



ECVA COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

1 Divisional Play Date (mid February)

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1 Divisional Championship (mid March)

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ECVA East Coast Championship (late March, for qualifying teams only)

- Each year, there will be one Divisional Play Date for each division held during mid-February of the regular season. This ensures that each team has the chance to play all of its divisional foes at least once each year. The results of the Divisional Play Date will determine divisional standings and seeding for the Divisional Championship events, which typically occur in mid-March. The combined results of the Divisional Play Dates and Divisional Championships will determine which teams qualify for the ECVA East Coast Championships, held annually on the final weekend in March.
- Participation in the Divisional Play Date and Divisional Championship is *mandatory* for all teams. Teams electing not to participate in league events without obtaining an official written dispensation from the league Commissioner may be deemed not to be in good standing with the ECVA and NCVF as a result.
- If a team fails to participate in a divisional event without obtaining an official written dispensation from the league Commissioner, all divisional matches for the team for that event will count as losses for that team.
- The goal for each divisional play date is for each team to play every other team in its division in a best 2 out of 3 match or best 3 out of 5 match, in order to determine a clear winner. If scheduling problems (facility constraints, number of matches needed, etc.) or player safety concerns do not permit the completion of a full round-robin, Divisional Directors reserve

the right to modify the competition format. Divisional Directors may reduce the number of matches played by each team to no less three in a given event, in order to ensure adequate and equitable competition. Divisional Directors will also be in charge of collecting all data related to the competitions (Results must be submitted to the ECVA Commissioner no later than 48 hours after the event ends. All results must be entered into the proper NCVF Results Spreadsheet before submission).

- Any team in a particular division is eligible to host a Divisional Play Date or Divisional Championship. Schools that wish to host regular season events must complete the “**ECVA Event Hosting Application**” and submit it to their Divisional Directors by no later than December 15th, prior to the official start of the regular season. Hosting will be awarded on a first-come, first serve basis. Final decisions about host dates and locations ultimately will be decided by each Divisional Director.