

KIAC VOLLEYBALL BYLAWS

APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 9/21/10

Sport Chair: Cindy Cheatham, Midway College

1. REGULAR SEASON PLANS

- A. Each team will play every conference member school twice (beginning with the 2011 season) during the regular season, except for STLCOP, which will play every member once as per the original STLCOP/KIAC contract. This double round robin format will determine the seeding for the conference tournament, except for STLCOP which will also follow the above mentioned contract.
- B. In the event of a tie in the standings, it will be broken based on head-to-head competition, or competition within a group. If these methods do not break the tie, the results against the highest ranked among the other teams will be used. If the tie remains, the best overall record will be used. Unresolved ties shall be broken by a coin flip at the direction of the sport chair and the KIAC commissioner.
- C. Conference play may take place at any time during the season, but must be completed by no later than one week prior to the conference championship.
- D. The team with the best record in conference play will be the regular season champion and receive the top seed in the conference tournament.

2. CONFERENCE POST-SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The conference tournament will be held the weekend before the national tournament opening round date for volleyball.
- B. In 2010, the dates are November 12-13.
- C. The tournament is a single elimination event, with first round matches on Friday and the semifinals and finals on Saturday.
- D. The winner of the tournament will be the KIAC Champion.
- E. The site of the tournament is rotated annually in alphabetical order.
Upcoming sites are:

2004:	Bethel
2005:	Brescia
2006:	IUS

2007:	STLCOP
2008:	Midway
2009:	Asbury
2010:	Brescia
2011:	Berea
2012:	CCU
2013:	IUE
2014:	IUS
2015:	Midway
2016:	MSU
2017:	STLCOP

F. Seeding is determined by double round robin play (beginning with the 2011 season) in the regular season. In the case of STLCOP, seeding must consider the 2003 contractual agreement between STLCOP and the KIAC. The team with the best record receives the top seed and so on. In the event of a tie in the standings, it will be broken based on head-to-head competition, or competition within a group. If these methods do not break the tie, results against the highest ranked among the other teams will be used. If the tie remains, the best overall winning percentage will break the tie. The final method for breaking the tie will be a coin flip at the direction of the volleyball sport chair and the KIAC commissioner.

G. The host institution will assign officials for the conference tournament championship.

H. Officials fees and expenses for the conference championship tournament will be paid by the KIAC.

1. The host institution is responsible for paying the KIAC the host fee. All gate receipts, concessions, etc. are the property of the host institution.
2. The host institution and volleyball sport chair are responsible for filling out proper paperwork to pay officials.
3. Host institution is responsible for providing scorers, scoreboard operators, statisticians, sports information personnel, ball boys, and other auxiliary officials.

I. The conference tournament champion will be the KIAC's representative in the national tournament. The remaining places will be filled in the order below.

1. Regular season champion
2. Regular season runner up (as seeded in the tournament)
3. Next team in region power rankings.

3. STATISTICAL REPORTS

A. Scores for the preceding week must be reported to the KIAC volleyball rater according to NAIA standards via the KIAC administration website.

B. All scores, statistical reports, and Player of the Week nominations must be reported to the KIAC Sports Information Director by 12:00 pm each Monday via the KIAC administration website.

C. Updated information will be on the conference web page by Tuesday evening.

D. Failure to report scores and all information will result in the following sanctions:

1. First miss - reminder letter
2. Second miss - probation letter from conference commissioner
3. Third miss – student athletes ineligible for post-season awards
4. Fourth miss - team ineligible for post-season competition.

E. The conference SID will be responsible for releasing weekly reports, Player of the Week, and for making sure the web page is updated.

4. AWARDS

A. The KIAC provides the conference awards for volleyball. Awards will be ordered by the conference commissioner in time to ship to the host site. It is the responsibility of the volleyball chair to give the list of award winners to the commissioner and conference SID by no later than the Monday after the tournament.

B. In accordance with NAIA guidelines, the conference will recognize 12 All-Conference players.

- a. Nominations will be submitted to the volleyball chair the Monday prior to the conference tournament.

- b. All nominations must be accompanied by complete statistical information, as determined by the NAIA, to be eligible for all-conference consideration.
 - c. Coaches will vote for twelve players in rank order. Each place will receive the corresponding number of points. (e.g., the top player on each ballot will receive 12 points, the second player 11, and so on).
 - d. The top twelve vote getters will be the all-conference team and will be eligible for all-region consideration.
 - e. The top six will constitute the all-conference first team, and the next six will be the second team.
- C. The top vote getter in All-Conference balloting will be the Player-of-the-Year and will be awarded a plaque.
 - D. A ballot of the coaches will select the Coach of the Year who will be awarded a plaque.
 - E. The conference champion will be awarded a plaque.
 - F. The conference runner-up will be awarded a plaque.

5. OTHER ITEMS

- A. All scores must be reported to the volleyball rater by 1:00 pm each Sunday via the KIAC administration website.
- B. The official ball for the KIAC conference tournament is Tachikara, as outlined in the contractual agreement with Tachikara.