

FLORIDA STATE SAND VOLLEYBALL FACT SHEET

AN EMERGING SPORT

- Collegiate sand volleyball is an “emerging sport.” It has 10 years to gain the minimum 40 sponsoring institutions for two years in a row required to be considered an NCAA championship sport.
- Sand volleyball has three scholarships to divide among a roster of 15 players in 2011-12. The sport will add one scholarship each year for the next three years to eventually get to six dividable scholarships in 2014-15.
- Players will not wear the “traditional” sand volleyball uniform of a bikini. The AVCA concept calls for a two-piece uniform- shorts or briefs and a top, or a one-piece.
- Currently, there are 15 collegiate programs who have confirmed that they will field a varsity Sand Volleyball team for the 2011-2012 school year. All of these schools are Division I programs.

THE RULES

- Each team competition is called a “dual” and will consist of five matches of pairs. The winning team will need to win three matches in a best-of-five format. The separate matches will be conducted as best-of-three set competitions, with rally scoring to 21 in the first two sets and to 15 in the third. Teams must win by at least two points in all cases.
- Sand volleyball differs from court volleyball in ways other than the numbers of players. No open hand tipping is allowed. The block touch is allowed as the first of three allowable contacts. Coaches may only speak to players or give any feedback during time-outs or in between sets. Finally, to mitigate the impact of the sun and wind, the players switch sides of the court every seven points in a 21 point set and every five points in a 15 point set. The court is smaller at 8’ m x 8’ m, while indoor is 9’ m x 9’ m.

AT FLORIDA STATE

- Head Coach Danalee Corso was the first full-time sand volleyball coach in the country.
- FSU’s inaugural sand volleyball team features 16 players, nine sand-only players and seven players from the FSU indoor squad.
- If a player has an indoor volleyball scholarship, they can play sand volleyball, but a sand volleyball scholarship athlete cannot play on the indoor volleyball team.

GAMEDAY IN TALLAHASSEE

- All competitions will be played at the sand volleyball courts, located north of the soccer and softball complex and between the track and field complex and the parking garage.
- Parking will be available in the lot across from the courts and in the adjacent parking garage.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to the event, but there will also be eight sets of bleachers.
- No dogs or umbrellas are allowed. Tents behind the bleachers are permissible.