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Division II

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VOLLEYBALL

Division I

South	Jessica Tjaden	Northeastern Junior College Sterling, CO 80751
North	Verl Petsch	Eastern Wyoming College Torrington, WY 82240 307-532-8248

Division II

	Mary Young	Central C. C. - Columbus Columbus, NE 68602 402-562-1296

CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION OF REGION IX WOMEN'S DIVISION OF NJCAA

Article I-Name

Section I. The names of this organization shall be the Region IX Women's Division of National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Article II-Purpose

Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and foster women's junior college athletics on a local and regional level so that results will be consistent with the total program of its members.

Article III-Membership

Section I. Eligibility for membership.

A. Colleges and institutions must be a member of the NJCAA and shall be entitled to all privileges and obligations of the NJCAA constitution, bylaws, and executive regulations of the NJCAA.

Section II. Conditions for membership. The members of this organization agree to:

A. Administer their athletic programs in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the constitution, bylaws, executive regulations, and other legislative acts of the NJCAA.

B. Establish and maintain a high standard of ethics and fair play.

C. Pay the annual dues before the deadline set by the Region.

Article IV-Officers

Section I. Elections

A. Officers shall be elected every two years on uneven numbered years at the Spring meeting.

Section II. Duties and Responsibilities

A. Regional Director: The Regional Director shall perform all duties as indicated in the NJCAA Handbook, Article III Section D. In addition, this person shall conduct the meetings and appoint new committee members as needed.

B. Assistant Regional Director: The Assistant Regional Director shall perform all duties as indicated in the NJCAA Handbook, Article III Section E. In addition, this person is responsible for the handbook and shall succeed the regional

director in case need arises.

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible to pay bills, collect dues, and to keep a running-accurate account of the finances.

D. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate report of meeting minutes and distribute to all member schools. In addition, the Secretary shall update the athletic directory and distribute to all member schools.

E. Historian: The Historian shall keep an accurate record of Region IX Tournament Champions as well as awards presented to Region IX athletes and coaches.

Article V-Meetings

Section I. This organization shall hold two annual meetings each year. One in the Fall of the school term and one in the Spring after the annual NJCAA meeting to relay new information and/or changes to the members.

Section II. Special meetings may be called by the Regional Director at any time in order to consider emergency situations which may arise.

Article VI-Voting

Section I. Member colleges shall be entitled to one vote.

Section II. Voting by mail, fax or telephone shall be permissible on any issue deemed necessary by the officers.

Article VII-Committees

Section I. The following committees shall be active within the region with the members serving on them settling disputes or misinterpretations. Committees are standards and ethics, volleyball, basketball, softball and awards.

Article VIII-Governing Council

Section I. The governing council shall be made up of the elective officers and a member of the sports committees as appointed by the Regional Director.

Article IX-Finances

Section I. All funds of this organization shall be obtained, held and administered through the Treasurer.

Articles X-Amendments

Section I. This constitution may be amended at spring annual meeting by two-thirds affirmative vote of the active membership or member colleges. The proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the secretary of the organization and dispersed to the membership at least three weeks prior to the spring annual meeting and provided that a copy of the proposed amendment must be sent to each member college.

ELIGIBILITY

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The eligibility form must be submitted electronically to the NJCAA. Electronic eligibility certification forms and filing process instructions can be accessed through the NJCAA web site (www.njcaa.org/schools) Refer to Article V, Section 13.

A hard copy must also be sent to: Marci Henry
Northeastern Junior College
100 College Drive
Sterling, CO 80751

The form must be electronically submitted **either on or before the first regularly scheduled contest or 15 calendar days after the beginning of the term in which the sport begins**. If the regular season of a sport extends beyond the last day of the term and continues beyond the 20th day after the term ends, **a second eligibility form for that sport is due within 15 calendar days after the beginning of the next term.**

Submit hardship cases immediately.

Casebook concerning policies and procedures for the National Junior College Athletic Association may be obtained by contacting the NJCAA.

Note: All eligibility rosters must be completed and approved as published by the National Office. (See dates to remember)

DUES

A. National Dues: All members schools will pay national dues as indicated in the NJCAA Handbook, Article I, Section I A and B. All dues shall be payable on or before **October 1** of each calendar year.

B. Region IX Dues: Region IX NJCAA dues for Women's Division are $350 plus an additional $50 per sport (volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer) plus $40 stats fee per sport and must be paid by October 30 of each year. **Only colleges that have paid dues will be eligible to compete in the regional tournaments.**

   a. If a college participates in a sport that no other member school participates in, the per sport fee will be waived. If this is the college's only sport, the membership dues will also be waived.

Send regional dues to: Angel Sharman
125 College Drive
Casper College
Casper, WY 82601
307-268-2335

ROSTERS & PHOTOS

Rosters and photos for volleyball, basketball softball, and soccer must be sent to the Regional Director by the dates noted on "Dates to Remember". All photos must meet specifications as indicated in the NJCAA Handbook. The following guidelines must be followed for electronic submission:

a. Rosters submitted in Microsoft Word
b. Photos must have a minimum print resolution of 300 dpi
c. Team photos must be 5 X 7 –Landscape

AWARDS

I. Regional

Region IX Women's Sports will purchase official NJCAA awards (medals, plaques, etc.). These may be obtained through:

Medalcraft Mint
www.medalcraft.com
Phone: 800-558-6348

Expenses for medals, plaques, etc. are ordered by the regional director, paid for by the regional treasury, and sent to the host school. Region IX will pay for post season awards for sports with two teams participating.

One certificate is presented to each member of the Regional IX All Tournament Team, the All Regional Team and the Region IX Academic All Regional selections. These certificates can be obtained from the Regional Director. A college may request two per athlete (one for athlete and one for college).

II. Sub Region

Awards for sub-regional tournaments are left to the discretion of the sub-region. It is recommended that cost not exceed $25.

III. Conference

It is suggested by the regional director that the national seal not be used for conference awards. This would pertain to the Wyoming, Mon-Dak, and Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

It is the Region IX policy to abide with the NJCAA position paper on substance use/abuse as found in the Official Handbook and Casebook. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA-sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post-season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance, shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

REGION IX

COMMITTEES

REGION IX COMMITTEES

I. COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

The Standards and Ethics Committee function to uphold the NJCAA code of conduct and the standards of Region IX. As part of its duty, the committee hears protests concerning violations of the code or of the standards and acts upon them. The Standards and Ethics Committee may impose sanctions upon Region IX schools found to be guilty of violations of the code of conduct or the regional standards.

II. VIABLE PROTESTS

The committee will consider protests of the following situations:

A. Any severe unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators or game participants (players, coaches, and other team personnel) during an athletic event.

