



2022-23 ECVA MEMBER GUIDE

ECVA MISSION:

The ECVA is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 registered nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote opportunities for student-athletes to compete in highly organized and competitive intercollegiate volleyball programs within a context that holds paramount the high academic standards and integrity of the institutions the student-athletes represent, the leadership skills and personal development of student-athletes, and the continued growth of the sport of volleyball.



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COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Dear Club Presidents and Coaches,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the frenzy of a new school year! Like the vast majority of clubs, you are likely in the process of scheduling tryouts and picking teams for the fall semester. The preseason is a critical time to get your club organized, and getting your team registered with the ECVA and NCVF is a crucial step in the process of making 2023 a success. This membership memorandum includes important league registration guidelines, and information that all teams will need to be aware of as we begin the year, and what a year it's shaping up to be!

2022-2023 will see the possible additions of several new teams to the ECVA. We have received requests from interested clubs in all four of our regions, and we're very excited about the continued growth of the biggest and best men's league in the nation!

Also new for this year is the **addition of Women's Volleyball**. Yes, you read that correctly! We are excited to expand our league by welcoming women's teams who wish to be part of the ECVA! If you have a women's club on your campus that might be interested in joining us, please share this information with them! We have no idea how many women's teams will join this year, but we know that there's a lot of women's teams that have historically competed as independents, and we've seen an increase in teams asking to join leagues. Our intention is to operate the league the same way for both men and women. We will aim to group them by division, operate a divisional play date and divisional championship, and invite the top teams to the ECVA East Coast Championship. Stay tuned for more news to come throughout the semester!

Whether you're a veteran coach, returning club officer, or getting involved for the first time this year, know that the entire ECVA administrative team appreciates your leadership! We are extremely proud to serve you, and we aim, as always, to make sure you and your team enjoy the opportunities and recognition you deserve. Please feel free to contact any of your Divisional Directors or myself with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Dr. Neiad Ammary
ECVA Commissioner & Board President



TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All teams, both returning and new, must complete their online registrations on the ECVA website by December 1st, 2022, in order to be members for the 2023 season.

Although all teams must complete the online registration forms, all teams are also able to choose whether to pay online or by mailing in a check. We hope the online payment option helps you to avoid the **\$100 late fee**. Simply follow the instructions and submit the required payment and forms by December 1st to avoid the late fee.

The ECVA team membership fee for the 2022-23 school year is \$875.00 per team. The \$875 fee includes:

- Official ECVA membership^
- Official National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) membership. The NCVF provides a wide range of services to the teams nationwide, including national rankings, best practices, eligibility rules, technical services, member benefits, etc.
- A \$250 discounted entry fee for the NCVF National Championships. In other words, “independent” teams that don’t belong to any NCVF sanctioned leagues pay \$250 more to enter the national championship tournament.
- A state of the art league website (www.ecvavolleyball.org), with a customizable page for your team.
- A minimum of 6 guaranteed matches (at least 3 per league event). Most teams typically play at least 8-12 matches.
- Referee fees for Divisional Play Dates.
- Referee fees for Divisional Championship events.
- Divisional awards.
- Free entry in the ECVA East Coast Championships for qualifying teams.
- Player and team awards at the ECVA East Coast Championships.
- Reimbursement of the NCVF National Championships entry fee for the ECVA Champions in both Division I and Division II.
- Improved organization, communication, and administration for the entire ECVA, and for the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF).
- Eligibility for AMAZING discounts on volleyball equipment and apparel from our league sponsors. Sponsorship info will be included in a separate communication.

*Note: Some club sports offices will pay your league membership fee before giving your club its allocation for the year! Be sure to ask your school’s club sports director about this.

^Note: The cost is \$875 *per team*, so if your school would like to enter more than one team, you will have to pay more than one fee. All ‘B’ teams will be placed in the ECVA’s Division II.



TEAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to www.ecvavolleyball.org
2. Click the red icon that says “**Registration.**”
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the registration “**Welcome**” page. If you are a returning user, **log in** using your credentials. **If you are a new user, create a new account** with SportsEngine.
4. Once logged in, select “**User Mode**” in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
5. **Create a Team Profile** account.
6. On the left hand side of the screen, select “**Register A Team.**”
7. Select “**A Team.**”
8. **Enter ALL of the required team and player information.** Do not leave any fields blank. You will have the ability to go back and edit it anytime later if necessary.
9. After completing payment, be sure to click all the way through and **submit** your registration. Do not log out without submitting it. When completed, an email receipt will be sent to you.
 - If you choose to “Pay Offline” by mailing a check, please follow the mailing instructions listed on the screen. If your college or university requires an official invoice with an EIN number from the ECVA, please email ECVA Treasurer, Brian Stump, at brianstump@gmail.com.
 - Please also note that if you choose to “Pay Offline,” you will NOT be able to pay online with a credit card at a later date, without having to re-do the entire registration from the beginning.

Additional Note:

TEAM PAGES: All ECVA member teams are invited to take advantage of a free team web page hosted by SportsEngine. The individual that registers your team online will be given editing privileges to your team’s page, which will be linked directly to the league site. Other individuals may be given editing permissions if requested. You may upload roster information, a team schedule, photos, videos, and other information to your team page. Your team account with SportsEngine also offers you a host of organizational features to help you manage your team. For instance, all of your team communications can be managed directly through the site by your page administrator(s).

