

REGION XIV ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
VOLLEYBALL RULES/REGULATIONS  
DISTRICT A/B Region 14  
(Revised December 7, 2023)

RULES:

The Region XIV Athletic Conference Rules and Sport Procedures shall be the latest rules published by the National Junior College Athletic Association Handbook and Casebook.

VOLLEYBALL CHAIRPERSON:

As per Article III of the Conference By-Laws, Sport Committees shall exist for each sport that has two or more schools participating in that sport. The head coaches of the sport shall serve as members of the committee. The members of each committee will elect a chair of the committee. The individual sport committees, or the presidents at a conference meeting, will develop and adopt rules and procedures for managing the individual sports. No rules or procedures are to be implemented by the individual sport committees until they have been approved by the Conference. The length of the appointment is for two years and may be re-appointed. The chairperson's duties are as follows:

1. Call and preside over all volleyball meetings. (District A and B – Region 14)
2. Appoint committees when needed.
3. Enforce and interpret rules, policies, and regulations.
4. All volleyball matters shall be directed to the Chairperson in writing.
5. All coaches' recommendations must be submitted to the Region XIV Athletic directors for study and consideration.
6. Direct coaches to submit schedules to the Officiating Coordinator by April 15th.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Student financial assistance (scholarships) shall be administered by the institution through the office, which administers financial aid funds for enrolled students. Member institutions shall monitor the number and type of scholarships allowed by Region XIV.

SPORTS PROCEDURES:

Sport procedure guidelines stated in the current NJCAA Handbook and Casebook regulate each NJCAA certified sport for each season. Region XIV guidelines may be revised annually.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP:

Region XIV will represent at the National Championships by two districts (District A and B). Region XIV Volleyball is made of the following schools:

Blinn  
Navarro  
Tyler

Coastal Bend  
Panola  
Victoria

Lee  
Trinity Valley  
Wharton

#### REGION SCHEDULE:

Each Coach shall submit their schedule to the Coordinator of Officials.

#### MATCH TIMES:

For match times, Weekday games will start 6:00pm and weekend games at 2:00pm, unless agreed upon by both coaches.

#### COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS:

Match officials shall be the responsibility of the Coordinator of Officials for regional volleyball games. All officials working Region XIV matches must be a PAVO state level certified official. The Presidents will determine the fees paid to the coordinator.

#### ANNUAL COACHES MEETINGS:

A meeting for Coaches and the Volleyball Chairperson, will occur prior to the Spring Region XIV Annual Meeting with Athletic Directors and Presidents. The agenda will include:

1. Play-off sites and officials:  
**REGION XIV Tournament in 2023 to be hosted by Blinn College in Brenham, TX on November 8, 9, 10**
2. Coordinator of Officials report
3. Other

#### RULES AND GAME PROTOCOL:

1. Official and current NCAA/NJCAA rules will be used.
2. Game ball shall be the same as used in the NJCAA Tournament, which is currently the NJCAA approved ball. The host team must furnish 40 regulation warm-up balls (All conference matches are played with a multi-colored ball).
3. The home team will have the gym, dressing facilities, training facilities, and 40 volleyballs available at 2:15 hours prior to game time.
4. The gym will also be cleared of any unauthorized personal A "Pass & Serve" format will be in effect prior to the participating team's shared protocol.
  - a. The traveling team gets second 30 minutes for "Pass & Serve".
  - b. Pass & Serve will be closed to opposing teams and their spectators.
  - c. The following protocol is to be followed due to non-compliance of "Pass & Serve"

*Rules as stated above:*

- a. 1st Warning – Notify the opposing coach
- b. 2nd Warning – Report to the opposing athletic director

5. Coaches are responsible for all pre-game regulations as prescribed in NJCAA rules as well as for game management and property damage.
6. Artificial noisemakers, air horns, and electronic amplifiers are not permissible.
7. During play, the cheerleaders must not occupy the area behind the opponent.
8. Bands or music may play before the match, during time-outs, and after the match. A band must be supervised by a faculty sponsor and cannot be seated behind the visitor's bench.
9. Proper security shall be the responsibility of the host school. It is recommended that at least one officer in uniform be present and clearly visible.
10. Water and cups will be provided at an appropriate area for the visitor's bench. It is also recommended that five towels be provided: one at the score table, one for each team bench and one at each end of the net.
11. Line judges must wear an approved official's shirt and pants according to the officials handbook.
12. Line judges for conference games must be certified high school officials or certified PAVO Officials and be paid a minimum base pay of \$75.
13. The sharing of video outside of Region XIV is prohibited. Teams may share video within Region XIV.
14. Region XIV will allow courts with non-continuous lines
15. The official schedule to be followed by all coaches and officials will be the Spot Foul schedule which is entered by the Coordinator of Officials.