B. Any unprofessional conduct by a coach concerning game contracts or game officials.

C. Any unprofessional conduct by a coach concerning athletic contests.

D. Any unprofessional conduct by a school in failing, when qualified, to represent Region IX in national competitions.

E. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a school when representing Region IX in national competition.

F. Any violation of the NJCAA code of conduct during any athletic competition.

G. Any situation brought before the committee by a regional member school or a regional officer.

Anyone wishing to bring an issue before the Standards and Ethics Committee may do so by filing four duplicate copies of a written report with any of the three committee members.

III. PROTEST PROCEDURES

A. Protests of rules and their interpretations must follow NCAA procedures. (See rule guide)

B. Protest of eligibility must follow NJCAA procedures. (See NJCAA Handbook)

C. For other protests, each member of the protest committee for the respective sport is to receive in writing the facts and the allegations concerning the grievance no later than three (3) days after the contest.

D. For regular season contests a team cannot be forced to forfeit for "acts of God" situations. If both coaches agree, however, there can be a forfeit. In tournaments this problem is up to the discretion of the tournament director. Teams must be allowed time as required in the Region IX Handbook, for dressing and a full warm-up.

IV. APPEAL PROCESS

A. Each member college shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Protest Committee if the institution deems the decision unfair and unjust.

B. The appeal must be in writing and made within fifteen calendar days after the Chairperson of the Protest Committee has mailed notice of the action.

C. All appeals must be inclusive of: Names of the parties and/or institution involved; the alleged grounds upon which the appeal is based; supporting evidence or documentation upon which the appeal is based and a statement of the decision to be appealed.

D. The Appeal shall be presented to the Executive Region IX Committee for review. The Executive Committee shall hold a hearing and render a decision regarding the appeal. Within 5 calendar days after the decision is rendered, all parties affected shall be notified by the chairperson of the Region IX Executive Committee.

V. COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and sports representatives. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers between meetings, hear all appeals and serve as an advisory board to the Regional Director.

B. Protest Committee

The following people are appointed by the regional director to serve a two year term in regard to determining the outcome of protest. The General Committee meetings held each Spring and Fall are open to any concerned member of Region IX.

Gary Addington	South	Otero Community College
Sally Thalken	East	North Platte Community College
Frank McCarthy	North	Sheridan College

Plus the officers of the NJCAA Region IX Women's Division.

Duties of Protest Committee

1. The committee shall review and investigate an alleged violation (excluding eligibility), infringement of policies, misconduct and other such infractions by a member college.

2. The Protest Committee Chairperson will contact the Athletic Director of the accused institution regarding his/her response within forty-eight hours of receipt of complaint.

   The Athletic Director has 10 calendar days to respond. Action will be taken by the Protest Committee within thirty calendar days of receipt of said complaint. Failure to respond within thirty days shall result in the matter being referred to the Executive Committee. The sanctioned institution may appeal the Protest Committee's decision in accordance with the stipulations in Standards and Ethics, Section IV.

C. Sports Committees

Appropriate sports protest committees may also be called upon to rule in cases where teams scheduled to compete against one another are unable to fulfill the commitment for play and when the teams involved cannot resolve the differences between themselves. Should coaches involved in the unfulfilled commitment also be members of the sports committee, the Regional Director shall replace that person and then the committee would rule. (**indicates chair of committee)

BASKETBALL

Basketball--Division II

Mike Kroupa	Central Community College
Dick Thurin	North Platte Community College
Vicki Wooton	Southeast Community College

North Sub-Region Division I

**Dwight Gunnare	Casper College
Serol Stauffenberg	Central Wyoming College
Tracy Clingingsmith	Dawson Community College
Will Rider	Gillette College
Mark Stordahl	Little Big Horn College
Cathy Hanek	Miles Community College
Janis Beal	Northwest College
Frank McCarthy	Sheridan College
Ken Swartz	Western Wyoming Community College

South Sub-Region Division I

Tom Andersen	Eastern Wyoming College
Timm Dixon	Lamar Community College
Benjamin Smith	McCook Community College
Darrel Parker	Northeastern Junior College
Kyle Spencer	Otero Junior College
Rich Holden	Trinidad State Junior College
Dave Harnish	Western Nebraska Community College

SOCCER

Coach	Lamar Community College
**Jim Gardner	Laramie County Community College
Coach	Northwest College
Donnie Ribauro	Otero Junior College
Aaron Miller	Trinidad State Junior College
Todd Rasnic	Western Nebraska Community College
Ben Smith	Western Wyoming Community College

SOFTBALL

Division II

**Jack Gutierrez	Central Community College
Janelle Higgins	North Platte Community College
Tiffany Higgins	Southeast Community College

Division I

Dan Harrison	Dawson Community College
Craig Brooks	Lamar Community College
Ben Greer	McCook Community College
Tabitha Foster	Northeastern Junior College
Ben Garcia	Otero Junior College
Steve Swazo	Trinidad State Junior College
Maria Winn	Western Nebraska Community College

(**indicates chair of committee)

VOLLEYBALL

Division II

Mary Young	Central Community College – Columbus
John Marble	Dawson Community College
**Sally Thalken	North Platte Community College
Carrie Puhlalla	Southeast Community College

Division I--North

Angel Sharman	Casper Community College
Tiffany Stauffenberg	Central Wyoming College
**Verl Petsch	Eastern Wyoming College
Darren Buckner	Laramie County Community College
Shaun Pohlman	Northwest College
Jennifer Weitzel	Sheridan College
Rick Reynolds	Western Wyoming Community College

Division I--South

Chris Weber	Lamar Community College
Natalie Alred	McCook Community College
Jessica Tjaden	Northeastern Junior College
Melissa Anderson	Otero Junior College
Ellen McGill	Trinidad State Junior College
**Giovana Melo	Western Nebraska Community College

(**indicates chair of committee)

REGION TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

I. **DATES**--All dates are determined at the Spring Region IX Meeting.

II. **TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE**

A. Each division/sub-region will determine which teams shall represent them in the regional tournament, as well as the seeding of each of their representatives. All sub-regional play shall be completed no later than seven days prior to the opening of the regional tournament.

B. If a qualified team does not wish to attend the regional tournament, then the host team of that tournament, if not already qualified may enter the tournament. If the host team has already qualified, then the opening reverts to the sub-region creating the vacancy. If a vacancy still exists, all other schools wishing to attend will be placed in a hat and a wild card team will be selected.

