

## MEN'S and WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### **NAME** (Article 1)

- 1.1 The name of the leagues shall be the OCAA Men's Volleyball League and the OCAA Women's Volleyball League.

### **AWARDS** (Article 2)

(Refer to [Awards Guidelines](#), [Committee Policies](#))

#### 2.1 League

- 2.1.1 Divisional plaques awarded to the Men's and Women's teams finishing first in each division at the end of regular season play (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West) (4 Plaques).
- 2.1.2 Divisional Scoring Champion keeper plaque and certificate, awarded to the player from each division (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West), with the highest points-per-set average. The players shall have played at least 80 per cent of the league matches to be eligible (4 certificates, 4 plaques).
- 2.1.3 League Scoring Champion keeper plaque and certificate awarded to the players (men's and women's) with the highest points-per-set average. The players shall have played at least 80 per cent of the league matches to be eligible (2 certificates, 2 plaques).
- 2.1.4 Certificates awarded to members of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team League All-Star teams from each division (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West), as selected from league play (56 certificates).
- 2.1.5 Certificate awarded to one (1) Coach of the Year from each division (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West), based on votes from other coaches. (4 certificates).
- 2.1.6 Keeper plaque and certificate awarded to 1) Men's and one (1) Women's OCAA Coach of the Year. The top vote getter from each division from the Coach of the Year voting will be forwarded to selection committee to choose the OCAA Coach of the Year. The winner will also be the OCAA's nominee for CCAA Coach of the Year. (2 certificates, 2 plaques).
- 2.1.7 Certificate awarded to one (1) Rookie of the Year from each division (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West), based on votes from other colleges (4 certificates).
- 2.1.8 Keeper plaque and certificate awarded to one (1) Male and one (1) Female OCAA Rookie of the Year. The top vote getter from each division from the Rookie of the Year voting will be forwarded to the selection committee to choose the OCAA Rookie of the Year (2 certificates, 2 plaques).
- 2.1.9 Certificates awarded to members six (6) members of the OCAA East and West All-Rookie teams (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West), as selected from league play (24 certificates).
- 2.1.10 Certificate and keeper trophy awarded to one (1) East/West Division Player of the Year (Men's East, Men's West, Women's East, Women's West) (4 keeper trophies, 4 certificates).
- 2.1.11 Certificates and keeper trophy awarded to one (1) Male and one (1) Female OCAA Player of the Year (2 certificates, 2 keeper trophies).

#### 2.2 Championship

- 2.2.1 Championship Plaque and Banner awarded to the Men's and Women's Champions.
- 2.2.2 Gold medallions on ribbons awarded to the Men's and Women's Championship team members and coaches (22 medals per team).
- 2.2.3 Silver medallions on ribbons awarded to the Men's and Women's second place team members and coaches (22 medals per team).
- 2.2.4 Bronze medallions on ribbons awarded to the Men's and Women's third place team members and coaches (22 medals per team).



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**3.4 Official Rules**

3.4.1 The official rules shall be those adopted by the CCAA, unless herein amended.

3.4.1.1 The OCAA will allow a 2-libero system, with teams able to designate 2 liberos for all games, as per the FIVB rules and in accordance with Volleyball Canada rules (except where they limit the use to only 1 libero).

3.4.2 The following tie breaking procedures will be used:

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

- a. When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- b. When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

**Note:** This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria “b” is able to determine X as First, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used as the tie is broken.

However, if criteria “b” determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria “c” and so on, if necessary. Do not start at “a” again. Continue through the sequence of criteria.

When one or more teams separate from the others, those teams shall be ranked accordingly and any remaining ties shall be broken by continuing through the sequence of criteria.

If two or more teams are tied at the end of preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- a. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied team, will be ranked higher;
- b. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- c. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
- d. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- e. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during the round, will be ranked higher;
- f. As determined by the Convenor (i.e. an extra game or match time permitting as determined by the Convenor)

3.4.3 A team may dress no more than fourteen (14) players for any regularly scheduled OCAA game with only 14 athletes being allowed to be placed on the official game sheet and eligible to play. If a team dresses more than fourteen (14) players for the game they will be **fined two-hundred dollars (\$200)**. Any subsequent offense(s) will result in a **fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500)**.

