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1. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Each championship team can declare up to fourteen (14) players from their most recently submitted U SPORTS Eligibility Form. A championship roster must be submitted at the Technical meeting. Teams may dress any fourteen (14) of these players for each championship game. All team members in uniform may warm-up with the team.

Note: Changes to the roster can be made by the Head Coach up to 1 hour prior to the first game of the championship. Once the 1 hour window has passed, no changes can be made to the declared roster. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to contact the U SPORTS Delegate on-site to make the final changes as per the timelines above.

2. TEAM BENCH

A team can have a maximum of 22 people in the bench area including athletes, coaches and support staff. All team members who do not appear on the score sheet but are present on the team bench must appear in matching team tops, excluding playing uniforms, as per the dress code (see 5.3).

Note: Any team member above the 22 is considered a spectator and will sit in the stands.

3. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 TEAMS

The composition of the eight (8) team format shall include:

- Canada West Representative
- OUA Representative
- RSEQ Representative
- Atlantic University Sport Representative
- Host (**McMaster University**)
- **2 assigned** berths Canada West
- **1 assigned** berth OUA

(Refer to Policy 20.20.4.13 for more details.)

3.2 IDENTIFICATION (N/A)

3.3 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY (N/A)

3.4 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES (N/A)

3.5 INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (N/A)

3.6 TEAM ENTRIES (N/A)

3.7 TEAM RANKINGS (N/A)

4. COMPETITION

4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The U SPORTS Championship shall have a total of eleven (11) matches taking place over three (3) days. There will be eight (8) teams in a quarterfinal knockout format that includes a 3rd place match and a consolation 5th place match, but no 7th place match.



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4.2 SELECTION, SEEDING, DRAWS, POOLS, TRIALS AND HEATS

4.2.1 SEEDING COMMITTEE

1. Chairperson: A non-voting U SPORTS Office staff member.
2. Members: One voting representative from each Sport Conference represented in the championship, appointed by and accountable to their Sport Conference and to the coaches group. The representatives need not be an active U SPORTS coach. Representatives must provide emergency contact information and alternative representative contact information. The President of the Men's Volleyball Coaches Executive will provide to the U SPORTS Office, no later than two weeks prior to the conference call, the names and contact information for the Sport Conferences representatives (alternate must be named in case the coaches team has qualified for the U SPORTS Championship).

Note: If a Sport Conference does not have an elected coach representative, the President of the Coaches Executive will appoint a representative.

3. President of the Men's Volleyball Coaches Executive: The President of the Coaches Executive will take part in the conference call and shall only vote in the case of a tie. Should the President be the coach of a team that has qualified for the championship, the President shall make a recommendation to the Coaches Executive Committee as to whom the appropriate person would be to sit on the seeding selection conference call. The Coaches Executive Committee will ratify the recommendation or decide on another replacement. The President will be responsible for contacting the U SPORTS Office to notify them of his/her designate. The President or designate will be responsible for answering any questions participating teams have after the seeding decision has been taken (i.e.: rationale).

4.2.2 SEEDING CRITERIA

The purpose of the seeding call is to first determine the seeding of teams participating in the championship. Seeding is defined as reflecting current strength of the 8 teams qualified for the championship. The VRS system (volleyball ranking system) will be used to seed the teams. Process includes the following two steps:

1. Teams will be seeded 1-8 using the VRS system, however conference champions must be seeded between 1-6

The following seeding principle must be respected in the final determination of the championship draw:

1. Results of regional playoffs must be respected (order of finish).
2. Conference champions must be seeded in the top 6 spots (1 through 6).

The VRS will consider the following:

- Team's record
- Record of opponents



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- Record of opponents' opponents
- Playoff record
- Outcome of the match – in set terms ie. 3:0, 3:1, 3:2
- When the match was played – half-life over 90 days
- Where the match was played – home, away, neutral
- Conference vs. non-conference – ½ weighted for non-conference games.

4.2.3 SEEDING PROCEDURES

2. The conference call will be scheduled for Sunday prior to the Championship following the last Sport Conference championship. The date and time to be circulated with a list of all representatives and alternates with contact information two weeks prior to the championship. The expected time until modified will be Sunday 7pm EST.
3. The committee shall aim for consensus on the seeding decisions. Preliminary (straw votes) voting/ranking may occur at any point during the discussion. Final, formal voting should only occur when all representatives are ready to do so. Applicants shall be considered and ranked on each criteria individually, then on the overall view for final voting.
4. Immediately following the conference call, the U SPORTS office will release the final seeding and schedule.
5. The U SPORTS Office will provide the championship day 1 match-ups to a game tape exchange provider immediately following the seeding call to ensure access to game footage is available to the appropriate schools. A minimum of two weeks prior to conference playoffs, detailed instructions will be provided to Regional Association Offices re the uploading of game film for conference playoffs.
6. There shall be no appeal of decisions regarding seeding.
7. Any member institution that releases this information prior to the embargo established by the U SPORTS office will be fined \$500.00.