III. **TOURNAMENT DECLARATION**

Should any team qualify for the regional tournament and not attend without notifying the regional director, that school will be placed on probation for the next school year, and will not be eligible for participation in the regional tournament of the probationary year. Schools will be fined $1500. Schools still have the right to appeal to the appropriate sports committee. Schools will be placed on probation only in the sport which violates tournament declaration and/or attendance. All athletes of a school which violate tournament declaration and/or attendance shall not be eligible for any awards.

Any team not intending to participate in the Region IX Tournament must notify the Regional Director. The deadlines for non participation in the Region IX Tournaments are as follows:

A. Volleyball: **October 15**
B. Soccer: **October 21**
C. Basketball**: February 1**
D. Softball: **April 1.**
   a. This is also the deadline to notify the Regional Director if a team decides it does not want to host the Region IX Tournament. In this case the number 2 seed would have the option to host, etc. There will be a $750 fee for notifying the Regional Director (of non-participation and/or not wanting to host) after April 1st.

IV. **TOURNEY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To assist in cost of officials for Region Tournaments, the women's division of Region IX has established the following guidelines:

A. Basketball: $150 per participating team to the host school of each respective region basketball tournament. In addition, $300 will be granted for Division I Basketball to contract an assigner of officials for the region basketball tournament. The host sub-region of the Region IX Tournament will select this contact person within the host sub-region.

B. Soccer: $200 per participating team to the host school of the Division I Region Soccer Tournament.

C. Softball: $200 per participating team to the host school of the Division I Region softball tournament. $150 per participating team to the host school of the Division II Region Softball tournament.

D. Volleyball: $200 per participating team to the host school of each respective region volleyball tournament.

All tournament hosts must submit an invoice with the names of each participating team to the Region IX Treasurer for payment.

V. Tourney Profits

Should the host school of the volleyball tournament realize a profit on the regional tournament, that school will split the profit on a 50-50 basis with the team qualifying for the national tournament.

Should the host school of the basketball tournament realize a profit on the regional tournament, that school will split the profit on a 50-50 basis with the team qualifying for the national tournament.

VI. HONORARY TEAMS

A. All Regional Team--The All Regional Team shall consist of:
Basketball Division I--20 players
Basketball Division II—6 players
Soccer—11 players; 8 selected as 2nd Team
Softball Division I—26 players
Softball Division II—12 players
Volleyball Division I North & South—15
Volleyball Division II—10 players

Players will be selected according to the following procedure:

1. Basketball:
   a. Division I: Twenty (20) players will compost the All-Region Basketball Team. Each sub-region will independently select 10 All-Region players and one Coach-of-the-Year. Each sub-region will submit their nominations to their respective sub-region representative two weeks prior to the Region IX Tournament. The sub-region representative will then circulate a ballot within their respective sub-region for player selection. In the event of a tie for the final spot, all players involved in the tie will be included on the All Region Team.

b. Division II: Team will consist of six players. Region Champion will receive 3 selections, Runner up will receive 2, third place will receive 1 selection. Coaches will choose their respective players.

2. Soccer: Each team will nominate a maximum of eight players for the all region team. One keeper, four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards will be selected for 1st Team. Each coach will get one vote and they may not vote for their own player. All efforts should be made to elect the best players at each position. Each coach may nominate one player for Region player of the year. All Region voting will be done on Saturday or Sunday morning before the Region Championship Game. The host sight is responsible for securing a meeting place and providing ballots for each coach.

3. Softball
   a. Division I: There shall be a Region IX MVP and an Outstanding Freshman of the Year selected. There shall also be a first and a second team each consisting of the following positions: 2 pitchers, 1 catcher, 4 infielders, 3 outfielders, 1 designated hitter, and 1 utility player.

   b. Division II: The 1st place team shall receive 6 selections, 2nd place team will receive 4 selections and 3rd place will receive 2 selections. Coaches can not vote for their own players.

4. Volleyball-each division selects their own All-Region players.
   a. Division I: Coaches nominate 4 athletes (South) and 5 athletes (North) for selection and must specify athletes' position and grade level. Coaches **may not** vote for their own players. Coaches will vote for only 15 players in rank order, 1-15. To tabulate the votes, players will receive points in reverse order with the top player to receive 15 points, the number 2 player 14 points, number 3 player 13 points, etc…The player receiving the highest total of points will be the "Player of the Year". The setter and the libero with the highest number of points will be awarded the Setter and Libero of the Year, respectively. The freshman with the highest total points will be awarded the Freshman of the Year.

   b. Division II: Ten athletes will be selected All Region. Each coach selects one player from their team to be named to the All Region team; each coach then nominates 3 players for a ballot. Coaches may vote for their own players. Coaches select 6 players to be included in the 10 player All Region Team.

B. <u>All Tournament Team</u>—
   a. Division I Basketball: Will consist of 15 players.
   b. Division II Basketball: Will consist of 6 players.
   c. Division I Softball: Will consist of 18 players
   d. Division II Softball: Will consist of 10 players
   e. Division I Volleyball: Will consist of 15 players. South only: Player with the

most votes will be named the tournament MVP.
f. Division II Volleyball: Will consist of 10 players; it is suggested that the following positions be considered for recognition: (3 left, 3 middle, 1 right, 1 setter, 1 libero and 1at-large).

C. All American Team--Nominations must be in to the Regional Director as stated on "Dates to Remember." At the coaches meeting prior to the start of the tournament, nominations will be ranked by attending coaches in the order they are to be presented to the National Committee.

D. Academic All-Americans--To be determined, as indicated in National Handbook.

E. Distinguished Academic All-Americans--Will be recognized without regard to sport...to be determined as indicated in the national handbook.

F. Academic All-Region--Nominations must be into the regional director by June 1. Students must be a full-time student for two or more consecutive semesters and have a minimum of 3.25 of all credit hours taken.

G. Region IX Coach of the Year—Will be selected from each sub-region's nominee during the Coaches' Meeting at the Regional Tournament. Each sub-region will submit their nominee to the Regional Director along with their All-Region selections. Should a college team be on probation and/or sanctions by the NJCAA that college team coach is not eligible for Coach of the Year honors. In the event of a tie for Coach of the Year, the following will be considered:

A. Division I Basketball: Re-vote with only persons involved in the tie.
E. Division II Basketball: Coach with higher tournament finish will be COY
C. Division I Softball:
D. Division II Softball: The Coach of the Region Tourney Champion will be COY.
E. Division I Volleyball South: Co-coaches will be awarded.
F. Division I Volleyball North: Co-coaches will be awarded.
G. Division II Volleyball: Coach with higher tournament finish will be COY

**In Division I Basketball there will be a COY for both the North and South sub-region.

VII. REPORTS

A. The regional tournament director should call and notify the women's regional director of the winner of the tournament immediately.

