

FINANCIAL AID, PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP --  
SAND VOLLEYBALL

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Intent:

In sand volleyball, to establish the maximum institutional grant-in-aid equivalency limit, the playing and practice season regulations and the minimum contests and participants requirement for sports sponsorship, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows:

15.5 MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT

[15.5.1 through 15.5.1.8 unchanged.]

15.5.2 Equivalency Sports.

[15.5.2.1 through 15.5.2.1.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.2.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows:

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[15.5.2.1.3 through 15.5.2.2.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3 Multisport Participants. A counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one or more sports as specified on the individual's financial aid agreement.

[15.5.3.1 through 15.5.3.2 unchanged.]

**15.5.3.3 Volleyball -- Additional Requirements. In volleyball, a counter who participates (e.g., practices, competes) in volleyball and sand volleyball shall be counted toward institutional limits in volleyball.**

[15.5.3.3 renumbered as 15.5.3.4, unchanged.]

[Remainder of 15.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.16 unchanged.]

**17.17 SAND VOLLEYBALL. Regulations for computing the sand volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)**

**17.17.1 Length of Playing Season -- Championship and Nonchampionship Segments. The length of an institution's playing season for both segments in sand volleyball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section.**

**17.17.2 First Date of Practice -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in sand volleyball in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier.**

**17.17.3 First Date of Competition -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before February 1.**

**17.17.4 End Date of Practice and Competition -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in sand volleyball in the championship segment by the last day of final examinations for the regular academic year.**

**17.17.5 First Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the first day of class, whichever occurs first.**

**17.17.6 End Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment no later than November 15.**

**17.17.7 Number of Contests.**

**17.17.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in sand volleyball during the institution's sand volleyball playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment that ends with a National Collegiate Championship event, and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.7.3 and 17.17.7.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.5 for minimum contests and participants requirements).**

17.17.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in 16 dates of competition in sand volleyball during the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.17.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;

(b) Season-Ending Championship Tournament. Competition in one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in sand volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Sand Volleyball Championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Game. One contest with an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in United States. A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any contest played in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico by a member institution located outside those locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.14.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in sand volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.17.7.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

17.17.8 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following:

(a) Conditioning, Weight-Training and Skill Instruction. Student-athletes may participate in conditioning, weight-training and skill instruction in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.2; and

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.17.5 and 17.17.6.

17.17.8.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by the Management Council. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

17.17.9 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in sand volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.17.10 Other Restrictions.

17.17.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.17.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate sand volleyball competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate sand volleyball squad or team, she competes or has competed as a member of any outside sand volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition

games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate sand volleyball season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.17.10.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate sand volleyball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur sand volleyball team.

17.17.10.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time during the academic year, vacation periods and summer with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's sand volleyball team except as provided in Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.3.1 and 17.29).

17.17.10.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

17.17.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing sand volleyball equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.17.5.

17.17.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures.

[Remainder of 17 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.5, as follows:

20.10.3.5 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.3.5.1 through 20.10.3.5.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

[20.10.3.5.1 through 20.10.3.5.8 unchanged.]

**20.10.3.5.9 Sand Volleyball. A member institution shall meet minimum sports sponsorship in sand volleyball by applying the following:**

**(a) No less than three of the eight contests shall be dual, one-day competitions where all five two-person teams compete (e.g., institution versus institution on a single day on which no other competition occurs):**

**(b) The remaining number of contests shall be achieved by satisfying Bylaw 20.10.3.5.9-(a) or multi-opponent competitions. For a tournament to qualify for sports sponsorship purposes, all five two-person teams must be in competition with all other participating institutions and one institution shall be crowned champion of the tournament based on the performance of its five, two-person teams:**

**(c) All other competition formats will constitute the use of a date of competition but not count towards the minimum sports sponsorship requirement; and**

**(d) Contests against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirements, except for the following:**

**(1) During each intercollegiate season, one contest against a collegiate institution's club team may be used in meeting the minimum-contest requirements provided the contest is a dual, one-day competition in which all five two-person teams compete.**

[20.10.3.5.9 through 20.10.3.5.9.2 renumbered as 20.10.3.5.10 through 20.10.3.5.10.2, unchanged.]

Rationale:

At the 2009 Convention, sand volleyball was added to the list of emerging sports for women. Establishing a maximum equivalency of five for institutions that sponsor sand volleyball provides institutions the opportunity to offer athletics aid to student-athletes consistent with the Division II Strategic Positioning Platform. It is anticipated that during the initial years of sponsorship sand volleyball, student-athletes would also participate in volleyball at institutions that sponsor both sports. Utilizing a "hierarchy model", which causes a multi-sport student-athlete who participates in sand volleyball and volleyball to count against the volleyball equivalency, precludes institutions from gaining a competitive advantage in volleyball by offering sand volleyball financial aid to student-athletes who were recruited to play volleyball. The proposed playing and practice season legislation mirrors that of the other Division II spring sports. Establishing eight as the minimum number of contests and 10 as the minimum number of participants for the contest to count toward sports sponsorship for membership will provide reasonable competitive opportunities. Finally, including additional parameters associated with the different forms of competition (e.g., dual competitions, tournaments) for meeting minimum-contest requirements provides institutions an opportunity to legitimately sponsor the sport and student-athletes being provided a true intercollegiate sport experience.

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None

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