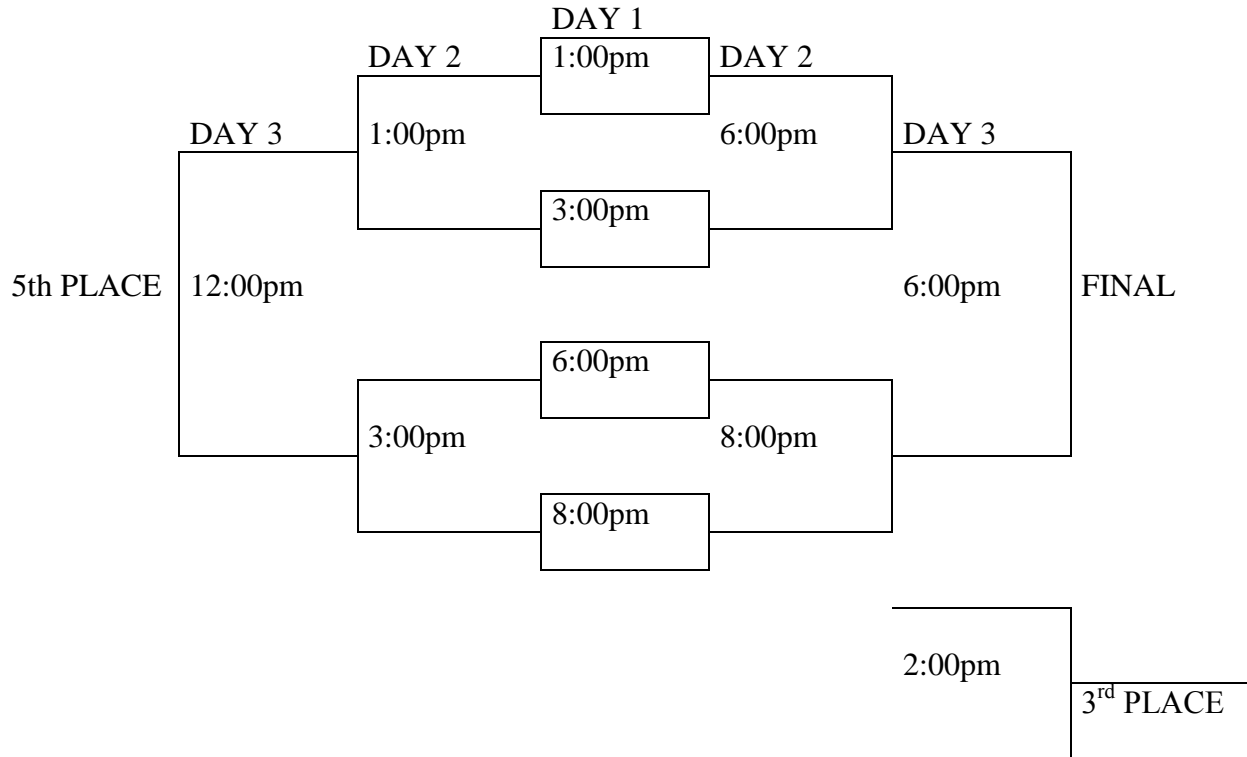


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4.2.4 DRAW



1. Placement of the eight teams in the draw shall be based on the strength and performance of the eight teams involved as determined by the Seeding Committee.
2. To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e. 1 vs. 8 and 4 vs. 5 must always stay together and 2 vs. 7 and 3 vs. 6 must always stay together) so that common rest times are protected.
3. Without affecting the integrity of the draw, games in the upper half of the draw can be switched to accommodate travel and time zone adjustment (i.e. Canada West teams traveling East). If the teams playing are not impacted by the time zone change then there can be no switching of game times.
4. If the Host team wins their quarterfinal match, they may have the option to play their semi-final at either 6:00 or 8:00 pm on the second day. This option must be declared no later than the second championship bulletin.

4.3 FORMULAS AND FORMAT

The eight (8) team championship format shall be as follows:

- 1 vs. 8
- 4 vs. 5
- and
- 2 vs. 7
- 3 vs. 6



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4.4 PROCEDURES AND PROTESTS

During U SPORTS National Championship, a judges' conference can be held on the request of the affected team, or the Match Referee Supervisor.