B. Cost Analysis Report: The host college of any Region IX NJCAA Tournament shall submit to the regional director and all Region IX members, a cost analysis for the specific tournament held. This analysis shall be presented by the tournament host or in his/her absence, the regional director, at the spring regional meeting following the tournament. This report should be part of the tournament report.

B. Tournament Report: The host school of a Region IX Tournament should file a report with the regional director. Such reports will be given by the tournament director or, in the absence of the tournament director, the regional director, at the spring regional meeting.

VIII. PROGRAMS

All teams in Region IX shall appear in the regional tournament program. Information shall include the team picture and a roster consisting of number, height, year, position, and hometown of all listed members.

IX. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES AND SITES

(See Dates To Remember)

X. VIDEOTAPING

A. Coaches desiring to videotape their team's tournament play should check with the tournament director to make all necessary arrangements. Coaches will be allowed to tape only those games involving their own team.

B. The host of the regional tournament will videotape the championship match/game. A copy of the championship shall be presented to the winner.

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL—DIVISION I

I. Regular Season

A. Home team will provide the following items for visitors during the season.

1. Practice Balls (recommend 6 balls)

2. Statistics (player numbers on all statistics. Individual statistics on shots, offensive and defensive rebounds, turnovers, assists, steals and blocked shots.)

3. Refreshments at half or after game (pop, oranges, etc., (optional)

4. Thirty-second clock.

5. Provide bench towels and bench water.

B. NCAA Women's rules will be used.

C. Officials may be either NCAA or National Federation certified officials. It is required that a different set of officials will work the women's game than will work the men's game provided games are played on the same night. No officials can work both the men's and women's. Sub-regional regular season play MUST use a crew of three officials. Local officials should not be used for sub-region games. Local is defined as town/community.

D. Rosters including number, name, class, height, hometown, and schedule should be sent to each college you play, and to the regional tournament director, and to the regional director. Two rosters and 2 team pictures must be sent to the regional director by **January 1st**, update as needed.

E. In order to compile regional basketball statistics, **FAX or EMAIL** to Mark Rein at WNCC with the week's results before Monday at 2:00 MST. Schools not submitting the master schedule or reporting weekly statistics will not be sent the cumulative stat sheet. Should a school fail to report three times, that school's players will not be eligible for selection to the all regional team. Coaches whose athletes are ineligible for selection to the all regional team, shall not be able to vote for the all regional team.

1. Regional statistics will list the top 15 athletes in scoring, rebounding, free throws, assists, steals and blocked shots.

2. Division I teams are also required to maintain updated regular season stats on either their college home website or the NJCAA website.

3. See Dates to Remember for the beginning of reporting.

F. Statistics must be kept. It is suggested that two persons be assigned to for statistical purposes (one spotter-one recorder). Computer generated statistics are acceptable.

G. A visible 30-second clock that meets NJCAA rules is required for all Region IX basketball games.

H. A season schedule must be sent to the statistician prior to the start of the season.

I. Host schools will video tape and provide a copy of all Region IX regular season games to the visiting school.

J. Last date for regular scheduled sub-region games will be 10 days prior to the Region IX tournament.

II. Regional Tournament--Division I

1. North Sub-region

Casper College	Casper, Wyoming
Central Wyoming	Riverton, Wyoming
Dawson Community College	Glendive, Montana
Gillette College	Gillette, Wyoming
Little Big Horn College	Crow Agency, Montana
Miles Community College	Miles City, Montana
Northwest College	Powell, Wyoming
Sheridan College	Sheridan, Wyoming
Western Wyoming Community College	Rock Springs, Wyoming

2. South Sub-region

Eastern Wyoming College	Torrington, Wyoming
Lamar Community College	Lamar, Colorado
McCook Community College	McCook, Nebraska
Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, Colorado
Otero Junior College	LaJunta, Colorado
Trinidad State Junior College	Trinidad, Colorado
Western Nebraska Community College	Scottsbluff, Nebraska

III. Tournament Qualifications—Division I:

A. Beginning in 2013, the #9 North sub-region seed will open with the #1 seed of the hosting sub-region and the #8 North sub-region seed will open with the #1 seed from the non-hosting sub-region. Seeding will be determined by regular season play within each sub-region with each team playing a home and away contest with every team in their respective sub-region.

B. For seeding purposes: In the case of ties, the tiebreaker for the particular sub-region will be used.

C. Tournament Type: The Region IX Tournament for Division I will be a 16 team single elimination tournament. The host team reserves the right to play the last game each day.

D. Tournament Date: The Regional Tournament will finish no later than eight days prior to the NJCAA National Tournament. In 2013, the Tournament date is March 3-7 and in 2014, the dates are March 1-5. .

E. Tournament Meeting: There will be a formal coaches meeting at the Region IX tournament immediately following the final game of the first round. The Region IX Team will be announced at this time and the All-American nominations will be made

F. Tournament Awards:

1. First place team in the regional tournament will be awarded the NJCAA plaque and 16 individual medals.

2. The 2nd place team shall receive 16 individual medals.

3. Sportsmanship trophy awarded to one team as selected by All-Tournament Committee.

4. The Host team will be responsible to form a committee to select an All Tournament Team. Fifteen players will be selected.

5. Region IX Coach of the Year—Each sub-region will independently select a Coach-of-the-Year. Teams in each sub-region will submit their nominations for Coach-of-the-Year to their respective sub-region representative two weeks prior to the Region IX Tournament. The sub-region representative will then circulate a ballot within their respective sub-region for Coach-of-the Year selection. Should a college team be on probation and/or sanctions by the NJCAA that college team coach is not eligible for Coach of the Year honors. In the event of a tie for Coach of the Year, a re-vote will occur with only persons involved in the tie.

F. Tournament Ball: The regional tournament ball will be the same as the national tournament ball – Rawlings composite leather RX8 CNTR285 NJCAA-B.. This is also the official game ball for all regional games.

G. Officials: It is recommended that officials be hired for the regional tournament by an independent party and assigned to games in advance of the tournament.

H. In relationship to scheduling for the regional tournament, be it decided:

1. A two-hour block is reserved for each game.

2. Host team has priority of scheduling time in order to draw good crowds.

3. Suggested the host school have warm-up balls same as game ball. (RX8 CNTR285 NJCAA-B.)

4. Each team will be allowed a minimum of 20 minutes for warm-ups but are not allowed to be on the floor earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of their game for shooting or pre-game warm-ups.

I. Tournament Statistics: Two persons will be assigned to each team (one spotter-one recorder for each game of tournament.

