

2007-08 WHAC HANDBOOK - VOLLEYBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

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I. SEASON DEFINED

- A. WHAC volleyball teams will follow NAIA guidelines regarding:
 - 1. Frequency of Play: 28 dates
 - 2. Number of scrimmages: 2

II. LEAGUE SCHEDULE

- A. The league schedule will be devised by the conference scheduler and disseminated by the league President. The schedule is a double round-robin format. Each team will host every other WHAC school once. League matches are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays unless agreed upon by both institutions.

III. OFFICIALS

- A. Will be NAGWS certified and have the highest rating the host coach can obtain
- B. The WHAC does not employ a league assignor so it is the responsibility of each WHAC school to contract officials for each (hosted) match.

IV. REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

- A. First place team at end of WHAC schedule is champion: determined by regular season standings against WHAC opponents.

V. CHAMPIONSHIP DEFINED

- A. Top six teams will compete in a single elimination tournament to be completed the weekend prior to the Region VIII tournament.
- B. Seeding based on WHAC regular season finish. #1 seed (regular season champion) and #2 seed (regular season runner-up) will receive a bye in the first round. #3 hosts #6 and #4 hosts #5 on Tuesday, November 6 in quarterfinal matches. The #1 seed hosts the final four on Friday and Saturday November 9-10.
- C. If teams are tied in their round robin WHAC records, the following system will be used to break a tie:
 - 1. Head to head competition results
 - 2. Percentage of games won among tied teams
 - 3. Percentage of points won among tied teams
 - 4. Percentage of games won among all WHAC teams
 - 5. Percentage of points won in all WHAC games
- D. Postseason Tournament Procedures
 - 1. Sport chair will obtain all match results, determine the seeding, and FAX or E-MAIL the information to all WHAC coaches and SIDs on the Monday before the conference tournament
 - 2. Host school responsible for the following:
 - a. Securing scorekeepers, line judges and facility for the appropriate dates/times and staff to take gate receipts.
 - 3. Gate receipts will go to host school. Admission fee will be set by host school. Host may waive admission fee.
 - 4. Officials will be hired by the host school
 - a. All officials will be NAGWS certified and will be of the highest rating that the host school can obtain.
 - b. Certified officials will serve as lines people in the final round.
 - 5. Tournament (final four) schedule will be as follows:
 - a. Semi-final - 6:00pm, Friday, November 10 - #2 vs. #3 | 8:00pm, Friday, November 10 - #1 vs. #4
 - c. 1:00pm, Saturday, November 11 - Championship match
 - d. Semi-final match losers will play consolation match at 11 am, WHAC championship at 1:00 pm.
 - e. Host institution reserves right to request time changes in event of dual sport championships on same day.
- E. WHAC regular season and WHAC tournament champions will represent the WHAC in NAIA Region VIII tournament. If same team wins both, the tournament runner up will be the WHAC #2 seed in Regional tournament. WHAC tournament champion is #1 seed at the Regional Tournament. A third WHAC representative to Region VIII tournament will be winner of WHAC tournament consolation game. If the regular season champion loses in the semi-finals, they still retain automatic berth to regionals and thus no consolation game is needed as the WHAC Tournament championship game loser will be the WHAC #3 seed in the Region VIII Tournament.

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VI. CONTEST PROCEDURES FOR A 7:00 PM START

- A. Home team's Court 6:00pm (Scoreboard at 60:00)
 - B. Visiting team's Court 6:15pm (Scoreboard at 45:00)
 - C. Captains meeting 6:30pm (Scoreboard at 30:00)
- Shared Court - each team on their own side*
- D. Home team's court 6:41pm (Scoreboard at 19:00)
 - F. Visiting team's court 6:45pm (Scoreboard at 15:00)
 - G. Home team's court 6:49pm (Scoreboard at 11:00)
 - H. Visiting team's court 6:56pm (Scoreboard at 6:00)
 - I. Team huddle/announcements 6:59pm (Scoreboard at 1:00)
 - J. National Anthem, Player Intros/Play 7:00pm

MATCH NOTES:

1. Home team wears light uniforms, road team wears dark
2. A three ball rotation will be used
3. The Home team may elect to have an intermission of up to ten (10:00) minutes between games 2 & 3 only. Visiting coach should be notified before the match as to the length of the intermission (if any).

VII. OFFICIAL BALL FOR WHAC PLAY IS THE TACHIKARA SV5W

VIII. AWARDS

- A. An All-Conference Team will be selected at the coaches meeting PRIOR to WHAC FINAL FOUR.
 1. 12 players chosen for first team All-WHAC
 2. Six players chosen for honorable mention team
 3. Players nominated by coaches
 4. Coaches may vote for own players
 5. Player, Setter and Libero of the Year selected by WHAC coaches.
- B. An All-Conference Freshmen Team will be selected at the coaches meeting prior to WHAC Final Four.
 1. 6 players will be chosen for All Freshmen Team.
 2. 1 player (included in the 6) will be chosen as Freshman Player of the Year.
- C. All-Academic Team: Coaches are to bring to WHAC meeting.
 1. Minimum of 3.25 cumulative GPA and limited to juniors and seniors: including name, hometown, year, high school, GPA and major/minor.
- D. A Champions of Character Team will be selected at the coaches meeting prior to the WHAC Final Four.
 1. Each coach will pick 1 player from their roster that best exemplifies the NAIA Champions of Character initiative. Those players will make up the WHAC Champions of Character team.
 2. Coaches will vote upon one coach who best exemplifies NAIA Champions of Character philosophy to be Coach of Character award winner.

IX. TROPHY BREAKDOWN

- A. 1st Team All-Conference, Player, Setter & Libero of the Year receive a plaque (12)
- B. Coach of the Year receives plaque (1)
- C. Freshman Player of the Year receives a plaque (1)
- D. Honorable Mention All-Conference, All-Freshmen Team, All-Academic Team, and Champion of Character receive certificates
- E. WHAC Regular Season Champion and WHAC Tournament Champion receive championship trophies (2)
- F. Awards Procedures
 1. Team and individual awards will be distributed following TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
 2. Host of tournament championship game is responsible to distribute awards after final round.
 3. Awards will be supplied by WHAC office and distributed to host of event.
 4. Special attention should be paid to announce ALL award winners... starting with All-Academic team and moving up.
 5. Script for awards ceremony will be supplied to host school by WHAC office prior to event.