Appeals to a Judges' Conference

The head coach of a team participating in the match and/or the Match Referee Supervisor may at any moment during the match, as soon as he/she notices a violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game, or an improper situation or decision not in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game, or a violation to the U SPORTS Regulations request a Judges' Conference.

Such cases must refer to:

- a) An improper decision by the referee, who did not apply the rules or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions. (e.g. the application of a 2nd yellow card to a player, or finishing a match or the set because of application of the wrong sequence of actions)
- b) An improper decision of the scorer, who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score (e.g. extra point added/ point missed etc..)

Improper cases

- a) A referee's decision, which sanctions a playing action or misconduct, cannot be considered as a proper case
- b) The coach who submits an improper case will be sanctioned by:
 - 1) First Improper Request: Penalty- A point and service to the opponent
 - 2) Second Improper Request: Sanction- Coach leaves the playing area and stays in the penalty area for the remainder of the set Should no penalty box be available, the Match Referee Supervisor and U SPORTS Representative shall decide on the appropriate area.
 - 3) Third Improper Request: Sanction- Disqualification- Coach leaves the Competition Control Area for the remainder of the match

Agreement of the complaint

The Match Referee Supervisor examines the complaint and, if it is valid according to the Rules of the Game, a judges' conference is convened with the Championship Management Committee

4.5 SCHEDULES OR ORDER OF EVENTS

- 4.5.1 The U SPORTS Championship shall be held Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Friday, Saturday, Sunday at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee. Host must declare at least 6 months in advance of the championship.
- 4.5.2 The U SPORTS Championship shall have official opening and closing ceremonies. Opening ceremonies may be included, where possible, as part of a banquet or reception prior to the U SPORTS Championship. Opening ceremonies shall be limited in duration



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to fifteen minutes. The latest the awards ceremony/banquet should be held is the morning prior to the first day of competition.

- 4.5.3 For the final day of competition, the Host may request to either have the finals scheduled for the afternoon or evening, depending upon optional promotional possibilities. The Host is to request this from the U SPORTS office and the Coaches Executive by February 1st annually.

Note: Any change in the championship schedule must be submitted to the President of the Coaches Executive.

4.6 GAME TIMES

The following are the suggested playing times for all matches:

1:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, and 8:00pm.

Game times of finals may change due to television coverage.

First Day

The pairings will be based on the Top Ten Committees decision in the form as presented in section 4.3.

The Host team will play the 6:00 or 8:00 pm match. If the Host plays the 6:00 pm match their potential semi-final opponent will play the 8:00 pm match. If the Host plays the 8:00 pm match their potential semi-final opponent will play the 6:00 pm match.

Second Day

Consolation semi-finals start at:

1:00 pm Losers of 2 vs. 7 and 3 vs. 6

3:00 pm Losers of 1 vs. 8 and 4 vs. 5

Championship Semi-Finals:

Semi-Final #1: winners of 1PM and 3PM Quarter Final Games

Semi-Final #2: winners of 6PM and 8PM Quarter Final Games

Semi-Finals will take place at 6PM and 8PM respectively.

Third Day

1:00 pm 5th and 6th place match

3:00 pm Bronze medal match

6:00 pm Gold medal match

Medal presentation: Shall follow immediately after the respective medal match.

Note: The schedule must provide three (3) hours between the start of the 3rd place match and the start of the championship game.