J. Site Rotation:
2013-2014 North Sub-Region (North #1 vs North #9 & South #1 vs North #8)
2014-2015 South Sub-Region (South #1 vs North #9 & North #1 vs North #8)

1. No change can be made in Regional Tournament site rotation until a rotation is completed as stated in the handbook; unless a school voluntarily drops from rotation or drops the sport. If such a drop occurs, the rotation moves up in stated order, and the school which dropped out will be completely out until rotation is completed.

K. Region IX teams agree to **NOT** send video tapes to any teams opposing the Region IX champion in the National Tournament.

BASKETBALL –DIVISION II

I. Regular Season

A. Home team will provide the following items for visitors during the season.

1. Practice Balls (recommend 6 balls)

2. Statistics (player numbers on all statistics. Individual statistics on shots, offensive and defensive rebounds, turnovers, assists, steals and blocked shots.)

3. Thirty-second clock.

4. Provide bench towels and bench water.

B. NCAA Women's rules will be used.

C. Officials may be either NCAA or National Federation certified officials. It is required that a different set of officials will work the women's game than will work the men's game provided games are played on the same night. No officials can work both the men's and women's. Sub-regional regular season play MUST use a crew of three officials. Local officials should not be used for sub-region games. Local is defined as town/community. Joe Wells will be used as an assigner for ALL Region IX games to include the Region IX Tournament.

D. Rosters including number, name, class, height, hometown, and schedule should be sent to each college you play, and to the regional tournament director, and to the regional director. Two rosters and 2 team pictures must be sent to the regional director by **January 1st**, update as needed.

E. In order to compile regional basketball statistics, **FAX or EMAIL** to Mark Rein at WNCC with the week's results before Monday at 2:00 MST. Schools not submitting the master schedule or reporting weekly statistics will not be sent the cumulative stat sheet. Should a school fail to report three times, that school's players will not be eligible for selection to the all regional team. Coaches whose athletes are ineligible for selection to the all regional team, shall not be able to vote for the all regional team.

1. Regional statistics will list the top 15 athletes in scoring, rebounding, free throws, assists, steals and blocked shots.

2. Division II teams are also required to maintain updated regular season stats on either their college home website or the NJCAA website.

3. See Dates to Remember for the beginning of reporting.

F. Statistics must be kept. It is suggested that two persons be assigned to for statistical purposes (one spotter-one recorder). Computer generated statistics are acceptable.

G. A visible 30-second clock that meets NJCAA rules is required for all Region IX basketball games.

H. A season schedule must be sent to the statistician prior to the start of the season.

I. Host schools will video tape and provide a copy of all Region IX regular season games to the visiting school. The visiting school will provide a blank tape to the host school.

J. Last date for regular scheduled sub-region games will be 10 days prior to the Region IX tournament.

D**ivision II Basketball Teams:**

1.	Central Community College	Columbus, Nebraska
2.	North Platte Community College	North Platte, Nebraska
3.	Southeast Community College	Beatrice, Nebraska

II. <u>Tournament Qualifications—Division II:</u>

A. All teams willl qualify for the Region IX Tournament. Seeding will be determined by regular season play within the region. Should a team choose not to participate their slot in the bracket would become a bye.

B. <u>For seeding purposes:</u> In the case of ties, the tiebreaker procedures will be used.

C. <u>Tournament Type:</u> In Division II, the 2nd seed will play the 3rd seed at the higher seed; the winner of that game will place the #1 seed in the Championship game.

D. <u>Tournament Date:</u> The Regional Tournament will finish no later than seven days prior to the NJCAA Tournament.

E. <u>Tournament Awards</u>

1. First place team in the regional tournament will be awarded the NJCAA plaque and 16 individual medals.

2. Individual certificates shall be awarded to the Region IX teams. The Region IX team shall consist of 6 players and the following guidelines shall be utilized:

a. Region Champion will have 3 players selected as All Region.
b. Region Runner up will have 2 players selected as All Region.
c. Region Runner up will have 1 player selected as All Region.
d. Coaches will choose their own players.

The All Tourney team for Region IX Division II will consist of 6 players. The guidelines will include:

a. Region Champion will have 3 players selected to the All Tourney Team.
b. Region Runner up will have 2 players selected to the All Tourney Team.
c. Region Runner up will have 1 player selected to the All Tourney Team.
d. Coaches will choose their own players.

5. Region IX Division II will not have a sportsmanship trophy.

**Please note, if less than 3 teams participate in the Region IX Tournament, Region IX will not assume the cost for awards.

F. Tournament Ball: The regional tournament ball will be the same as the national tournament ball – Rawlings composite leather CNTR285-NJCAA. This is also the official game ball for all regional games.

G. Officials: It is recommended that officials be hired for the regional tournament by an independent party and assigned to games in advance of the tournament.

H. In relationship to scheduling for the regional tournament, it be suggested the host school have warm-up balls same as game ball. (CNTR285-NJCAA)

I. Tournament Statistics: Two persons will be assigned to each team (one spotter-one recorder for each game of tournament.

J. Site Rotation: The #2 and #3 seeds will play at the site of the higher seed; winner will play #1 seed at the higher seed.

K. Region IX teams agree to **NOT** send video tapes to any teams opposing the Region IX champion in the National Tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS DEFINITION

A. **SHOTS**

A shot is any attempt by a player to score a basket, either by throw, a shot or tip:

1. A player is fouled by an opponent while attempting a shot, if the shot is made it counts as a shot, if the shot is missed there is no shot charted.

2. A shot is blocked by an opponent, must be charted as a shot.

3. If a player commits an offensive foul while in the act of shooting, the shot counts and should be charted.

B. **REBOUNDS** Offensive/Defensive

A rebound is credited to a player or team each time the ball is retrieved after a field goal attempt or free throw attempt is missed.

1. If a player tips the ball coming off the board to a teammate he should be credited with a rebound.

2. If the ball hits the floor after an attempted shot, the player retrieving the ball should be credited with a rebound.

3. Air ball is shot with a rebound.

C. **ASSISTS**

Assists are a matter of judgment on the part of the scorer. Credit a player with an assist each time he makes in the scorer's judgment. The principle pass or contributes directly to a field goal. Only one assist is to be credited for each field goal, and only when it is primarily responsible for the goal.

1. A successful tip on a jump-ball to a teammate who scores directly on the play is credited as an assist. (jump-ball at own basket).

2. Credit an assist to a player who retrieves an offensive rebound and passes or tips the ball to a teammate who scores directly on the play.

3. Credit an assist to a player who retrieves a defensive rebound and makes a pass to a teammate that scores directly as the result of the rebound and pass.

D. **STEALS**

A steal occurs when the defensive player takes the ball from the possession of the offensive player, intercepted passes are to be credited as a steal.