3.4.3.1 During the warm-up, teams are permitted to have a maximum of sixteen (16) players. All sixteen (16) may be in uniform, and they may participate in the official warm-up. Once the warm-up is complete, only fourteen (14) players on the game scoresheet are to remain in uniform. The maximum number of team personnel on the bench is twenty-two (22). This includes a maximum of six (6) additional personnel. Additional personnel must serve a vital role (i.e., coaches, manager, statistician, therapist, or additional roster players). Extra players (i.e., injured players) are allowed on the bench but not in the warm-up area. Extra players should be dressed appropriately and not have the appearance of wearing a game uniform while on the bench. If the number of team personnel on the bench exceeds twenty-two (22),

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they will be **fined five-hundred dollars (\$500)** and removal of additional persons. Institutional sanctions through Code of Conduct will be issued if compliance is not immediate.

- 3.4.4 It is the responsibility of each participating team to ensure that a coach or team representative designate their anticipated starting lineup on the official roster form (Appendix BB) at least 15 minutes prior to the official start time of the game as per time on clock. Failure to comply will result in a fine.
- 3.4.5 Only CCAA rule changes may be adopted after the conclusion of the AGM.
- 3.4.6 OCAA teams do not have to conform to international rules regarding uniforms.
- 3.4.7 The Official ball used in OCAA league and playoff games shall be the current CCAA game ball, unless specified by the OCAA.
- 3.4.8 The host will provide both teams with twelve (12) quality official balls in a ball cart for the pre-game warm-ups.
- 3.4.9 For league games, warm up process and timing will be as follows (there will be no shared court at any time). Clock time will not run until the game net is set at the required height.

**Time on Clock**

Prior to 30 minutes	Unofficial Warm Up Time	Split Court
30 minutes	Official Warm Up Starts	Split Court
25 minutes	Coin Toss	Split Court
23 minutes	5/5/5/5/ Begins	Full Court for 1 team
15 minutes	Anticipated starters indicated on official roster (Appendix BB)	
3 minutes	National Anthem, Starting lineups, etc	

- 3.4.10 A timeout will be one minute (60 seconds). Two (2) time-outs per game, per team are allowed.
- 3.4.11 Use of balls is allowed during set intervals and time out in the “free zone” on each team’s respective side of the court where possible.
- 3.4.12 League Play matches consist of best three (3) out of five (5) sets.
- 3.4.13 All team members may encourage or instruct players on the court while sitting on the benches or standing in the warm-up zone. Only the head coach is authorized to do this while walking or standing within the free zone in front of the team bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area without disturbing or delaying the match.
  - 3.4.13.1 Assistant coaches will be allowed to move freely on the bench, including the warm-up zone. In between rallies, assistant coaches may approach the sidelines to provide coaching to the players on the floor but must return before the whistle for serve. Only one assistant coach may stand at a time, with the caveat that the standing assistant coach returns to the bench in a timely manner, and not remain in the free zone.
- 3.4.14 Visiting teams are not permitted to use the court for any purpose until 60 minutes prior to the official start time of the game. If a team is less than 30 minutes late for a scheduled match ([Policies and Procedures, Item 12.12](#)), they will be allowed 30 minutes to change and warm up from the time they walk into the gymnasium.
- 3.4.15 The host teams of league games be allowed five (5) minutes between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> game to run a spectator participation skills competition. **Note:** the host must notify the visiting team coach that this is going to take place before the match begins.
- 3.4.16 When there are two consecutive scheduled volleyball games, teams warming up between the first and second game must refrain from warming up within the attack lines in order to allow the host to change the height of the nets.