NCVF REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT: After completing the ECVA registration, all teams must also [register or update their team account on the NCVF website](#). You, or a previous officer from your club, should already have your login credentials. If not, please refer to items on the [Vbreg Help Page](#). Note that the NCVF charges teams a \$50 fee for annual membership. You do NOT have to pay that because it is already included in your ECVA membership fee. Select the option titled “My league pays my team’s NCVF membership fee.” Be sure to update your team’s roster and information regularly on Vbreg throughout the year. We will use those rosters to determine player eligibility at league events!



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/early April, 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.
 - Please note that in the month of March, many schools are on Spring Break. That conflict is unavoidable, regardless of which weekend an event is held. Teams who are on Spring Break should plan in advance so that they can participate in the Divisional Championships. In effect, those teams may have to sacrifice 1-2 days at the beginning or end of their Spring Break in order to fulfill their league competition requirements. Teams will not be reimbursed any portion of their league entry fees if they choose not to participate in a league event.
- 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 entered into the NCVF VBreg database no later than 48 hours after the event ends..
- 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 1st, prior to the official start of the regular season. Hosting generally



will be awarded on a first-come, first serve basis, but the priority will be given to applicants whose facilities are most ideal for the needs of the league (ie. the date of availability, number of available courts, location and accessibility, etc.). Final decisions about host dates and locations ultimately will be decided by each Divisional Director.

- The ECVA administration reserves the right to reschedule events if doing so is deemed to be in the best interest of the majority of the teams involved, but every effort will be made in order to adhere to the annual schedule and hosting applications submitted by teams.



ECVA EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION PROCESS

ALL DIVISIONS:

In order for a Division I team to qualify for the ECVA East Coast Championship tournament, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The team has completed ALL divisional play requirements. All regular season divisional matches are approved and monitored by the appropriate Divisional Director.
- B. Results of divisional play are appropriately recorded and submitted by the Divisional Director within 48 hours of each event's completion.

Notification of Qualification: No later than two weeks prior to the ECVA East Coast Championships, the ECVA Executive Committee will announce qualified teams.

The ECVA East Coast Championship tournament for Division I will feature a total of 12 teams, representing the divisions as follows:

- ECVA North: 3 qualifiers
- ECVA Central: 3 qualifiers
- ECVA South: 3 qualifiers
- ECVA Southeast: 3 qualifiers

*NOTE: If a qualified team chooses not to attend the ECVA Championship, an "At- large" or "Wildcard" qualification will be determined by the ECVA Executive Committee based on cumulative divisional results and may be awarded to a team from any division.

The top three (3) teams from each division based on regular season divisional results will receive bids to the ECVA Championship. The qualifications will be determined as follows:

- The top 2 teams from the Divisional Play Date will qualify.
 - The third qualifying team will be the highest placing team at the Divisional Championships that has not already qualified (above). Note – this is the only way for a team to qualify for the ECVA championships without attending the Divisional Play Date.
 - The number one seed from the Division for the ECVA Championship will be the winner of the Divisional Championships
- C. If two or more teams are tied (have identical match records/winning percentages), the following process will be used to determine final standings:
- I. Head to head match record between tied teams
 - II. Head to head game record between tied teams
 - III. Point differential of the matches between tied teams
 - IV. Point differential of total divisional competition
 - V. Coin flip



AWARDS

Each year, the ECVA recognizing outstanding teams and student-athletes with a wide range of awards. Awards are determined via ballots cast at the Divisional Championship and East Coast Championship events. Distribution of awards generally occurs at the ECVA East Coast Championship tournament. This year, the league will offer the following awards:

DIVISIONAL AWARDS (for all divisions):

- Team plaque for division champion
- Gold medals for division champion
- Silver medals for division runner-up
- Individual plaques for players selected as Divisional All-Stars
 - Each Divisional All-Star team shall be comprised of 7 players (6 + 1 MVP)

LEAGUE AWARDS

- Team trophy for Division I champion
- Gold medals for Division I champion
- Banner for Division I champion
- \$950 Reimbursement for entry into the NCVF National Championship Tournament for Division I champion
- Team trophy for Division I runner-up
- Silver medals for Division I runner-up
- Team trophy for Division II champion
- Gold medals for Division II champion
- Banner for Division II champion
- \$950 Reimbursement for entry into the NCVF National Championship Tournament for Division II champion
- Team trophy for Division II runner-up
- Silver medals for Division II runner-up
- Individual plaques for players selected to the All-ECVA team
 - There will be separate All-ECVA teams for Division I and Division II
 - All-ECVA teams shall be comprised of 7 players (6 + 1 MVP)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

- Additional awards for teams and/or individuals may be included, in accordance with league sponsorship agreements.



SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

The ECVA is proud to offer members incredible discounts on a range of products from the following sponsors:

- REN Athletics (uniforms and apparel)
- BSN Sports (uniforms, apparel, shoes, and equipment)
- Molten (volleballs)

We encourage all teams to take advantage of the great offers that we have negotiated for our members. In a world where club volleyball programs rarely get the insitutional resources necessary to reach all of their goals, it's important to support those who support you!

Information regarding each of these sponsors, and instructions for teams that wish to purchase apparel, shoes, and/or equipment, will be distributed to teams prior to October 1st (the contracts are currently being finalized at the time of this manual's publication).



LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

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