



MEN'S NCAA COLLEGIATE GRANT PROGRAM

General Description of the Grant Program:

Volleyball is one of the most cost-effective sports an institution can offer, yet men's volleyball is only sponsored at present by approximately 80 NCAA institutions. The grant program was developed to increase opportunities for men to participate in varsity collegiate volleyball. Since the program's inception, over 38 schools have utilized the grant to elevate their men's club program to varsity status. The grant program is administered by USA Volleyball (USAV), also known as the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA), the official National Governing body (NGB) for the sport and a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

This grant offers a \$6,000.00 award to NCAA institutions that establish and sustain a men's varsity program for three years. Since these grants are being offered to encourage the growth of NCAA men's volleyball, the Men's Collegiate Volleyball Council selection committee will be guided by that objective in making its award decision. The grants program would not be possible without the financial and administrative assistance of USA Volleyball, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA), the Men's Collegiate Volleyball Council, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and private support.

Purpose & Rationale:

As the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball, USA Volleyball has great interest in the overall welfare of men's intercollegiate volleyball. Our goals include growing the sport of men's volleyball at the collegiate level. Since 1970, the NCAA has offered a single national championship in men's volleyball. With the addition of less than 10 more Division III men's sponsored programs, the NCAA will likely institute a new national championship for Division III members.

USAV is intimately focused on the success of three primary responsibilities: the USA Men's National Volleyball Team, Men's Collegiate Volleyball and volleyball programs for boys ages 7-18.

- The USA Men's National Team & Men's Collegiate Volleyball - as the administrative body responsible for the welfare of the USA Men's Team, USAV is extremely interested in encouraging the growth of men's varsity volleyball programs. With one exception, the rosters for the 1984 and 1988 USA Men's Gold Medal Olympic volleyball teams were made up of athletes who had previously played for NCAA varsity programs. Furthermore, experts agree that the USA Men's Volleyball Team will continue to depend upon intercollegiate men's volleyball programs for its future members.

- Volleyball Programs for Boys 7-18 - USAV sponsors a variety of programs for developing players including High Performance Camps, clinics, exhibitions, tournaments, as well as National Team Programs for Youth (under 18) and Junior (under 20) age groups.

Features & Benefits of Starting a Men's Program:

1. Low Cost Of Start-Up (with existing women's programs)
2. Financial benefits
3. Increased Institution Visibility, Exposure and Prestige
4. Opportunity to Compete For a National Championship
5. A Varsity Sport That Your Students Want
6. Grant Assistance (defrays travel, salary, and equipment expenses)
7. Spectator and Student Interest Is High

Who may apply?

Grant requests are primarily solicited from any NCAA Member institution NOT already sponsoring a varsity men's volleyball program. In special circumstances, exceptions to this request guideline may be considered.

Requirements:

A college or university receiving a grant would be required to sign a simple agreement indicating its intention:

- To begin sponsoring men's volleyball as a varsity sport, (normally, during the subsequent academic year).
- To continue sponsoring men's volleyball, as a varsity sport, during at least the next two collegiate seasons (for a total of no less than three consecutive seasons).
- To be willing to host a USAV Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP program) at its campus during the grant period and to work in other ways with USAV and the AVCA to develop boys' volleyball in its area. The hosting of a CAP program would consist of providing a facility (gym) and locally posting information about the program.
- To return a pro-rated portion of the money if the terms of the grant are not met.

Application Procedures:

To be considered for a USAV Men's Collegiate Grant, the applicant should submit a letter to USA Volleyball (address shown below), as soon as possible, indicating their interest in receiving a Grant. The letter must:

1. Be signed by the Director of Athletics or an administrative superior;
2. Clearly state the institution's wish to be considered for a grant and indicate the initial year of varsity competition planned for the new program.

3. Verify that the applicant did not sponsor men's varsity volleyball previous to the proposed grant period. Or if an exception is granted, indicate the length of time that the school has sponsored Men's volleyball as a varsity sport.
4. Identify the institution's athletic conference(s) membership(s).
5. Indicate the institution's willingness to meet the following five conditions, if a grant were awarded:
 - A. Sponsor men's volleyball as a varsity sport for at least three consecutive years.
 - B. Send USA Volleyball an annual report that includes:
 - a. A copy of the letter notifying the NCAA that the institution is sponsoring men's volleyball.
 - b. An end-of-season report that includes the team roster, including coaching staff, match schedule and season match record that lists opponents.
 - C. Host at least one USAV CAP program during the grant period at your facility
 - D. Provide video/DVD of one match from the past season
 - E. Work with USAV and the AVCA to encourage boy's volleyball in the surrounding community(s).

The institution's letter of application should be addressed to;

USA Volleyball
NCAA Grant Administrator
715 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80910-2368.

Administration of the Grant:

USA Volleyball will assume responsibility for the collection of records to indicate compliance with the terms of the grant, as well as records of matches played by the teams at the granted institutions. The Men's Collegiate Volleyball Council will be asked to review any actions by USAV concerning a question of noncompliance on the part of a recipient. The Men's Collegiate Volleyball Council will provide documentation to USAV to show that efforts to develop boy's volleyball by the receiving institutions have been made.

Men's Collegiate Volleyball Council members (as of 11/2007):

- Douglas Beal, USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer
- Kathy DeBoer, AVCA Executive Director
- Robert Newcomb, Former MPSF Commissioner
- Gerald Maticotta, NECVA Executive Director
- Ivan Marquez, EIVA Commissioner
- Jeff Mosher, USA Volleyball Grant Administrator