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- 3.4.17 The second game of all OCAA Volleyball league game doubleheaders will commence immediately after the official warm-up.
- 3.4.18 Visiting teams must notify the home game official of their intent to tape the game. The home game official will designate an appropriate area and ensure the appropriate safety measures are undertaken to protect spectators.
- 3.4.19 All players on the game sheet must have shorts consistent in colour including the libero.
- 3.4.20 Participating teams at all OCAA competitions during warm-up shall wear matching t-shirts, tracksuits, which are consistent in colour and form. OCAA officials will enforce this rule at all OCAA Competitions.
- 3.4.21 The three (3) ball system must be used for all OCAA league and playoff games.
- 3.4.22 The dress code is intended to provide guidelines for all coaches, team staff, delegates and participants in all OCAA events, in terms of their chosen attire while in competition.

Acceptable attire includes:

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

Recognizing that the intent of the OCAA in adopting this dress code is to enhance the professional image of coaching and OCAA Sport.

Unacceptable attire includes:

- a. 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:

1. Warning – Call to the Athletic Director
2. Reprimand
3. Probation

- 3.4.23 That all posts and referee stands shall conform to the following minimum standards:
- All posts and referee stands will not have tripod type supports or other projections (including but not limited to wheels) near to the floor regardless of whether they are padded or not.
  - There shall be no dangerous or obstructing devices attached to the posts or referee stands.
  - Posts shall be a minimum of 0.5 metres from sideline of the court.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS** (Article 4)

- 4.1 Player Eligibility
- 4.1.1 Refer to [Policies and Procedures Article 22](#), and [Policies and Procedures Items 12.4](#), regarding player eligibility and Player Declaration List.
- 4.1.2 Additions to Player Declaration Lists will only be permitted prior to **January 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- 4.1.3 The OCAA shall follow the CCAA rules and regulations surrounding amateur professional status.
- 4.2 The Men's and Women's Volleyball leagues consist of two (2) divisions. All teams will play a home and away schedule.
- 4.2.1 The Women's East and West Division will play sixteen (16) games, with two (2) non-combatant teams within their division.
- 4.2.2 The Men's West Division will play sixteen (16) games, with two (2) non-combatant teams within their division.
- 4.2.3 The Men's East Division will play sixteen (16) games, with one (1) non-combatant team within their division.
- 4.2.4 Teams will be drawn at the Directors Meeting for the next sport cycle.

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- 4.3 The Convenor and OCAA Office will receive a complete (league and exhibition) schedule from each college participating in volleyball by **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. If games are added after August 15<sup>th</sup>, updated schedules are to be forwarded to the Convenor.
- 4.4 The officials must be assigned through the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA).
- 4.5 All matches must have a regional rated or regional candidate as the first official. All OVA rated officials must hold current registration with the OVA and be in good standing. Minor officials should be trained and briefed as to their responsibilities. All matches must have two (2) officials as per VC playing rules.
- 4.6 If at any time only one (1) official is present for a league match and all means have been exhausted to find a second official, the host game convenor and the official that is present must consult with the visiting team and home team's coach and acquire his/her consent before proceeding with the match.
- 4.7 OVA officials must be assigned to handle linesperson responsibilities in all OCAA league matches, playoff and championship matches.
- 4.8 OCAA Volleyball Rules and Regulations apply to division and league exhibition tournaments.
- 4.9 Statistics must be recorded according to the description herein:

Statistician Responsibility

- 4.9.1 The host team will be responsible for taking all game stats and submitting the results to the OCAA, Convenor, and visiting teams. This will be carried through all league, playoff and championship matches.
- 4.9.2 The statistician must not perform his/her duties from the team bench and cannot be part of the home teams coaching staff.
- 4.9.3 Presto Sports will be the official stat program for OCAA Volleyball.
- 4.9.4 During the match, the statistician must keep a record of kills, attacks, attack errors, assists, ball handling errors, stuffed blocks, service aces, service errors and digs as defined in the latest version of the NCAA Official Volleyball Statistics Rules (**Appendix EEE**) as sent out by the convenors in the pre-season email. These stats are to be recorded into PrestoStats. Hitting percentage will be calculated based on the statistics taken.
- 4.9.5 The home team must include individual stats in the PrestoStats, which is the official stats program. Only the stats listed above (4.14.4) are to be recorded. If additional stats are entered or if the approved statistics are not recorded, a **\$25 fine** will be issued. Refer to [Reporting Procedures Item 3.6](#).
- 4.9.6 The home team will use Stats Sheet (**Appendix VV**) for recording in game statistics unless the stats are collected and then recorded electronically.

