



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
JULY 30-31, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Review agenda and meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the meeting.

2. Review of 2018 championship.

a. Review of evaluations. The committee reviewed the evaluations received post championship. Overall the fans and participating teams continue to enjoy the experience the championship provides. As the championship continues to grow the committee is always looking for new ways to enhance the event. The committee discussed possibly adding fans and misters in team tents (or even exploring the feasibility of air conditioning in those tents) as well as in the public gathering spaces. Staff will follow up on these items with the host.

b. Championship review.

(1) Merchandise. This year, Event 1 did not provide as many items suitable for the beach as in previous events. Staff will follow up with Event 1 to suggest other items they could provide (i.e., Dri-Fit gear). For the 2019 championship, the tent will be open on practice day.

(2) Equipment (Wilson, Sports Imports). The equipment provided by the suppliers for the championship was well received. The committee would like to see if Wilson would provide student-athlete T-shirts as part of their student-athlete gift.

(3) Signage. The signage at the championship continues to grow each year. The addition of more branded scrim for the future and using the side of the videoboard trailer are additional opportunities for exposure.

(4) Ancillary activities (e.g., banquet, autograph session, etc.) The committee reviewed the awards ceremony and decided for the 2019 championship, the national runner up and national champion trophies will be handed out. All other awards will

be shipped directly from MTM to the teams post championship.

At the banquet the committee would like to see the addition of an NCAA video loop on the screens.

The change in location and setup of the autograph session was well received and will be used in the future.

- (5) **Announcer/DJ.** The current announcer for the championship continues to do a good job. The committee noted that for 2019 the location of the speakers on courts two and three needs to be addressed.
- c. **Media coordination review.** For the 2019 championship there is a need to clearly identify the managers of each team. Each team will be provided 17 team credentials and three video armbands. Teams will still be required to purchase a ticket/wristband for additional student-athletes and team personnel.
- d. **2018 schedule of events.** The addition of ESPN to the championship this year was very beneficial. Staff will continue to look for additional time for ESPN to meet with the teams.
- e. **Practice.**
- **Court security.** The committee noted that on practice day and the day prior, there needs to be more security at the facility to keep teams/fans off the courts during closed hours.
- f. **Selections.**
- (1) **Score reporting system review.** The committee continues to review the tools used to evaluate the selection of teams to the championship. The current score reporting system works the best at this time. The committee will continue to evaluate when the need for a Rating Percentage Index (RPI) would present itself.
- (2) **Conference tournament completion timeline.** The selection show will be at 7 p.m. ET, and the committee will start the selection process at noon.
- (3) **Criteria review.** No changes were made to the selection criteria for the 2018-19 season.
3. **Automatic qualification/bracket expansion discussion.** The committee was informed of the delay in the potential implementation of bracket expansion and automatic qualification. Both of these items will continue to be reviewed in the 2019 budget process.

- 4. Officials review/national assignor.** The committee will work with the conference assignors to establish a watch list of officials for the 2019 championship. A memo will be sent to all conferences in early January asking for their top officials who are worthy of consideration to work the championship. Those officials will be sent a letter asking their availability and current schedule by the end of January. Once those forms are returned by early February, the committee will look to assign all officials by March 1, 2019.
- 5. Rules modifications.** The committee reviewed the proposed rules modifications and is forwarding the necessary changes to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel for consideration in September. The committee noted that the pre-match protocol used during the championship will be added to the modifications and recommended to be used by all teams during the season.

The committee will also conduct a survey during the season to gather input from coaches on additional items that will be a part of the committee's discussion at its 2019 annual meeting.

- 6. Lineup process.** The committee discussed at length the process of submitting lineups during the season and the penalty for playing with a player deemed by rule as being out of lineup order. For the 2019 season the committee will allow teams to challenge pre- or post-match the placement of a student-athlete within the lineup if it looks that an institution has violated the "one up one down" movement rule. Coaches will fill out a form and submit it to the NCAA within 24 hours from the start of the match. The committee will review the challenge and if it is determined that a player was played out of order, the team will be forfeit the match at that position as well as receive a fine. Fines will be assessed according to the approved Competition Oversight Committee structure.
- 7. Television.** Morgan Ainsle, Pat Lowry, Dan Margulis and Missy Motha joined the committee via conference call to review the 2018 championship. This being ESPN's first year on the championship, both groups were excited about the coverage provided. For the 2019 championship ESPN is going to look for better positioning for their announcer position. NCAA staff will review the schedule of events to evaluate possibly adding time for ESPN to meet with the teams. ESPN also intends to work on a regular-season event for beach volleyball to gain more exposure for the championship.
- 8. Meeting with American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) representatives.** The committee met with Kathy DeBoer and Brooke Niles from the AVCA. They commended the committee for the continued growth and exceptional experience for the student-athletes at the championship. They asked that the committee review ways to cross-promote the men's volleyball championship and the beach championship that occur on the same weekend on the same television platform. Staff will work with Gulf Shores to brainstorm ways to provide an experience for fans to engage with both championships. The group also discussed interest from within the membership to consider locking in team lineups for the day during regular-season competition. The committee will add this to the survey that will be conducted during the regular season.

9. Committee update.

- a. Committee composition/terms.** The committee expects to fill two vacancies with representatives from the PAC-12 and the West Coast Conference by the beginning of September. Staff will also look at the potential needs going forward when Ted Gumbart's term ends.
- b. 2018-19 committee timeline.** For the 2019 season the committee will move its calls to 2 p.m. ET and add conferences calls every Monday starting February 25.
- c. 2019 annual meeting.** The committee will meet May 20-21, 2019.

10. Future tournament structure. The committee examined the growth of the event and continued discussing the way matches are structured and the number of courts that are used for each match for future championships.

Committee Chair: Kelcey Roegiers, Georgia State University

Staff Liaison(s): Kristin W. Fasbender, NCAA Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee July 30-31, 2018, Meeting
Attendees:
Corey Bray, University Alabama in Huntsville.
Ted Gumbart, Atlantic Sun Conference.
Todd Rogers, California State Polytechnic Institute.
Kelcey Roegiers, Georgia State University.
Guests in Attendance:
Morgan Ainsle, ESPN. (via videoconference)
Kathy DeBoer, American Volleyball Coaches Association
Pat Lowry, ESPN. (via videoconference)
Dan Margulis, ESPN. (via videoconference)
Missy Motha, ESPN. (via videoconference)
Brooke Niles, Florida State University. (via teleconference)
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Kristin W. Fasbender.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Julie Kimmons.