

About Us

The New England Collegiate Volleyball League was established in 1972. The goal of the NECVL is to provide a competitive league for schools that sponsor a men's collegiate club volleyball program. All schools within New England are welcome to join and we are happy to help you.

Executive Board

Commissioner – Ted Tracy – tedgtracy@gmail.com

Vice Commissioner – Anne-Marie Balboni – annemarie@goldfishvolleyball.com

Clerk – Michael Zewski

DI Member At Large - TBA

DII Member At Large – TBA

DIII Member At Large - TBA

How to Enter Your School's Team into the Season

- Send the Commissioner an email so we can prepare for your team,
- Sign up for our newsletter on www.necvl.org
- Attend the mandatory annual call in meeting on the first Sunday of October at 8pm,
- Send in your league fee by December 1st.

Team Eligibility

- All team players must attend the same institution from any two (2) or four (4) year degree-granting college or university.
- Teams are limited to no more than two former varsity players (A former varsity player is defined as a student who has been listed on the "school's varsity squad list" for any 4 year college/university team for greater than three weeks).
- Teams must submit a valid rosters via vbreg seven days before the first competition of the season.
- Schools can have two teams
- Any school can create two teams.
- If submitting two teams one must play at least one division higher than the other
- Players must be listed on only one roster and can not be shared
- Uniforms must meet current USAV guidelines

Player Eligibility

- Full-time enrollment as an undergraduate or minimum of six hours as a classified graduate student of the representing institution, throughout the NECVL season.
- Not listed as a member of a varsity sport (or on "Squad List") in the same or related activity and gender during the academic year.
- Never been declared a professional player in the same or related activity.

- Female players are not allowed to participate in the league. Female players should email Jung Park at nwvcl@comcast.net for information on the NWVCL.

Additional Player Guidelines

- Players are limited to six years of consecutive participation in NECVL/NCVF events. Year one begins the first year a player's name appears on a NECVL/NCVF roster OR the first year their name was listed on a "varsity squad list" of any 2-year or 4-year college varsity team.
- Exceptions may be granted in the case of six years of consecutive eligibility for the NECVL/NCVF events to players that meet certain criteria, AND submit a formal request in writing. Exceptions may be granted for "mandatory" military or religious service. Requests for exceptions should be mailed at least 7 days prior to the first day of NECVL competition.
- Players must be enrolled for the minimum number of credit hours, at least 45 days prior to the start of the championship event.
- A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletics participation or who has participated with a professional team. A professional athletics team is any organized team that provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team and/or declares itself to be professional.

Qualifications for Divisions

- DI is limited to 20 teams. The Executive Board will make the decision based on past records, performance at nationals, number of returning players, etc.
- DI's lowest ranked teams will be considered by the Executive Board to move down to DII the following season.
- DII is limited to 20 teams.
- DII's 1st and 2nd ranked team will be considered by the Executive Board to up to DI the following year.
- DII's lowest ranked teams will be considered by the Executive Board to move down to DIII the following year.
- DIII's highest ranked teams will be considered by the Executive Board to move up to DII the following year.

Rules Of Play

We follow USAV domestic competition rules with following rules/modifications adopted:

- Match Format – Rally Scoring to 25 points in all non-deciding sets and to 15 points in a deciding set. Win by two. Match = Best 2 of 3 sets

A ghost player may be utilized under the follow criteria: In extraordinary circumstances when a team's roster is reduced to less than six players, a team may play with five players and a ghost.

- Rule 7.3.1 - There must always be six players per team in play. The team's starting line-up indicates the rotational order of the players on the court. This order must be maintained throughout the set. This rule is modified so if due to injury or other extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and

one ghost. The Tournament Director, in consultation with the Head Referee and if available the commissioner and/or Treasurer will make the determination if extraordinary circumstances exist. The expulsion or disqualification of a player does not constitute extraordinary circumstances.

- Rule 7.3.1.1 - If the team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, the rotational order of the six-player lineup must be maintained.
- Rule 7.3.1.2 - When a team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, and the ghost (missing player) position rotates to serve in position No. 1, a point and service is immediately awarded to the opponent.
- NCAA women's rule 6.5.1 Administrative Sanctions – Non-Compliant Uniforms is in effect for all NECVL league competition.
- Uniforms: Uniform numbers (1-99) must be clearly visible placed on the jersey at the center of front and the back. The numbers must be a minimum of 4" on the chest and 6" on the back. (6" and 8" are recommended) All shorts must be same (except libero). Libero uniform(s) must be a contrasting color and should not include any color from the regular team jersey (except for the color of the numbers). Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.
- Work Teams – consists of two line judges, one score keeper, one libero tracker and one score flipper. The score keeper must have the online training. In rare circumstances the work team may need to provide the second (down) referee.
- Behavior – red and yellow cards will not be tolerated. Each instance of a card will be addressed by the Executive Board and the two members at large.

Hosting Guide

- Host schools will receive one new volleyball per court used. This ball must first be used for your competition date and then is yours to keep and use as you see fit
- Paperwork will be set out at each score's table along with pens and pencils
- Court set up must be complete 30 mins before the captain's meeting
- Teams must be allowed to enter 30 mins before the captain's meeting
- Reporting results within 24 hours of completion of the event

Regular Season Format

Divisional

Each team will play each other team in its division once during the regular season. Play will be scheduled across two or three tournaments.

Interdivisional

Each team will play in one interdivisional tournament. The participation in each interdivisional tournament will be determined prior to the season such that each tournament has as close to half the teams in each division as possible.

The format for each interdivisional will be determined the week prior to the tournament after each team has confirmed their participation. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 4 matches of which as close to half of those matches as possible will be verses teams from the opposite division.

Championships

Up to ten teams in each division will be invited to the Championships.

Automatic Qualifiers:

The 1st and 2nd place teams in each conference(division)

The 1st place team in each Interdivisional tournament

At-Large Qualifiers:

The field is then rounded out by using total match W/L record of each team during NECVL Divisional play.

All ties will be addressed by USAV Rules:

1. Divisional match record
2. Head-to-head match result
3. Head-to-head point differential
4. Overall set record
5. Overall point differential
6. Coin toss