4.10 Statistic Definitions

Statistic Definitions will be based on the NCAA Official Volleyball Statistics Rules (**Appendix EEE**).

- 4.11 The Convenor and OCAA Office will receive a copy of the score sheet in all league games, playoff, Championships, sanctioned exhibition, or tournament games. (Refer to [Reporting Procedures, Committee Policies](#)). If the procedures are not followed, a **\$25 fine** will be issued.
- 4.12 The host team must email a scanned copy of Rotational Sheet (**Appendix WW**) OCAA Office, Convenor and visiting team at the conclusion of all league, playoff, and championships games.
- Refer to [Reporting Procedures Item 3.6](#). If procedures are not followed, fines will be issued for reporting infractions.
- 4.12.1 All official rotational scoresheets from all OCAA regular season and playoff matches will be shared with any member if requested. If a member wants access to a scoresheet they can email the host college of the match to receive a copy. If possible notification in advance of the match would be preferred but not required.

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4.13 The OCAA Office will email all Volleyball schedules to the OVA OCAA Office by **August 15<sup>th</sup>** to arrange for officials. Colleges are to send their contact personnel information and schedule information to the Convenor by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

- a. Contact Lists include: College Personnel Contact, Head Coach, mailing address, business & home telephone.
- b. Schedules include: date (league and exhibition), match time/tournament schedule, competition site, # of games per match, # of officials per match, contact personnel information.

Changes and/or additions should be emailed at least **six (6) weeks prior** to the competition date, to the Convenor. A telephone call, followed by documentation, is required for adjustments made **later than six (6) weeks**.

4.14 OCAA Awards

4.14.1 Nomination Process

The OCAA Office will request, in writing, that member colleges submit nominees for the awards listed below. These nomination forms will be due back to the OCAA Office by **February 5<sup>th</sup>** for all divisions (Men's and Women's). Athletes must play two-thirds of all league games to be eligible for a league award. Ballots and nominations must include players' numbers and positions.

4.14.2 Selection Process

The OCAA Office will compile all nominations and circulate ballots to member colleges, with appropriate instructions, prior to the conclusion of the regular league season. The All-Star Ballot shall be designed to include player number, position, games played, statistical information, personal information and a consistent ranking system with other sports. Coaches' league and exhibition records will also be included for Coach of the Year selection. The due date for the Award selection ballot for all division (Men's and Women's) is **February 11<sup>th</sup>**.

- a. Colleges may not vote for their own players.
- b. Colleges failing to vote will have their players declared ineligible for all-star recognition.
- c. All votes from each college will be communicated to Athletic Directors following the voting process.

4.14.3 League All-Stars:

Nomination Process: On the nomination form, each college has the option of nominating a maximum of seven (7) nominees from their team by positions (3 outside hitters, 2 middles, 1 setter, 1 libero).

Selection Process: On the selection ballot, Colleges are to rank the top six (6) outside hitters, top four (4) middle hitters, top three (3) setters, and top three (3) liberos, with #1 being the top choice. Colleges may not vote for their own players.

Awards: For Men's and Women's Volleyball, the First and Second Team League All-Stars from each division will each consist of three (3) outside hitters, two (2) middles, one (1) setter, and one (1) libero. (28 All-Stars in Men's, 28 All-Stars in Women's).

4.14.4 Divisional and OCAA Rookie of the Year and All-Rookie Team:

Nomination Process: On the nomination form, each college has the option of nominating up to three (3) players from their team for Rookie of the Year/All-Rookie Team. A candidate for Rookie of the Year/All-Rookie Team must not have any post-secondary experience.

Selection Process: On the selection ballot, Colleges are to rank the top six (6) Rookies within their division, with #1 being the top choice. Colleges may not vote for their own players.

Awards:

All-Rookie Team: The top six (6) vote getters (including ties) from each division from the Rookie of the Year voting will be named to the OCAA East and West All-Rookie Teams.

