



Welcome

On behalf of the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League – Women, Inc. (NCCVL-W), it is my pleasure to welcome you to Las Vegas, Nevada, for the 2026 Las Vegas Classic Tournament.

Mark Reuter, Women’s Commissioner, NCCVL-W and LVC Tournament Director

Tournament website: <https://mreuter0.wixsite.com/lvcvolleyball>

A. Tournament Team Check-In

A virtual meeting will be held the night of Tuesday, March 10. An overview of the tournament structure will be presented along with the location and details for the tournament facility. There will be time at the end for any questions. Attendance of this meeting is mandatory for a team representative for each team. A link will be sent via email for the meeting with the time of the meeting. A separate meeting will be held for men’s and women’s divisions.

All teams should check in at the tournament desk of their respective playing location prior to start of play. Also, all teams and their participants are responsible for:

- (1) Filling out and signing waiver from the NCCVL;
- (2) Reviewing and signing the Code of Conduct;
- (3) Submitting team rosters through NCVF VBREG. The “Regular Season Roster” will be checked. This is NOT an open tournament.
- (4) Bringing a physical student or government issued ID for roster verification.

B. Tournament Facilities

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Eleven courts will be used at the It’s All Volleyball facility. The address is: 530 E Pamalyn Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

PARKING

The gym is in a business park. Please be respectful of parking for other companies.

Here is a map showing parking spots:

Street parking shows no parking signs. It is **OK** to park on street.

Yellow areas are good, do not park in red areas.



C. Tournament Structure

1. Structure of Play and Schedule

The structure of play will consist of pool play, followed by series of challenge matches, resulting in single-elimination bracket play. A schedule is posted on the tournament website and will be posted in the gym for individual court assignments and times. The format for proceeding through the event will be provided in the schedule and use the seed capture format.

2. Warm-ups and Match Protocol

All matches will use the same format for the entire tournament for warm-ups. Each team will be given 4 minutes of individual court time which includes serving. The warm-up period will begin immediately following the preceding match.

All matches will be best of 3 format. Non-deciding sets are rally score to 25, deciding sets are rally score to 15. All matches must be won by a margin of two points. There will be no score cap for any match.

Matches may begin before or after the scheduled match time.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to reschedule and/or relocate matches to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted in the results area, and every attempt will be made to inform each team representative of the change.

3. Tournament Ball & Referees

The Molten “Super Touch” is the official tournament ball for all women’s matches. The Molten “Flistatec” is the official tournament ball for all men’s matches. A tournament ball will be provided at each court.

All referees will be PAVO certified. USAV rule 5.1.2.1 will be used in the matter of protests. In the case of any protests, the tournament director will have the final decision.

D. General Seeding Information

Pools/seeding were determined using the current season information and a selected panel of coaches. The panel then drafted pools and considered:

- (1) Balance within pools as to conference, region, and geographical area;
- (2) 2025-26 season results;
- (3) Current NCVF rankings;
- (4) Strength of conference/regional teams

Pools will be posted in the gym and online.

E. Tie-Breaking Procedures for All Tournament Play

At the end of pool play, teams will be ranked sequentially by the following pool ranking statistics: (1) match record (win/loss); (2) set ratio (all sets won divided by all sets played); and (3) points ratio (all scored points for divided by all points scored against). The ranking statistics will be computed based on all pool matches. In the case of a 2-way tie, the head-to-head match result will resolve the tie. In the case of a 3-way tie, the pool ranking statistics will determine the pool finish. If two teams or three teams are tied based on the pool ranking statistics in a 3-way tie situation, then a coin flip will be used. As no teams are eliminated from gold bracket at the end of pool play, there will be **no** playoff set.

F. Team Officiating Duties and Late Arrival

Teams are required to provide a total of six support officials: 2 line judges, 1 scorekeeper, 1 libero tracker, 1 scoreboard operator, and 1 down official. Officiating assignments are listed in the playing schedule and/or schedule updates.

Only the Tournament Director may release a team from an officiating assignment.