#### SELECTION OF AWARDS:

#### ALL-REGION XIV TEAM:

- A. Coaches will nominate their players for All-Region XIV, listing their players nomination form, with the first player listed being their top player. Nominations would be sent to the chairperson the Monday before the conference tournament.
- B. Coaches may nominate players based on their regular season finish as follows: The number of nominations is determined by Regular Season Conference results.
 

1. Conference Champions	6 nominations
2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 nominations
3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 nominations
4. 4 <sup>th</sup> place	4 nominations
5. 5 <sup>th</sup> place	3 nominations
6. 6 <sup>th</sup> place	2 nominations
7. 7 <sup>th</sup> place	2 nominations
8. 8 <sup>th</sup> place	1 nomination
9. 9 <sup>th</sup> place	1 nomination

There can be up to 5 additional players nominated to the All Region Honorable Mention Team. These players will be discussed, nominated, and voted on at the Regional Meeting. These players cannot be nominated for any superlative awards.

- C. Coaches will rank players **20-1**, with **20** being the highest.
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Region XIV will consist of top **twelve** vote recipients; no ties will be broken.
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> All Region XIV will consist of next **eight** vote recipients; no ties will be broken.
- F. All other nominees will be named All-Region XIV Honorable Mention
- G. Coaches may NOT vote for members of their own team.
- H. Coaches must vote for players in the order in which they are nominated. A second ranked player for one team cannot be voted higher than the top-ranked player from the same team. Failure to do so will eliminate the offending coach's ballot.
- I. The night before the Regional Tournament the Coaches meeting agenda is for Conference Award voting and to review pertinent information for the tournament. Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Setter of the Year, Libero of the Year and any other individual awards are discussed and voted on in an open forum at the Coaches meeting before the Regional Tournament.
- J. For the additional honorable mention members, another coach can nominate a player, but a coach cannot nominate their own player.
- K. For All American, the top 5 vote getter of All Conference will be our 5 All American nominations in that order.

L. Superlatives:

Player, Newcomer, Freshman, Setter, and Libero of the Year will be determined by vote of the Coaches at the Regional Championships.

The Freshman of the Year cannot be the Newcomer of the Year.

In order to nominate player for a superlative award, they must have been selected for their team's all conference nomination.

All award votes will be oral discussion with each coach having the ability to nominate a member of their own team for each award. If player was not nominated for All Conference for their team, they cannot be nominated for a superlative award.

All superlatives, even if point total dictates second team status, will be elevated to first team status.

Coach of the year will be determined by the Conference Regular Season Champion. The award can be shared if multiple teams tie for Regular Season Championship.

NJCAA REGION XIV TOURNAMENT  
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL GUIDELINES  
FOR DISTRICT A AND B

TOURNAMENT AND SITE SELECTION:

The Region XIV Tournament champion will represent District A and advance to the National Championships. The tournament will rotate, between teams in the northern half of the region in odd numbered years and southern half of the region in even numbered years.

**THE REGION XIV TOURNAMENT IS TO BE HELD 2 WEEKENDS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 2024 – November 8,9,10.**

TOURNAMENT DATES:

The exact dates for the district tournament will be set in keeping with the recommendations of the Region XIV Volleyball Coaches and in keeping with the play-off procedures of NJCAA.

TEAM QUALIFICATIONS:

The Region XIV Volleyball Tournament is composed of the top eight finishers from Conference play.

The tournament would be a single elimination that protects the top seeds and is included at the end of the document. The tournament will be over 3 days. This format will be used due to having only 1 automatic bid to the NJCAA D1 National Tournament.

In the case the region receives 2 automatic bids, the tournament will be a pseudo double-elimination tournament with National Bids going to the winner of the winner's and consolation brackets. The tournament will be over 4 days. The bracket is included at the end of this document.

Seeding would be decided from Conference play with the Regular Season Conference Champion receiving the number 1 seed and seeds 2-8 are determined by Conference results.

SEEDING FOR THE TOURNAMENT AND TIEBREAKERS:

- A. Match record-total division competition
- B. Match record-head-to-head
- C. Set record-head-to-head
- D. Set record-total **CONFERENCE** competition
- E. Point differential-head-to-head
- F. Point differential-total division competition
- G. Coin Toss

NOTES:

Game record is defined as majority set wins.

The point differential is decided by the number of points won minus the number of points lost.

If there are more teams tied for the playoffs than there are positions, the teams must compete for the position(s) by direct competition. Teams cannot be eliminated from the playoffs by tiebreaking procedures.