Rookie of the Year: The top **three (3)** vote getters from each division for the Rookie of the Year voting will be forwarded, along with the ballots, to the selection committee to choose the **Divisional Rookie of the Year (east/West) and** the OCAA Rookie of the Year via conference call.

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- 4.14.5 Divisional and OCAA Coach of the Year:  
Nomination Process: All coaches' names from the East and West Divisions will be automatically added on the Coach of the Year selection ballot.

Selection Process: On the selection ballot, Colleges are to rank the top three (3) coaches within their division, with #1 being the top choice. Colleges may not vote for their own coach.

Awards: The top three (3) vote getters in each division will be forwarded, along with the ballots, to a selection committee to choose the Divisional Coach of the Year (East/West) and the OCAA Coach of the Year via conference call. The OCAA Coach of the Year will be the OCAA nominee for CCAA Coach of the Year.

- 4.14.6 Divisional Player of the Year/OCAA Player of the Year/CCAA All-Canadian:  
Nomination Process: Players selected to the First All-Star team will be nominees for Divisional Player of the Year (East and West), CCAA All-Canadian and OCAA Player of the Year. Any college with multiple nominees will be provided the option to identify one player to move forward as their lone nominee.

Selection Process: The selection committee will choose the Divisional Player of the Year (East and West) and OCAA Player of the Year via conference call. The OCAA Player of the Year can be different from the Divisional Player of the Year.

Awards: All three (3) award winners (East/West Divisional Player of the Year, OCAA Player of the Year) will be named CCAA All-Canadians. The OCAA Player of the Year will be the OCAA nominee for CCAA Player of the Year.

- 4.14.7 To be completed prior to the Championships. The OCAA Office will tally the complete ballots and advise the Convenor, Championship Host and Recipients' Athletic Directors.
- 4.14.8 All-Star selections will be announced prior to the Men's and Women's Championships. Players, whose colleges are not participating in the Championship, will be notified, in writing, as per [Committee Policies, League All-Star Selection Procedures](#). The OCAA Office will circulate the All-Star correspondence.

4.15 OCAA Weekly Rankings

- 4.15.1 The Awards and Ranking Committee along with the Convenor will determine the OCAA weekly rankings. The Convenor is responsible for collecting the weekly rankings from the respective members of the Awards and Ranking Committee.
- 4.15.2 The Awards and Ranking Committee responds by e-mail. All members copied on submissions. Change in Teams ranking accompanied by rationale and submitted by 11:00am on Monday morning.

4.16 Game Tape Exchange

- 4.16.1 The host of every league game must videotape the match and upload it to the OCAA selected online video system (Hudl). For games played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the game tapes must be uploaded to the CONFERENCE site no later than 5 pm on the following Monday. For games played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the game tapes must be uploaded by 5 pm the following day. The game must be viewed from the baseline on one end of the court and the camera must be elevated a minimum of ten (10) feet to clearly show both teams in the full court. The camera should not be moved during the match. The camera (where possible) should pan out and capture both benches and remain on until teams have completed post-game handshakes and players have left the court. The video must include every point throughout the match and should be provided in the highest quality possible.

Failure to upload a game will result in a fine (assessed by OCAA Office) as per below:

- First 3 games of season: \$50 per game not uploaded on time
- Middle games of season: \$100 per game not uploaded on time
- Last 3 games of season and any playoff or qualifying games: \$200 per game not uploaded on time.

It is each schools own responsibility to ensure that the games are uploaded to the CONFERENCE site.