4.7 PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS



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- 4.7.1 Allocation of practice times on the day prior to the championship will be based on championship seeding – higher seed has choice. Each participating team will receive 45 minutes on a warm up court and 45 minutes on the championship game court, where possible.
- 4.7.2 For the first round of practice times at the championship the higher seed has the choice of the 2 time slots allocated. It is the Host's responsibility to see that this process is adhered to. For the 2nd and 3rd round of practice times, the team that played the earlier match will receive the earlier practice time.
Practice times on Day 2 and Day 3 of the championship will only be available to the four (4) teams playing in the winners bracket of the championship.
- 4.7.3 Due to the competition schedule on Day 3, practice times may be limited to 30 minutes on the competition court.
- 4.7.4 Access (including visual access) to the gym during practices times shall be restricted to the appropriate championship personnel and the participating teams scheduled to practice.
- 4.7.5 The serve and pass time as part of the pre-game warm-up can be extended beyond the 45 minutes prior to match time, if both participating coaches agree (would only impact the first game of the day). If both coaches do not agree, it would remain at 45 minutes. If both coaches agree, it could be extended up to 10 minutes provided the Host can accommodate.
- 4.7.6 The minimum total match warm-up will be twenty-five (25) minutes, including 5 and 5 and introductions. The schedule will be twenty-five (25) minutes on the clock for ball warm-up upon court availability after completion of previous game. At ten (10) minutes the 5 and 5 warm-up will start. At three (3) minutes the introduction of starting members and head coaches only of both teams will start. Note: 25 minutes of warm-up will be provided regardless of size or location of warm-up court/facility.
- 4.7.7 No warm-up using balls shall begin in the same gym when a match is in progress.
- 4.7.8 Team members may not handle a ball in the opponent's court or in the opponent's free space within 45 minutes prior to the match start time except for between the 4th and 5th sets.
- 4.7.9 The number of players that are warming up in the warm up area are up to the coaches discretion.
- 4.8 OVERTIME AND TIME-OUTS
- 4.8.1 Up to 5 minute promotional time may be used by the Host institution between games 2 and 3. If this time is to be used, the details must be given to the coaches at the participating coaches meeting. At the discretion of the coaches, teams may leave the gymnasium between the 2nd and 3rd set. There will be no entertainment on the court between the 4th and the 5th set.
- 4.8.2 The time between all games shall be three (3) minutes.
- 4.8.3 There will be in sets 1 to 4 an automatic 60-second technical time-out when the first team reaches 16 points (if the championship is being broadcast on national television, there may be a technical time-out at 8 points for broadcast purposes.) Teams must use the full time. Each coach will have two (2) other discretionary 30-second time outs to be utilized



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at any time. In the 5th set, there will be only two (2) discretionary 30-second time outs per team.

- 4.8.4 During time outs, players must go to bench area and all members of the team may participate in the time-out discussion. During the break between the 4th and 5th set, teams who chose to use the net for hitting must hit towards the side of the court they will occupy at the start in the 5th set.

4.9 TIE-BREAKING

In the case of a 14-14 tie in the deciding set, play is continued until a two-point lead is reached. There is no point limit.

4.10 SCORING AND STANDARDS

Host committees are required to use an electronic score sheet.

A copy of the officially completed score sheet shall be given to each participating coach immediately following completion of the match.

The scoring system (25 pts/game format in FIVB rules) shall be used.

4.11 RECORDS AND STATISTICS (N/A)

5. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY

5.1 BALL

The official ball for the U SPORTS Championship will be Mikasa MVA 200.

5.2 RECORDING

5.2.1 FIRST ROUND OPPONENT

First round opponents must exchange recordings of their last two (2) matches prior to the Championship. The recording must be uploaded to the U SPORTS game tape exchange provider no later than Monday at 12:00 pm EST. Teams will have access to their opponents game film for downloading only once both teams have completed the upload process. Note: View must be from the end of the court with the entire court visible on screen, but close enough that jersey numbers are clearly visible. No on-screen displays may interfere with visibility.

5.2.2 HOST REQUIREMENT

The Host is responsible for providing a digital master copy of all matches to be made available to all participating teams. The Host must provide a centered end line view a minimum of 10 feet above floor level with an unobstructed view. The Host must articulate the distribution process in the championship information bulletin.



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In addition, participating teams require space to record games. In venues where space is limited, the priority for camera placement beyond the Host camera will be:

- 1- Next opponent
- 2- Participants
- 3- Others

5.3 UNIFORMS

- 5.3.1 U SPORTS reserves the right to require participants in a U SPORTS Championship to wear a U SPORTS logo on their uniforms. These logos will be provided to each team in advance of the championship. The logo must be placed on the top, right chest area of each uniform.
- 5.3.2 The playing numbers of each participant shall be submitted with the roster. The players are then restricted to these numbers except under extenuating circumstances.
- 5.3.3 The location of the numbers in the centre front of the jersey is not required.
- 5.3.4 All institutions must comply with FIVB rules as it relates to the size of number on the playing jersey (15 cm on front and 20 cm on back). Violations must be recorded on the scoresheet and reported to the Technical Chair. Non-conformity may result in a fine as per the non-compliance policy.
Note: U SPORTS jerseys will however maintain the numbering of 1 to 20 and not apply the FIVB rules as it relates to numbering beyond 20.
- 5.3.5 The libero must wear a jersey of contrasting colour but does not have to be on the same design as the other team uniforms.
- 5.3.6 The dress code regulations for all coaches, team staff, delegates and participants in the U SPORTS Championship shall be implemented as per the following.

The dress code is intended to provide guidelines for all coaches, team staff, delegates and participants in the U SPORTS Championship, in terms of their chosen attire while in competition.

