to match time, if the court is game ready with the net set up and available for both teams to begin pre-match warm-up, the coaches agree to split time on the court. For one portion of the warm-up period, the court will be shared by both teams with each having one side. During this initial warm-up period, hitting may be done from a team's middle court to its own left sideline. Quick sets may only be hit within 10 feet of a team's left sideline. The setter should be clearly in the left half of his team's court during the shared hitting portion of the warm-up period. Coaches must set-up their shared court warm-ups with student-athlete safety in mind. The following is the pre-match countdown for a 7:00 p.m. p.m. match: (4/02)

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

- 5:30-6:00pm Coaches agreement to split time if facility available
- 6:00-6:15pm Visiting Team
- 6:15-6:30pm Home Team
- 6:30-6:40pm Shared Court
- *Insert Pre-match celebrations lasting no longer than 5-minutes here**
- 6:40-6:47.30pm Visiting Team
- 6:47.30-6:55pm Home Team
- 6:55-7:00pm National Anthem and Home/Visiting Team introductions
- 7:00pm Match Start (or delayed five minutes for celebration event)

Notes:

1. Home team chooses bench
2. Coin toss will take place 30 minutes prior to the match start time.
3. Home team will provide visiting team and officials with official match itinerary/protocol*
4. No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court.
5. The host institution shall have balls and carts on the court(s) at 5:30pm or one and one-half hours prior to the official match start time.
6. Each host institution will provide 30 balls and two ball carts, 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.
7. 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 more than 24 hours in advance.

**Any changes to above protocol must be approved by both the opposing coach and the conference office at least 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.*

- Box Scores: All teams will post box scores on their websites after each home match.
- Time Outs: All times will be 75 seconds in duration unless altered by television broadcast needs.

505.3 Game Balls

505.5.3.1 Official MPSF Ball

The Molten V58L is the official ball of the Federation.

505.5.3.2 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

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

505.3.1 Squad-size

The total traveling squad for Federation volleyball matches shall be limited to thirteen (13) eligible student athletes. (5/05)

505.3.2 Player Limitations

During the regular and conference seasons, Federation teams shall not be allowed to travel players over the thirteen (13) limit and have them serve in non-playing capacity (i.e., team manager, assistant trainer, scorer, etc.).

505.3.3 For MPSF Men's Volleyball Championship play only, player's may serve in a non-playing capacity. Teams shall only be allowed to suit-up 13 student-athletes for

official pre-match warm-ups. The playing roster for that match must be declared to the tournament director at the time.

505.6 Officials

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

505.7 Scorekeepers and Sports Information Directors

505.6.1 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)

505.6.2 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

505.7.1 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)

505.7.2 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)

505.7.3 Videotape Exchange

Coaches shall abide by the videotape exchange policy whereby each MPSF head coach may request up to two (2) videotapes of matches from each MPSF institution during the playing year excluding playoffs, and other details, as specified by the Federation's videotape exchange policy.

505.9 Complimentary Tickets

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.

505.8.1 Number of Complimentary Tickets

A total of thirty (30) complimentary tickets for seats shall be provided for the visiting team in volleyball. Under no circumstance are any of these 30 tickets to be resold. (4/02) (5/05)

505.10 Uniforms

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.

505.11 Contracts

There shall be no financial guarantees between institutions in Conference volleyball contracts except for matches at the University of Hawaii.

505.12 Game Management

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

505.13 Host Institution Championship Responsibilities

The top-seeded team shall host the semifinals and finals matches to 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. The host institution shall also work well in advance to secure the necessary accommodations for those teams advancing to the semifinal and final rounds.