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- 4.16.2 The respective convenors will review each schools film in the first games of the season to make sure angle and quality of footage meets the standards outlined in [4.16.1](#).
- 4.16.3 The OCAA Office staff will monitor the upload of all games and advise the Convenors of any issues with the timely upload.  
When possible, the OCAA Office will also notify schools of game films not appearing on the Conference sites. This however will not preclude fines being issued for game films not being on the Conference site within the specified time frame.
- 4.16.4 All game films will be uploaded to each Schools “Team” site and then shared to the Conference site. No game films are to be uploaded directly to the Conference site.
- 4.16.5 All crossover playoff matches and all games at the OCAA Championships will be uploaded to Hudl. These games are to remain on the Hudl site for 2 weeks after the Championships. The OCAA Office will provide Hudl with the names of schools hosting qualifying games so they can upload the film after the match. The OCAA Office will also give Hudl the information regarding the schools hosting the OCAA Championships so that the site can be prepared for the upload of all Championship games.
- 4.16.6 Only Authorized College personnel will be given access to the Conference site along with the Head Coach and assistant coaches of each team. Players are to be authorized to the “Team” site only.
- 4.16.7 All OCAA championship host must provide teams who qualify for the CCAA championship with videotape from their final matches. This videotape must meet the CCAA Video Exchange Policy as outlined in the CCAA Operating Code under Article 8-National Championships Item 9.6.1.9 all cameras should be placed on appropriate tripods. For volleyball, the camera must be elevated, placed at the end of the court and clearly show both teams in the full court.

**PARTICIPANTS & ALIGNMENT** (Article 5)5.1 Participating Institutions for Men’s Volleyball:

	<b><u>West</u></b>		<b><u>East</u></b>
Boreal	Mohawk	Algonquin	Georgian
Cambrian	Niagara	Canadore	Fleming
Conestoga	Redeemer	Centennial	Loyalist
Fanshawe	St. Clair	La Cite	<b>St. Lawrence</b>
Humber	Sheridan	Durham	Seneca
		George Brown	

5.2 Participating Institutions for Women’s Volleyball:

	<b><u>West</u></b>		<b><u>East</u></b>
Boreal	Niagara	Algonquin	Georgian
Cambrian	Redeemer	Canadore	Fleming
Conestoga	St. Clair	Centennial	Loyalist
Fanshawe	<b>Sault</b>	La Cite	<b>St. Lawrence</b>
Humber	Sheridan	Durham	Seneca
Mohawk		George Brown	

**PLAYOFF & CHAMPIONSHIPS** (Article 6)

- 6.1 A Primary Therapist is to be on site at the Men’s and Women’s Championships.
- 6.2 The expenses for the Convenors to travel to the Championships will be covered as per [Policies and Procedures, Item 14.16.6](#).
- 6.3 Provincial Championship host will be the highest seeded team. If two teams occupy the same seed in their respective division standings (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> East and 1<sup>st</sup> West, 2<sup>nd</sup> East and 2<sup>nd</sup> West), the host will be determined by the following grid:

Odd Years	Even Years
East (Men’s), West (Women’s)	West (Men’s), East (Women’s)

An institution can only host one final four and must accept the one that was allotted as per the above grid.

- 6.4 All games will be the best 3 of 5 games.
- 6.5 Refer to Appendix K-2 for expenses to be included in the host budget.
- 6.6 The host of the men’s and women’s championships must videotape the gold medal matches. The games must be recorded from an elevated area beyond the end line on one end of the court, clearly show both teams in the full court and should not be moved during the match. The host must provide the two (2) teams with DVD/USB drive copies or access to the video archived downloadable game. Also, a copy of the statistical sheet at the conclusion of the match must be forwarded to their first round opponent at the CCAA national championship.
- 6.7 OCAA Men’s and Women’s Volleyball shall use rated OVA officials as officials and lines people for all OCAA Championship games and playoff games leading to the Championship.
  - 6.7.1 One (1) OVA official evaluator will attend the duration of the OCAA Championship tournament.
- 6.8 The evaluation of officials is the same process that is used by the CCAA at the National Championships.
- 6.9 A 3-ball system must be used for all Men's and Women's Volleyball playoffs matches.
- 6.10 The practice times at the Men’s and Women’s Championships are determined by the host, taking place on the day prior to the final four, between 4pm and 10pm. Practice times will also be made available for teams on Day 2 of the Championship, based on the schedule of Day 1. The team(s) that played in Game 1 will get an earlier practice time than the team(s) in Game 2.