Acceptable attire includes:

1. Team-wear, including warm-up suits, collared shirts and sweaters, etc.
2. Business-wear, including suits, jackets, shirt & tie, sweaters, vests, etc.

Recognizing that the intent of the coaches group in adopting this dress code is to enhance the professional image of coaching and U SPORTS.

Unacceptable attire includes:

1. Casual / informal wear, including jeans, t-shirts, shorts, non-matching sweats, etc.

Failure to adhere to the dress code shall result in one of the following (as determined by the Coaches Executive):

1. Warning / Reprimand / Probation
2. Loss of Membership within the coaches group



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3. Fine levied by Coaches Executive
4. Submission to Sport Committee as breach of regulations

5.4 BIBS, SOCKS, SHIRT COLOR, TIGHTS AND TOWELS

- 5.4.1 At the Technical meeting prior to the championship, the coaches shall designate uniform colors. Uniforms must be of contrasting colors (black and red would be contrasting colors. Black and navy blue or dark green would NOT be contrasting colors). In case of conflict, the higher ranked team shall determine light and dark designations. Uniforms for Day 2 and Day 3 shall be determined by the coaches involved following the higher ranked team method as team matchups are decided.
- 5.4.2 The application of **FIVB** rule 7.1. will be applied (winner of the coin toss prior to each game, will have choice of bench). There will be no "home" bench declared. The Host team will however be the Home team on the score clock for all their games. The designation of the home team for all other matches will follow this prioritized list:
 1. Highest ranking Host Sport Conference team.
 2. Highest ranking team.
- 5.4.3 If a player is removing moisture from the playing surface, the officials will wait until this action is satisfactorily completed and players have returned to position before resuming play.
- 5.4.4 Any player who impedes the resumption of play under the pretext of drying the floor is liable for a delay warning. In the case of recurrence in the same set, by any member of the same team, a delay penalty will apply as many times as the delay occurs.

5.5 HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS (N/A)

5.6 CAPTAIN'S IDENTIFICATION

It is not mandatory to have the bar under the number of the captain's jersey.

Note: The Libero may be captain.

5.7 DEPTH CHARTS (N/A)

5.8 SPOTTER PHONES (N/A)

5.9 FACILITY AND MEET REQUIREMENTS

- 5.9.1 An announcer shall be used for all matches at the U SPORTS Championship where one centre court is in use.
- 5.9.2 The format of introductions should include the entire roster being introduced during the 5 and 5 and the starting 6 running to their respective end lines just prior to the beginning of the match (as per this year's starting intros).
- 5.9.3 Official nets in accordance with the **FIVB** Rule Book shall be used for the championship.
- 5.9.4 Courts shall comply with minimum specifications as outlined in the current **FIVB** Rule Book.
- 5.9.5 Taraflex to be used as the official floor of the U SPORTS Men's Volleyball Championship wherever possible.



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- 5.9.6 When the court lines (boundary as well as internal) are not readily visible, the host institution must highlight these lines by either:
1. Highlighting the line itself by some means such as tape, etc.; or
 2. Highlighting by extending the width of the line into the court or by painting a four-inch border in a contrasting colour inside the court itself.
- 5.9.7 Where the court is highlighted, the highlight lines must not be added on the outside of the volleyball court.
- 5.9.8 The official visual score clock is to be used for time outs (60 seconds) and between game periods (three minutes between all games).
- 5.9.9 If videoboards are available within the competition venue: During play (once R1 signals for service) the videoboard will only have
- (i) the score of the game (if applicable) and/or
 - (ii) corporate partners logos (if applicable) and/or
 - (iii) statistics (if applicable) and/or
 - (iv) the live video game feed (if applicable).
- Note 1: Where possible any static images should not be on a bright background.

Note 2: There can be no images flashing, commercials or anything considered to be distracting for the athletes while the ball is in play (from the time R1 signals for service until the play is dead) similar to when music is permitted to be played.

6. RULES

The **FIVB** Rule Book for the current year shall be adopted as the basis for the U SPORTS championship in that year taking into consideration the U SPORTS exceptions below. The English version of the **FIVB** Rule Book shall prevail in cases of discrepancies in interpretation.

1. The **FIVB** blood rule will be used. See Section 11.1 for blood rule
2. Coaches can declare 0, 1 or 2 liberos and change their designation each set of the match. See Appendix 11.2 for further information regarding the libero rule for U SPORTS competition
3. Rule 21.3.2.1 of the FIVB rulebook (penalty box) shall be removed.
4. The head coach can sit anywhere on the bench but all time-outs and substitutions are to be requested by the coach from the normal position at the end of the bench as per the FIVB rulebook.
5. In the event that the setter, in the act of moving away from the net to play the second contact, crosses the centerline, no fault is called provided there is no interference on the play.
6. Quick sub paddles will be used at the U SPORTS Championship.