E. **TURNOVERS**

An individual turnover occurs when a player loses the ball in one of the following ways:

1. A bad pass resulting in the opponents gaining possession of the ball.

2. Poor ball handling resulting in the loss of the ball.

3. Violations, such as a double dribble, traveling with the ball, or a charge.

4. Allowing the ball to be tied up and losing the resulting jump-ball.

5. Committing a technical foul when one's team is in possession of the ball.

6. Committing an offensive personal foul when the resulting free throw is missed and the opponents retrieve the rebound.

NOTE: The loss of the ball resulting when the 30-second clock expires is charged as a team turnover and not to the individual.

F. **BLOCK SHOTS**

A blocked shot is credited to a player when they disrupt the flight of the opponent’s shot without being called for a foul.

SOCCER

REGION XI WOMEN'S SOCCER

I. **Game Day procedures:**

Home team responsibilities:

1. Referees
2. Proper size and length of the field according to NJCAA guidelines
3. Team benches for both teams
4. A minimum of five game balls
5. Minimum of two ball people.
6. Ice and water
7. Letter, e-mail, phone call 48 hours prior to the game. With directions, if athletic trainer is available, if showers and towels are available, and color of uniforms each team will be wearing.
8. All games must kick off within 15 minutes of scheduled time. Only center officials can delay a start time. Home team is responsible for having a well-prepared field.
9. If a Region IX team is unable to compete in a scheduled match that program will be responsible for cost of contracted officials and any/all travel costs incurred by the opposing program.
10. Cancelled games, unless agreed upon, will result in a forfeit and a 1-0 result.
11. During the regular season, the home team will determine other procedures such as having a public address announcer, line-up announcement, and the playing of the national anthem

Rules of play:

Each team is to follow the NCAA rule book for soccer. Exceptions to the NCAA rule book can be found in the official NJCAA hand book and are to be followed.

II. **Women's Region IX Tournament:**

Seeding

1. During regular season play, NJCAA Region IX Women's Soccer teams must play each other two times, once at each school.

2. For the purposes of Region IX Tournament play, Tournament seeding will be based on the following:
   a. Overall Won-Loss-Tie record vs Region IX opponents.
   b. Win equals 3 points.
   c. Tie equals 1 point.
   d. Loss equals 0 points.
   e. The team with the most Points vs. Region IX opponents is the #1 seed, second most points is the #2 seed, third most points is the #3 seed and fourth most points is the #4 seed. If two teams have the same # of points then tie breaker rules will be applied.

Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goals scored against vs. Region IX opponents
3. Goals scored for (Max. of 3 per game) vs. Region IX opponents
4. Goal differential between tied teams.
5. Record versus common opponents (NJCAA Division I opponents only)
6. Coin Flip

Tournament Format:

1. The tournament will be hosted on a 4-year rotation basis. If at the end of the rotation no other schools have added soccer, then the rotation will repeat.
   a. 2012 Northwest College
   b. 2014 Laramie County CC
   c. 2015 Western Nebraska CC

In the event other schools join, they will enter the rotation as per a **new agreement**.

2. The host team is responsible for coordinating officials, fields, athletic trainer, 5 official game balls and four ball people.

3. The host team will make every effort to schedule games on Friday as late as possible to allow for teams with extended travel.

4. First round of Regional playoff will be between the #3 and #4 seed on October 27, 2012 at the site of the 3rd placed team. Game time will be 2 pm. Winner will advance to the semi-finals on November 2, 2012.

5. The #1 seed will play the first round winner of the Regional Tournament on Friday, November 2, 2012. The #2 seed will play the Region 18 representative on Friday, November 2, 2012. Winners will advance to the Region 9 Championship game will be played on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The winner will advance to the NJCAA National Tournament. Twenty-four hours in between the semi-final game and the championship game is required.

All Region Awards:

1. Each team will nominate a maximum of eight players for the all region team. One keeper, four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards will be selected for 1st team All region honors. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.

2. Second team All Region players will be selected as well, and must have been nominated for first team all-region. The will consist of one keeper three defenders, three midfielders and one forward. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.

3. A Region IX player of the year will be selected

4. A Region IX freshman of the year will be selected.

5. Each coach will get one vote and they may not vote for their own player.

6. All efforts should be made to elect the best players at each position. Only our best players will be nominated for All-District and all-American.

7. Each coach may nominate one player for Region IX player of the year and freshman player of the year after all the first team players have been selected. The player of the year will be selected first and the same individual is not eligible to receive both awards. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.

8. Coaches may nominate a player for Freshman of the Year only if the player is in their first year of collegiate competition and of freshman status both academically and athletically. Medical red-shirts are not eligible to receive this award.

9. Only All-Region players can be nominated for All-district or All-Americans.

10. All Region voting will be done on Saturday or Sunday morning before the Region Championship Game. The host sight is responsible for securing a meeting place and providing ballots for each coach. If a team does not participate in the Region IX Tournament, the players from that team will not be eligible for any awards.

11. If a team does not participate in the Region IX Tournament, the players from that team will not be eligible for any awards.

12. Any team that does not attend the meeting will not be allowed to nominate payers for any Region IX awards.

13. A Region IX coach of the year will be nominated and voted on. If there is a tie then the coach that won the Region nine tournament will be the coach of the year.

14. The Region IX soccer chair will compile the votes and is responsible for sending the results to the Region IX Women's director and the Region IX women's coaches by the Wednesday after the Region IX tournament.

15. Each individual Head Coach is responsible for maintaining consistency, accuracy, and integrity in all statistics and for following the scoring guidelines set forth in Rule 14 of the NCAA rule book.

16. If complete, up-to-date statistics are not included, the athlete's nomination will not be considered for the All-Region IX Team.

17. Coaches may nominate a player in only one position. Players that are nominated at more than one position will be automatically disqualified from consideration.

III. Costs for the Region IX Tournament:

1. Referees - The referees will be paid for by the host school. There will be three officials on the field and a fourth official for substitution purposes.

2. Game Balls – Each team participating in the Region IX Tournament will be required to supply 4 new game balls. These balls are to be turned in to the Tournament Director before the tournament begins.

3. Awards – Region IX pays for the cost of the "Region IX Soccer Champions" plaque, individual medals for the champions, and first team Region IX players, the "Region IX Soccer Player of the Year" plaque and freshmen player of the year plaque, and the "Region IX soccer Coach of the Year" plaque. The cost for the 2nd place medals shall be paid for by the host school.

4. The $800 given by the Region IX shall go to the Athletic Director of the host school in order to help defray the costs of the tournament. Each team is required to pay $200.00 in dues to Region IX.