Two-way tie for last Division tournament spot-The above seeding steps 2-7 will be used to determine the home team for the tiebreaker playoff match. The higher seed will host.

Three-way tie for the last Division tournament spot- The teams will be seeded using steps 2-

All three teams will have to compete for the final Division tournament spot. The second seed will host the third seed. The first seed will host the winner.

Three-way tie for the final two Division tournament spots-The teams will be seeded using steps 2-7. The number one seed will get the third spot in the Division tournament and will not have a playoff match. The second seed will host the third seed. The winner will get the final Division tournament spot.

Four-way tie for the final Division tournament spot-The teams will be seeded using steps 2-7.

The first seed will host the fourth seed. The second seed will host the third seed. The winners will play at the higher seeded school.

Four-way tie for the final two Division tournament spots-The teams will be seeded using steps 2-7 The first seed will host the fourth seed. The second seed will host the third seed. The winners get the final two spots in the Division tournament.

Four-way tie for the final three Division tournament spots-The teams will be seeded using steps 2-7. The number one seed will get the second spot in the Division tournament. The number two seed will get the third spot in the Division tournament. The third seed will host the fourth seed for the final playoff spot.

#### POST SEASON TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- 1) Practice times will be made available by the host school on the tournament playing surface on the Thursday before the tournament. Practice times will run 55 min in length and be closed to spectators and other teams. Times will be assigned according to mileage. If a team decides to forgo their allotted time, Teams will have the option of filling those slots following the previous determined order.
- 2) A coaches meeting will be held on the Thursday before the tournament for both formats, single and pseudo double elimination.
- 3) On Friday, practice times for the top two seeds are as followed: 1<sup>st</sup> seed at 12:30pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed at 10:00am. During this time, the court for practice for the top seeds will be reserved for those respective teams and court time is for 55 mins. Normal practice rules will be followed.

- 4) The main court will be available, for teams playing the first match of the day, 60 min prior to game time (which includes 4, 4, 5, 5, 1). This applies to each day of the tournament. The facility will be made open and available 120 min (2 hours) prior to game start time for the players and coaches (rostered individuals).
- 5) Following the first match of the day, the main court will be available A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES AND A MAXIMUM OF 60 MINUTES (TIME PERMITTING AND COURT AVAILABILITY) DEPENDING ON THE COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUS MATCH.
- 6) A warm-up court, with two nets and practice balls, will be provided each day of the tournament. The court will be available 60 min prior to each match. There is no over the net play allowed, but normal shared court allowance.
- 7) Roster limit for Regionals is in accordance with the National Tournament (unlimited).
- 8) Hosting college needs to provide stats for both teams, for all matches. A \$30 rate per person if using more than one per match, for stat keepers is suggested.
- 9) Officials: each conference (North/South) will have 2-3 officials assigned from their "officiating pool" to work the tournament.
- 10) Coordinator of officials is requested to be present at the Region Tournament.
- 11) A three-ball system will be used for all Conference play-off matches.
- 12) Only the coaches, managers, trainers, scorekeepers, and players designated from a list of eligible players to participate in each match will be allowed on the bench.
- 13) The court time for pre-game warm-up shall be 60 minutes before taking the net, then 4, 4, 5, 5, and 1. Note: If match 1 runs long, at least 20 minutes warm-up time will be allowed before match 2 excluding the 4, 4, 5, 5, 1.
- 14) The higher seed remains the same throughout the tournament regardless of a win or loss. The higher seed is home.
- 15) For the regional tournament, the home bench is designated by the higher seed of the regional tournament.
- 16) No electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, MP3 players, etc.) are allowed at the score table or with lines judges anytime during match play.
- 17) NCAA rules will be used with any NJCAA exceptions.

#### OFFICIALS:

- A. The Host College and the Volleyball Coordinator of Officials shall be responsible for securing two or three PAVO State rated officials. Officials shall be chosen from an unused chapter, if possible.
- B. At the tournament, the two coaches involved in the final match shall select the officials for their respective games. The official with the higher rating shall be the first referee and the official with the lower rating, the second referee. If both officials have equal ratings, the first referee shall be determined by a toss of the coin. If the coaches cannot mutually agree on the two officials, then each coach will select an official from the officials already officiating at the tournament.
- C. The Coordinator of Officials shall work with the host school to secure scorekeepers and line judges who are officials for the entire championship.

- D. A Coordinator of officials cannot work the District Tournament as an official.
- E. It is also the responsibility of the host school to provide a certified Athletic Trainer who shall be on duty for the entire tournament.
- F. The host school shall provide a program listing rosters and tournament schedule.