7. MEETINGS

7.1 COACHES TECHNICAL MEETING

The participating coaches Technical meeting shall be held prior to the start of the U SPORTS Championship.

7.2 COACHES ANNUAL MEETING



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- 7.2.1 The coaches annual meeting will normally be held on the day following the conclusion of the U SPORTS Championship.
- 7.2.2 Non-paid members are not allowed to vote at the coaches meeting and will lose their privilege to vote for the weekly Top 10. Members shall be reinstated as soon as payment is made.

- 7.3 COACHES CLINIC (N/A)

- 7.4 PRESS CONFERENCE
The date and time for a championship press conference is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee, working in consultation with the U SPORTS Office.

- 8. OFFICIALS
 - 8.1 FUNDED OFFICIALS
Six (6) officials and one assignor will be selected by Volleyball Canada. Referees will be selected to ensure that best available referees are at the championship. The funding for the assignor, if selected, will be provided by Volleyball Canada.

 - 8.2 ASSIGNMENT
An effort should be made to avoid consistent pairing of the officials.

 - 8.3 NEUTRALITY
Referee Nominations for Day 1 and Day 2 will be based upon the concept of provincial neutrality, if there is a situation where this is not possible the Referee Supervisor(s) will review with U SPORTS representative at the event. For Day 3 (Finals) the Referee Nominations will be the most appropriate referees. In all cases the referees nominated to the Gold Medal final will be International Referees whose experience and professional performance is taken into account when assigning. The U SPORTS representative will be consulted with if there is a need to consider an alternative nomination.

 - 8.4 QUALIFICATIONS
 - 8.4.1 The referee shall be international or Volleyball Canada National rated. Volleyball Canada Regionals may be used as umpires when necessary.
 - 8.4.2 Wherever possible, provincial certified minor officials should be used.
 - 8.4.3 Four (4) linespeople of provincial training or higher be used on all matches of the championship.

 - 8.5 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES
 - 8.5.1 To provide ground transportation, meals, accommodation (double occupancy), hotel parking and fees.
 - 8.5.2 The Host institution will work with their provincial officials association to train and assign scorers and linespeople. There shall be a minimum of four linespeople per match.



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8.6 NSO'S RESPONSIBILITIES

All expenses associated with the assignor/evaluator.

8.7 FEES

\$85 per match per official (2)

\$\$ per linesperson (4)

8.8 **RESERVE REFEREE**

Stand-by official **\$42.50** per match (1)

8.9 SELECTION PROCESS

The National Officials chairman shall forward the final selections to the U SPORTS Office no later than **60** days prior to the start of the championship.

If desired, each Sport Conference shall consult with their respective regional officials chair(s) prior to January 15, concerning potential candidates to officiate at the U SPORTS Championship.

8.10 ON-SITE ASSIGNMENT

8.10.1 On-site assignments are at the discretion of the assignor/evaluator.

9. SEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

**Please refer to policy 60.20 for more details re standard championship awards.*

9.1 ALL-CANADIANS

The following procedure is used in selecting the All-Canadian First (7) and Second (7) teams, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.

9.1.1 Each Sport Conference must use the U SPORTS on-line awards nomination system to submit their final list of ranked All-Stars. Each Sport Conference will submit their Sport Conference seven (7) All-Stars in ranked order. Detailed instructions will be provided by the U SPORTS Office working in consultation with the chairperson of the Awards Committee. Sport Conferences must have their submissions completed 10 to 12 days prior to the start of the U SPORTS Championship. The web-based system will ensure the nominees for All-Canadian consideration have complete year-end statistics.

9.1.2 The chairperson of the Awards Committee then contacts each U SPORTS Coach by the Monday 2:00 pm before the week of the championship with the web-link to the ranked list of All-Stars from all Sport Conferences and their major award nominations.

9.1.3 Each registered coach in the Sport Conference then has until Tuesday 12:00 (noon) before the week of the U SPORTS Championship to register their vote. Coaches may not vote for their own athlete(s). Note: All schools are required to vote in order for their athletes to be eligible for awards.



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9.1.4 The Awards Chairperson will review the tabulated results for observations related to the validity of the process, assuming there are no irregularities or unusual circumstances, will report the process has been completed to the U SPORTS Office. This process must be completed by 4:00 pm the Tuesday before the week of the U SPORTS Championship. Final voting will be circulated to all head coaches at the completion of the process.

