

# **2010 Championships Rules and Regulations**

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## 1 Championships Regulations

### 1.1 Host Location and Organization

NCTTA Championships will be held at the conclusion of the NCTTA League competition season. The exact dates and location are determined through a formal bidding process (please see the document titled, *NCTTA Championship Bidding Guidelines*).

### 1.2 Championships Team Qualification

- Teams must meet the membership requirements found within the *NCTTA Rules and Regulations* and the *NCTTA Membership Agreement Form* to be eligible for invitation.
- Divisions must satisfy the division requirements set forth by NCTTA in the *NCTTA Rules and Regulations* to be eligible to qualify **any** team to the Championships.

### 1.3 Men's Team Qualification

**24 Men's/Co-ed teams** will be invited to the NCTTA Championships according to the following selection criteria:

- Division champions will receive automatic invitations to the Championships.** If the division winner is ineligible or declines the invitation, the 2nd place team in the division will be invited to participate. Automatic invitations will not extend beyond 2nd place.
- The host school will receive an automatic invitation to the Championships.** However, since the bid was determined months ahead, the host's school's invitation will be withdrawn if the school does not

exhibit sufficient effort to participate in league play or otherwise fails to fulfill the terms of NCTTA membership.

- c. **All remaining Championship spots will be filled on a wild card basis** according to the following system:
  - i. Invitations will be extended to teams in order of decreasing team rating, where team ratings are calculated as described in Section 1.6.
  - ii. Divisions of size 8 or larger (division size is described in Section Section 5.4b of the *NCTTA Rules and Regulations*) will be eligible to qualify a second team to the Championships before teams from other divisions are considered.
  - iii. Divisions in which all official teams play each other 3 or more times during a season are eligible to qualify an additional team before teams from other divisions are considered. The same teams cannot play each other more than once in a 7 day period.
  - iv. Teams from any other division will be invited to fill any remaining slots left after ii and iii.

#### 1.4 Women's Team Qualification

**16 Women's teams** will be invited to the NCTTA Championships according to the following selection criteria:

- a. **Division champions will receive automatic invitations to the Championships.** If the division winner is ineligible or declines the invitation, the 2nd place team in the division will be invited to participate. Automatic invitations will not extend beyond 2nd place.
- b. **The host school will receive an automatic invitation to the Championships.** However, since the bid was determined months ahead, the host's school's invitation will be withdrawn if the school does not exhibit sufficient effort to participate in league play or otherwise fails to fulfill the terms of NCTTA membership.
- c. **All remaining Championship spots will be filled on a wild card basis** according to the following system:
  - i. Invitations will be extended to teams in order of decreasing team rating (team ratings are calculated as described in Section 1.6).
  - ii. Divisions of size 4 or larger (division size is described in Section 5.4b of the *NCTTA Rules and Regulations*) will be eligible to qualify a second team to the Championships before teams from other divisions are considered.
  - iii. Divisions in which all official teams play each other 3 or more times during a season are eligible to qualify an additional team before teams from other divisions are considered. The same teams cannot play each other more than once in a 7 day period.
  - iv. Teams from any other division will be invited to fill any remaining slots left after ii and iii.

#### 1.5 Paralympic Events

Qualification for NCTTA Paralympic events will follow the *NCTTA Paralympic Championships Guidelines* as defined by the NCTTA Championships Committee and NCTTA Disabled Athletes Committee.

## 1.6 Seeding

Team ratings and seeding for the Championships will be calculated based on the top 4 players from a school that are eligible to compete in the Championships.

## 1.7 Rosters

- a. Players need to have represented the school in at least one divisional meet either in a varsity team, junior varsity team, or women's team contest before being allowed on the championship roster. Only women that have played at least one (1) co-ed regional match for their school can be included on a school's co-ed championship roster. Similarly, only women that have played at least one (1) women's regional match for their school can be included on their school's women's championship roster.
- b. **Co-ed championship rosters must have a minimum of 4 players.** A team that submits a 3-player lineup for a tie, or submits a 4-player lineup in which one or more of the players listed are not present at the Championships, will default all matches in that tie.
- c. Players need to satisfy the NCTTA eligibility requirements, with documented proof (the *NCTTA Eligibility Form* or acceptable substitute) submitted to the NCTTA Registrar by the publicized deadline. Players must also submit an *NCTTA Championship Agreement* and *NCTTA Registration Form* by the deadline. Late paperwork submissions **may** be accepted with an appropriate late fee, however, this is not guaranteed.
- d. Preliminary rosters listing all the players that could play for a team in the Championships are due by a deadline decided by the NCTTA Championships Committee.
- e. Changes or additions to this roster after the deadline require explicit approval of the NCTTA Championships Committee.

## 1.8 Uniforms

All participating teams are required to have team uniforms for the Championships. A team uniform must at the minimum consist of matching shirts containing the team's name or logo. Matching shorts are strongly encouraged. Uniforms must be worn at all time during championship matches. No exceptions will be made.

## 1.9 Format

The NCTTA Championships will follow NCTTA League Competition Rules with the following exceptions:

- a. Championship-specific rule modifications are permitted as decided by the NCTTA Championships Committee and Host Organizing Committee.

These changes should be described in the Championship's Athlete Handbook.

- b. Rules and format for Paralympic events will follow *NCTTA Paralympic Championships Guidelines* (see Section 1.5).

### 1.10 Players on more than one roster

Female players can be included on the rosters for both co-ed and women's teams from a particular school. However, if both teams are scheduled to play within the same time period such players can only be included in the match lineup for one of the team contests. In other words they must choose which team contest to participate in. No match will be held up unnecessarily.

### 1.11 Financial Assistance

- a. NCTTA is able to provide *limited* funding for eligible schools to participate in the NCTTA Championships provided that the teams have exhausted all available resources and contacts at their institution.
- b. Before filing for NCTTA financial assistance, the eligible championship teams should:
  - i. Read the document entitled, *NCTTA Funding Request Information*, on the NCTTA Championships website.
  - ii. Apply for institutional assistance according to the guidelines outlined in that document.
- c. If after exhausting institutional resources, a team still has unmet funding needs, it can then ask for NCTTA financial assistance through a formal application. The application must be submitted to NCTTA at least 2 weeks prior to the Championships.
- d. The NCTTA Financial Committee will consider all such requests after completion of the Championships and notify involved teams of their decisions in a timely fashion.