#### AWARDS:

- 1) Team plaques shall be awarded for the first and second place teams for each district.
- 2) All-Region XIV Team members shall be awarded certificates. A minimum of eight will be selected.
- 3) Individual medals (silver) will be given to the six players selected to the All-Tournament team.
- 4) All awards are to be awarded by the tournament director and/or regional director and/or assistant region director at the conclusion of the tournament.
- 5) It will be the responsibility of the Regional Director to secure the Championship plaque (gold), the Runner-Up plaque (silver), the Championship medals (14-gold), and the All-Tournament medals (6-silver).

#### FINANCES:

- 1. All tournament expenses shall be pro-rated according to the number of matches played. This also includes motel expenses for three officials. The host shall be responsible for pro-rating and sending bills to the respective schools.
- 2. Each college shall pay their own expenses.
- 3. Concession and T-shirts will be at the discretion of the host school. Anything sold (T-shirts, etc.) at the district tournament must be purchased through the NJCAA.
- 4. Admission fees will be determined by the host school.

#### TOURNAMENT BALL:

The official championship ball shall be the NJCAA approved ball. The NJCAA logo ball with college blue, white and navy panels may be used.

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:

The All-Tournament teams will be comprised as follows: 6 members +MVP

*Regional Champions* - MVP, and two all-tournament players

*Runner Up* - two all-tournament players

*3rd and 4th place teams* - one all-tournament player each.

**\*\*All players are selected by the Head Coach of their team and submitted to the Tournament Director.**

#### ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION:

For All American, the top 5 vote getter of All Conference will be our 5 All American nominations in that order.



CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR:

The Conference Coach of the Year is determined by the conference champion of regular season.

NATIONAL POLL:

All teams in Region XIV shall submit their win-loss record to the Regional Director by 9:00 AM each Tuesday. If a team fails to report their statistics the following will occur: First time, the Athletic Director will be notified. Second time, the Athletic Director and President will be notified.

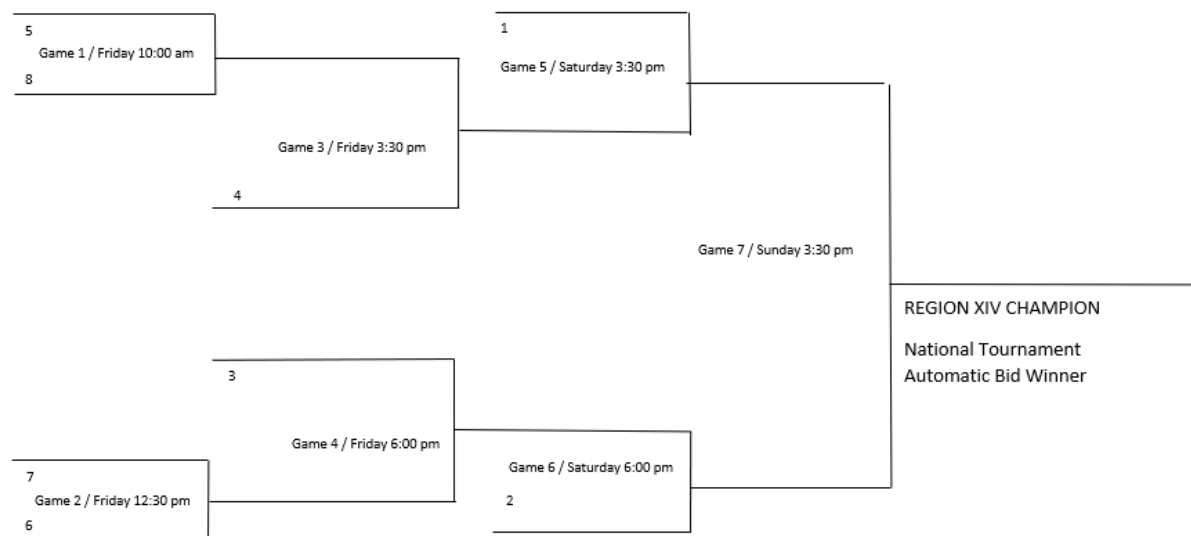
Player of the Week (POW):

Coaches can weekly nominate their players for the Region POW in the following positions: outside, opposite, middle, setter, libero. Nominations are to be submitted via email to Nicole McCray (Panola).

In order to nominate: the team must play in a minimum of 2 conference matches that week and players must meet criteria of the ballot. Coaches are not required to nominate players. Nominations must be submitted by 10am on Monday of the following week to follow the Presto guidelines for NJCAA stat submission.

## Single Elimination (protected)

### Region XIV Tournament



## Pseudo Double Elimination – Region XIV Tournament