9.1.5 In case of a tie, the following tie breaking system will be used:

1. Highest ranking to player who is named on more ballots.
2. Highest ranking to player who has most first place votes.
3. Conference call including minimum of 3 Sport Conference representatives.

9.2 OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR

9.2.1 The player receiving the most votes on the First Team All-Canadians.

9.2.2 To win the national award the athlete must have won the player of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

9.3 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

9.3.1 The selection process for the All-Rookie team and the Rookie of the Year shall be the same as the All-Canadian procedures outlined above.

9.3.2 Each Sport Conference may nominate up to six athletes for the voting ballot for the All-Rookie team.

9.3.3 Athletes must be in their first year of U SPORTS eligibility.

9.3.4 Athletes must be 21 years of age or younger as of September in the current academic year.

9.3.5 Seven (7) athletes will be selected and the athlete receiving the most votes shall be named Rookie of the Year.

9.3.6 To win the Rookie of the Year Award the athlete must have won the rookie of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

9.3.7 To be selected to the All-Rookie Team, the athlete must have been a rookie of the year nominee to their sport conference, and final voting must adhere to the conferences rank order.

9.3.8 The All-Rookie Team shall be announced in the same way as the second team All-Canadians.

9.4 STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (DALE IWANOCZKO AWARD)

9.4.1 Selected by the coaches using All-Canadians on-line selection process.

9.4.2 Recipient who best exhibits outstanding achievements in three (3) areas: volleyball, academics, and community involvement.

9.4.3 A write-up must be included as part of the nomination by the institution nominating.

9.4.4 To win the national award the athlete must have won that award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.



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9.5 COACH OF THE YEAR

9.5.1 Same process as All-Canadians.

9.5.2 To win the national award the coach must have won the coach of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

9.6 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY (TANTRAMAR) AND U SPORTS PENNANT

Presented to the U SPORTS Championship team.

9.7 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

Presented to the top three teams in the U SPORTS championship.

9.8 CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

9.8.1 Selected as a result of his performance at the U SPORTS Championship.

9.8.2 Selection to be made by a 3-person committee established at the U SPORTS Championship by the Chair of the Awards Committee or designate.

9.8.3 Chair or designate shall chair the All-Star Selection Committee and shall have 2 neutral Sport Conferences represented on the committee, wherever possible.

9.8.4 Coaches and captains shall rank order 7 players on teams other than their own but must also nominate athletes from their own team.

9.8.5 The MVP must be a member of the Tournament All-Star team.

9.9 CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-STAR TEAM

9.9.1 Selected as a result of their performance at the U SPORTS Championship.

9.9.2 Selection to be made by a 3-person committee established at the U SPORTS Championship by the Chair of the Awards Committee or designate.

9.9.3 Chair or designate shall chair the All-Star Selection Committee and shall have 2 neutral Sport Conferences represented on the committee, wherever possible.

9.9.4 The committee will select 7 Tournament All-Stars. Coaches and captains shall rank order 7 players on teams other than their own but must also nominate athletes from their own team.

9.10 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

9.10.1 After each match, a player of the match shall be named for each team.

9.10.2 In games that are televised, the primary lead broadcaster will make the selection of the players of the game.

9.10.3 In games that are not televised, the players will be selected by non-participating coaches who have been appointed by the Awards Chair or designate. The Host shall be responsible for the awards presentation.



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9.11 CHAMPIONSHIP FAIR PLAY AWARD (R.W. PUGH)

9.11.1 Selected by the referees at the U SPORTS Championship (coordinated by the Awards Chair).

9.11.2 The recipient will demonstrate unquestionably the characteristics of fair play and sportsmanship and a commitment to the spirit and intent of the rules of the game. Candidates will demonstrate the ideals projected by U SPORTS values and ethics - e.g. honesty, respect for the game, respect for opponents, respect for rules, respect for officials, etc.

10. COMMITTEES

10.1 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee at the championship. The Management Committee shall apply U SPORTS Rules. The Management Committee may not, nor may any member, make an exception to any U SPORTS Rule or to a sanction imposed by U SPORTS. The Management Committee has no jurisdiction to consider or interpret U SPORTS Eligibility Regulations.

Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

1. Convener of Championship - non-voting chair;
2. U SPORTS Delegate;
3. Technical Delegate (assignor/evaluator of officials);
4. President of the Coaches Executive, or designate.

A quorum shall require all of the four members, or their replacement.