IV. Game Regulations:

1. At least three (3) officials for each match, one (1) center and two (2) sideline officials. A fourth official for substitutions is highly recommended. The home team will provide the officials with a sheet that details the differences between NCAA and NJCAA rules.

2. Uniforms should conform to NCAA rules and regulations. Pre arrange colors with the other coach. The home team should wear light colored uniforms unless mutually agreed upon by both head coaches.

3. At least five (5) balls should be made available as game balls. Any brand of balls may be used for conference matches, as long as all balls used during the match are the same.

4. Two to Four (at least 2 to 4) ball runners are required to be supplied by the home team, the ball personnel should meet with the officials before the game to know their duties.

5. Field dimensions should be at least 110yds by 70 yds.

6. Field markings should meet NCAA requirements and be freshly or obviously marked. Corner flags and half-field flags are required. Bench Personnel and scoring table markings are highly recommended.

7. Goals should meet NCAA and FIFA standards to include a post and cross bar dimension facing 4”inches. Nets shall be completely secured and confirmed by officials prior to kick-off.

8. Any player that accumulates 5 yellow cards will be suspended for the team’s next game.

9. Home team must provide a score table and a time keeper. An official time keeper should be assigned if a scoreboard is being used. Otherwise, time shall be kept by the officiating staff.

10. An official conference score sheet and/or statistics sheet must be used for all conference games. Each coach and the center official should certify the stats are correct with a signature and date following the match. A copy of the game stats (box score) will be sent to each program via fax or e-mail. This must be sent within 24 hours of the completed match, or by 1:00 pm Monday for a weekend match.

11. A Certified Athletic Trainer should be made available on site for each game at least 45 minutes before kick-off. Each team is responsible for their own taping and other medical materials. Water for each team should be supplied by the home team. Visiting teams are requested to bring their own water bottles or cups and appropriately clean the bench area at the conclusion of the contest..

12. Spectators must be seated on the side of the field opposite the teams or in an area behind the teams separated by a barrier (as in stadium seating). No spectators are allowed behind a goal that does not have a barrier, running track, or bleachers.

SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL—Division I

I. General Information

A. Decisions regarding Region IX Softball will be made by the Athletic Directors of Northeastern Junior College, Lamar Community College, McCook Community College, Otero Junior College, Trinidad State Junior College, and Western Nebraska Community College.

B. On February 1st, 2013, all Head Coaches should send out a packet of information including the name and location of the home field with directions, a schedule, and a roster (name, class, number, position, and hometown) to each individual Head Softball Coach and Athletic Director in Region IX. Schedules, rosters, and a team picture (including a caption with names of pictured persons) should also be sent to the Region IX Director on February 1st, 2013.

C. In order to compile regional softball reports, past week's Region IX results must be posted by Noon MST on Tuesday. Results are to be submitted via the following web following web address:

http://HomeTeamsONLINE.com/sportswebsites/?login

II. Regular Season Play

A. The dates of the first official practice and the first official game shall be in accordance with the NJCAA rules. All Region IX games must be scheduled to be completed by April 21, 2013.

B. Lamar CC, McCook CC, Otero JC, Trinidad State JC, Northeastern JC, and Western Nebraska CC will each play two (one home and one away) double-headers against the other five schools. Each team will then have a total of 24 **"Region IX games"** (10 at home and 10 away). The team with the best record in these Region IX games will be the regular season winner as well as the #1 seed. The team with the second best record in Region IX games will be the #2 seed, etc.

C. If teams choose to play more than the required four games against each other, then the first two home and the first two away games are the four games that count towards each team's **"Region IX games"**. Games played beyond the required four are considered **"non-region games"**.

D. If there is a tie (i.e. two or more teams have the same Region IX record) the higher seed, and subsequent seeds will be determined according to the following tie breakers in order:
   1) Region IX record versus the team(s) with which you are tied
   2) Runs scored in Region IX games versus the team(s) with which you are tied
   3) Runs allowed in Region IX games versus the team(s) with which you are tied
   4) Coin flip

*Note – if more than two teams are tied and a highest seed "comes out"; in order to maintain consistency, the remaining teams that are tied will go back to 1) and begin the same process.

E. All regular season Region IX games must be completed by April 21, 2013.
   1) If weather does not permit games to be played, they must be made up by April 27, 2013.
   2) Teams must complete all 20 Region IX games; these games shall take precedence over non-region IX games and games scheduled with any other competitors from other regions.
   3) Any games that have been cancelled due to weather must be completed within 14 calendar days from the original scheduled date. If the games are not made up within the 14 calendar days due to weather, the home team must find a neutral site or travel to visitor's site. If a neutral site is selected, the cost of the umpires will be split between the two teams.
   4) Conference games not played by teams which have not made every effort will receive:
      a. double forfeit,
      b. the 5 and 6 seed (based off Region IX record) in the Region IX tournament,
      c. and a $750.00 fine due to Region IX by May 3, 2013.

   *Note - The protest committee will review and rule on the effort made to get region games rescheduled.

III. Umpires For Region IX

A. Randy Jordon will be the official assigner for all Region IX softball contests. Each school will send Randy Jordon their respective Region IX schedules by September 1st, 2011. The total cost of all of the umpires (including payment per game and payment to one driver) will be totaled. This total cost will then be divided evenly amongst the Region IX teams. Payment can then be made directly to Region IX. The umpire pay agreement is as follows:
   1) Each official will receive $65 per game.
   2) One driver will receive $100.
   3) Hotels will be provided to each crew by each individual institution as needed.

IV. Game Day Procedures

A. The home team will provide the following for visitors during the season:
   1) Twelve game balls for each game of the double-header including five brand new balls for each game and three game quality balls for each game.
   2) Water
   3) Ice

B. All regional games shall follow the guidelines set forth in the NCAA rule book for pre-game procedures which include but are not limited to:

1) If batting practice is desired and conditions allow, the visiting team must be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes of batting practice beginning no less than 60 minutes and no more than 90 minutes prior to the game as scheduled by the host team.
2) If conditions allow, each team will be permitted a maximum of eight minutes of defensive warm up on the game field.
3) Umpires should report to the field and notify the home-team of their arrival at least 30 minutes before the start of the game.
4) Each team must submit a complete lineup card to the official scorer and opponent 20 minutes before game time and to the plate umpire at the pre-game meeting. Exception: A team playing consecutive games on the same day shall deliver a lineup card for the succeeding game to the opposing coach and umpire no later than the pre-game meeting.
5) Five minutes before the scheduled starting time, the plate umpire shall conduct the pre-game meeting with the representatives of the opposing teams.