Pre and in-tournament practices at OCAA Championships will be “closed”. Closed will be defined as “The Host Institution will make every effort, within reason, to have all windows and entries to the gymnasium covered during pre & in-tournament practices. Student-athletes and all team personnel (coaches, therapists, strength coaches, managers, etc…) from other teams are not permitted entry or access to this space during another team’s practice time. Student-athletes and all team personnel will also make no effort to watch or record practices of other teams competing at the Championship. Staff from the host college will have access to the gymnasium in order to do any set up, maintenance or preparation work associated with the Championship. This includes personnel related to the broadcasting of the event.

- 6.11 An OCAA delegate be onsite for the OCAA Championships.
- 6.12 **Men’s and Women’s Volleyball Playoff Format**
  - 6.12.1 The Men’s and Women’s Volleyball Playoffs will be a final four (4) tournament. See Appendix CCC for Qualifying & Championship Format.
  - 6.12.2 All qualifying and quarter-final games must be played on one of the designated dates between the start times of 12 noon and 8pm (Saturday), or 12 noon and 5pm (Sunday). A qualifying or quarter-final game can be played on a Friday if both teams agree.
  - 6.12.3 The host reserves the right to choose the final four on Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday and can adjust the Championship schedule on Day 1 to allow the host team to play in the most desirable time slot. Potential host must declare the Championship schedule a minimum of **two (2) weeks** prior to the first match of the OCAA Championships.

6.12.4 **Championship Schedule:**

<b>IF BOTH HOSTING FRIDAY/SATURDAY</b>					
Women (Even Years)			Men (Even Years)		
Men (Odd Years)			Women (Odd Years)		
Day 1:	4:30pm	7:00pm	Day 1:	5:30pm	8:00pm
Day 2:	2:00pm	4:30pm	Day 2:	3:00pm	5:30pm
<b>IF BOTH HOSTING SATURDAY/SUNDAY</b>					
Women (Odd Years)			Men (Odd Years)		
Men (Even Years)			Women (Even Years)		
Day 1:	2:30pm	5:00pm	Day 1:	3:30pm	6:00pm
Day 2:	12:00pm	2:30pm	Day 2:	1:00pm	3:30pm
<b>IF ONE HOSTING FRIDAY/SATURDAY, AND OTHER SATURDAY/SUNDAY</b>					
Friday/Saturday			Saturday/Sunday		
Day 1:	5:00pm	7:30pm	Day 1:	3:30pm	6:00pm
Day 2:	2:30pm	5:00pm	Day 2:	1:00pm	3:30pm

6.12.5 **Championship All-Star Team Selection Committee (Criteria)**

The All-Star Team will be selected as follows, unless unusual circumstances become apparent through tournament play:

- One member from the Bronze Finalist Game (Optional)
- One member from the Bronze Team
- Two members from each of the Championship Game teams (4)
- Most Valuable Player (MVP) will be an all-star from the Championship Game
- The Committee may choose to select the MVP as a separate award or as part of the All-Star Team

**Note:** Players who have been disciplined by OCAA Regulations are not eligible for selection to an OCAA All-Star Team.

**DATES, HOSTS, & CONVENORS** (Article 7)

7.1	League Start Date:	October 17, 2025
7.2	League Completion Date:	February 7, 2026
7.3	Invitationals – Men’s:	
7.4	Invitationals – Women’s:	
7.5	Qualifying Games Dates:	February 14, 2026
7.6	Quarter-Final Games Dates:	February 21, 2026
7.7	OCAA Men’s Championship Date: Host:	February 27 – March 1, 2026 Higher Seeded Team
7.8	OCAA Women’s Championship Date: Host:	February 27 – March 1, 2026 Higher Seeded Team
7.9	CCAA Men’s Championship Date: Host:	March 11-14, 2026 ACAC
7.10	CCAA Women’s Championship Date: Host:	March 11-14, 2026 MCAC
7.11	Men’s Convenor:	Joey Rainer, Canadore
7.12	Women’s Convenor:	Ian Foss, Fanshawe
7.13	Awards and Ranking Selection Committee:	Joey Rainer, Men’s Convenor Ian Foss, Women’s Convenor Amy Hoskin, Loyalist Jay Shewfelt, St. Clair Cory Campbell, Fleming Kareem Rodney, Centennial Matt Ferreira, Mohawk Michael Kopinak, Humber