If a member of the Management Committee was involved, directly or indirectly, in a decision or an interpretation of a U SPORTS Rule that is being appealed/protested to the Management Committee that member shall be excused from the Management Committee. In this event, the remaining members of the Management Committee have the authority to appoint as a replacement for the excused member an individual who is independent, unbiased and uninvolved in the matter in dispute. The decision regarding whether a member of the Management Committee should be excused and replaced lies solely with the Management Committee.

Notwithstanding the procedures described in U SPORTS policy 90.70.4.1.1 (see below), the U SPORTS Championship Management Committee shall have the power and jurisdiction to take interim on-the-spot measures to address minor code of conduct issues (inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct that is not criminal in nature) that arise at U SPORTS Championships, in a timely fashion. The record of the incident, including the interim measures taken to address it shall be copied to the Athletic Director(s) of the affected school(s), and the U SPORTS office and Discipline Committee.



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It is the expectation of U SPORTS that persons representing Member institutions, and/or U SPORTS, at U SPORTS Championships will behave responsibly, and with propriety, and in accordance with the laws of the land.

90.70.4.1.1 Procedures Regarding Misconduct

Where misconduct occurs at a U SPORTS Championship (including traveling to and from the event, practice days and competition days), the Chief Executive Officer, assisted by the event Convener, shall:

1. Investigate the particulars of the incident that gave rise to the misconduct.
2. Determine the amount and type of damage to property or injury to persons.
3. Identify the persons and institutions responsible for the incident.
4. Summarize this information in a written report.

The Chief Executive Officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the President, who may bring a complaint in accordance with U SPORTS Policy 90.40 - Discipline. A copy of the written report shall be provided to the Directors of Athletics of the institutions involved.

10.2 JURY OF APPEAL (N/A) (see 4.4)

10.3 DELEGATES (N/A)

11. APPENDICES

11.1 BLOOD POLICY FOR COMPETITION

- 1.1.1 Bleeding: If an athlete is bleeding and other participants are at risk of exposure to his/her blood, the athlete's participation in the match must be interrupted until the bleeding has stopped, and the wound has been cleaned with an antiseptic solution and securely covered. A one minute technical time-out would be applied by the referee in order to rectify the situation and stop the bleeding before a legal substitution, exceptional substitution, or injury time-out would become necessary. The technical time-out is not charged to either team. The technical time-out may occur only once for the same player in the match. Record on the scoresheet under remarks.
- 1.1.2 Legal Substitution: If possible, a legal substitution would be used. The bleeding player may return to the set once the bleeding has stopped, and the wound has been cleaned and covered providing the return is legal. (Rule 15.6)
- 1.1.3 Exceptional Substitution: If a legal substitution is not possible then the referee would authorize an exceptional substitution. The blood-injury player can not return for the remainder of that set. The blood-injury player may play in subsequent sets providing the bleeding has stopped and the wound has been cleaned and covered. (Rule 15.7)
- 1.1.4 Injury Time-Out: If a blood-injury injured player cannot be substituted, legally or exceptionally, this player is given a three minute recovery time in order to stop the bleeding and to cover the affected area. This may occur only once for the same player in the match. If the bleeding cannot be stopped, his/her team is declared incomplete. (Rule 17.1)



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- 1.1.5 Team Uniforms: All team uniforms soiled with blood must be either replaced or cleaned prior to the blood-injury athlete resuming the competition. Uniforms are to be cleaned until the stain is completely removed.
- 1.1.6 If a replacement uniform is not available, a player with a jersey soiled with blood would be allowed to wear a different numbered jersey or to change jerseys with a player on the bench. The referee would change the number(s) of the player(s) involved on the scoresheet. The procedure to be used would be Rule 15.6, Rule 15.7, Rule 17.1, or a time-out. - The one minute technical time-out applies. - Record on the scoresheet under remarks. Note: This rule also applies to the Libero player if the team has an additional Libero uniform that can be used.

11.2 THE LIBERO PLAYER

11.2.1 Designation of the libero

11.2.1.1 Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two specialist defensive players: Liberos

11.2.1.2 The Libero(s) is to be recorded on the score sheet with the team roster, not on the special line. The number of Libero(s) is to be recorded on the line-up card for all sets

11.2.1.3 The Libero on court is Acting Libero. If there is another Libero, He/she is the second Libero for the team. Only one Libero may be on court at any time

11.2.1.4 For U SPORTS competitions, the Libero can be the Team Captain. When the Libero is not on the floor, coach will appoint a Game Captain.

a) At the conclusion of the match, the team captain is to sign the score sheet

11.2.2 Only one Libero may be on the court at any time