Failure to provide officials as assigned will result in the following actions:

- (1) First Offense – For every minute the officiating team is late, or does not appear, one point will be assessed and given to its next opponent – a team will forfeit the first set after a 10-minute delay. After a 20-minute delay, the team will also forfeit the second set of their next match.
- (2) Additional Offenses – One penalty point per minute in the first set. The team will forfeit the entirety of their next match after a 10-minute delay.
- (3) Additional offenses may also lead to potential league and conference sanctions.

This order of penalties will also be used for teams that are late to play in assigned matches.

G. Forfeits and Withdrawals

A team that enters this event has made its commitment to play the entire tournament.

Schedule your travel to allow competition through the completion of the tournament. Be prepared to play at 8am and as late as 9pm. Matches will not be rescheduled to accommodate travel schedules.

Failure to report withdrawal from a match will result in forfeiture of all standing in the tournament, with a recommendation for disciplinary action to the applicable league/conference. Forfeiture may impact participation in future events. Any team that must forfeit or withdraw at any point during the competition must report to the Tournament Director at least one hour in advance of the team's next scheduled match time. Failure to report such intent may result in more severe disciplinary action.

The Tournament Director has the authority to take appropriate action. Additionally, the Tournament Director has the authority to fill any match or bracket with another team, if possible, and/or determine an alternative course of action.

If a team withdraws from competition after pool play begins, and prior to the conclusion of pool play, all match records shall stand. All un-played matches shall be forfeited and counted in the win-loss tabulation accordingly. All other teams in that pool shall advance for assignment to the next stage of competition.

H. Team Awards & All-Tournament Team

Both men's and women's tournament champions will receive a cash prize of \$1000. A check will be handed to the winning team following the championship match. An All-Tournament team will be selected for each gender from team's qualifying for Gold Bracket.

I. Sports Medicine/First Aid/Taping

An athletic trainer will be available during the event. First aid supplies will be available at the tournament desk of each facility.

RULES OF PLAY

The 2025-27 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations will be in effect throughout the tournament. Protests of the playing rules during a set/match shall be handled by the head referee for the match. The ruling of the head referee is final and not subject to further appeal.

A. Ghost Player

In extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and a ghost.

· *Rule 7.3.1 - There must always be six players per team in play. The team's starting line-up indicates the rotational order of the players on the court. This order must be maintained throughout the set. This rule is **modified** so if due to injury or other extraordinary circumstances, a team may play with five players and **one** ghost. The Tournament Director will make the determination if extraordinary circumstances exist. The expulsion or disqualification of a player does not constitute extraordinary circumstances.*

· Rule 7.3.1.1 - If the team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, the rotational order of the six player lineup must be maintained.

· Rule 7.3.1.2 - When a team elects to proceed with five players and one ghost, and the ghost (missing player) position rotates to serve in position No. 1, a point and service is immediately awarded to the opponent.

B. Team Uniforms

If two or more sets of uniforms are used, players will be required to wear the **same** number for each set of shirts. All libero shirts shall be numbered. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero, her number must be the same.

Team members shall be in proper uniform or warm-up attire when warming up.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

The Current NCVF Governance Rules, adopted in the NCCVL-W Constitution, will be in effect throughout the tournament. All teams and players are responsible for knowing the eligibility rules. Please contact Tournament Director Mark Reuter at mreuter@nccvlw.org for specific eligibility questions.

Below are some of the major rules applicable to this event.

A. Team Eligibility Rules

- (1) All participants listed on a team roster must meet individual player eligibility rules.
- (2) All players listed on a team roster must be enrolled in the same 2 or 4-year university.
- (3) No men are allowed to compete as a player on a women's team.

B. Player Eligibility Rules

- (1) **Minimum Units** – a player must be an enrolled student with a minimum of 3/4 full-time enrollment (generally 9 units) as an undergraduate or minimum of 6 hours as a graduate student at a 2 or 4-year university.
- (2) **Current Year Varsity Players** - are not eligible to participate.
- (3) **Professional Players** - are not eligible to participate.
- (4) **Former Varsity Players** - A team may only include **two** former varsity players. Former NCAA, NAIA, and junior college players are considered former varsity.
- (5) **Consecutive Years** - Players are limited to **six** consecutive years of participation.