C. During the regular season, the home team will determine other procedures such as having a public address announcer, line-up announcement, and the playing of the national anthem.

D. Video equipment: Non-uniformed team personnel may sit in the stands for the purpose of videotaping a contest but may not chart pitches. Scouting information obtained from outside the dugout involving current opponents shall not be relayed or given to the playing field or to team personnel during the contest. A team may film or videotape only contests in which it is playing.
   1) There shall be no electronic communication devices being used by non-uniformed team personnel behind the backstop.

V. Rules of Play

A. In all regional and tournament play, NCAA rules shall be followed.

B. Halted game rules must follow the procedures set forth in the NCAA Rulebook. In Region IX tournament play, the halted game rule is not in effect.

C. In all regional play the run rule shall be 8 runs after 5 innings.

D. In all regional play the tiebreaker rule shall go into effect in the 10th inning as recommended in rule 6 of the NCAA Rulebook.

E. The host team will secure and pay for all officials for regular season play.

F. The official game ball of the NJCAA is the Dudley 4N-134. The specs are .47 core with a compression standard of +/- 47 psi. It is to be used in all regular season play and in regional, district, and national tournament play, as dictated by the NJCAA Softball bylaws.

G. All regional and tournament incidents involving Misconduct must follow the procedures set forth in both the NCAA Rulebook and the NJCAA Handbook with the NJCAA Handbook taking precedence over the NCAA Rulebook on any conflicting penalties.

VI. Region IX Tournament

A. Teams Participating: Lamar CC, McCook CC, Northeastern JC, Otero JC, Trinidad State JC, and Western Nebraska CC.

B. Date of Tournaments: Wednesday May 1st, Thursday May 2nd and Friday May 3rd, 2013. Saturday May 4th will be used as the rain out date. The top seeded team will host a best two out of three series. Sunday May 5th two games will be played on the 5th with a single if game being played on the May 6th. May 7th will be used as the rain out date. District tournament will be played May 9th and 10th same format as above.

C. Location of Tournament is listed below.
   1) The host site must have lighted facilities.
   2) The site will rotate in the following order:
      2013 – McCook Community College
      2014 – Northeastern Junior College
      2015 – Revisit rotation

D. 2013 Region IX Tournament Bracket (See Tournament Bracket Section).

E. There will be a 20-minute break between each game.
   1) Once the field maintenance crew has cleared the field, each team will be allowed an eight minute infield if they wish. The higher seeded team will go first.
   2) The higher seeded team will occupy the 3rd base dugout (if a team plays back-to-back games they shall not be required to change dugouts). Exception: the host school will have the option of occupying their regular "home" dugout for the entire tournament.

F. The deadline to notify the Regional Director of non-participation in the Region IX Tournament is March 29th. This is also the deadline to notify the Regional Director if a team decides it does not want to host the Region IX Tournament. In this case the preceding school on the rotation would have the option to host, etc. There will be a $750 fee for notifying the Regional Director (of non-participation and/or not wanting to host) after March 29th.

G. The winner of the tournament will represent Region IX at the NJCAA Division I District E tournament. The dates for the tournament are Thursday May 9th through Friday May 10th, 2013. The site will be at Region IX winner.

H. The winner of the District E tournament will participate at the NJCAA Division I National Tournament. The dates for the tournament are Thursday May 16th through Saturday May 18th, 2013. The site will be determined by the NJCAA.

I. Monday May 7, 2013 through Tuesday May 18, 2013 shall be used as rainout days for the Region IX Tournament using the same format listed above. Should the Region IX Tournament not be able to be completed on or before Tuesday May 18, 2013, the following will apply:
    1) If no portion of the Region IX Tournament has been played, the team that was seeded #1 will be designated the Region IX Champion and will go on to the District Tournament.
    2) If part of the Region IX Tournament has been played, the highest seeded team who has not been eliminated will be designated the Region IX Champion and go on to the NJCAA District Tournament.

J. The Region IX Tournament shall begin even if there is only one day left to complete it.

K. Protests during the Region IX Tournament will be handled by a committee consisting of the three on-field-umpires and the Tournament Director (or acting Tournament Director).

L. The host team shall send out a pre-tournament package to all of the participating schools and officials on Friday April 26, 2013. The host team shall include in this package information regarding the pre-tournament meeting to be held Thursday, May 1, 2013 in the morning prior to the start of the Region IX Tournament.

M. The host team shall supply the following:
    1) A tournament program including rosters, team pictures, and other pertinent information about the tournament and Region IX.
    2) An announcer for each game of the tournament, who coordinates team introductions and the playing of the National Anthem.
    3) Adequate bus/van parking for each team.

N. The host team has the option of charging gate admission, but must make the other schools aware of this in the pre-tournament package.

O. In the winner's bracket the highest seed will be the home team. In the championship game the home team will be the team without a loss thus far in the tournament. In the loser's bracket and the "if" game the home team will be determined by a coin flip.

P. The Region IX Tournament Director shall not be a Coach from the host school.

Q. The host school shall make available a practice field (weather permitting) the day before the tournament. Time slots of 1 ½ hours and locations will be scheduled by the Tournament Director.

R. The host school shall provide an EMS person or trainer onsite at all times during the tournament incase of an emergency.

S. The run rule shall be 8 runs after 5 innings. Exception: There shall be no tiebreaker in the championship game(s).

T. The tiebreaker rule shall go into effect in the 10th inning as recommended in rule 6 of the NCAA Rulebook. Exception: There shall be no tiebreaker in the championship game(s).

VII. Costs for the Region IX Tournament

A. Umpires - The umpires will be paid for by the host school. There will be three umpires per game throughout the tournament. Prior to the season, the regional chair will secure a qualified umpires association to work the Region IX Tournament regardless of where the tournament is held. It is up to the hired association to assign qualified officials for the tournament.

B. Awards – Region IX pays for the cost of the "Region IX Softball Champions" plaque, individual medals for the champions, the "Region IX Softball Player of the Year" plaque, and the "Region IX Fast Pitch Softball Coach of the Year" plaque. The cost for the 2nd place medals shall be paid for by the host school.

C. Game Balls – Each team participating in the Region IX Tournament will be required to supply 12 new game balls. These balls are to be turned in to the Tournament Director <u>before</u> the tournament begins.

D. The $1200 given by the Region IX shall go to the Athletic Director of the host school in order to help defray the costs of the tournament. Each team is required to pay $200.00 in dues to Region IX.

E. The host school shall pay for the cost to host the Region IX Softball summer meeting.

VIII. Awards

A. All-Region IX
   1) There shall be a first team consisting of the following positions: 2 Pitchers, 2 Catchers, 4 Infielders, 3 Outfielders, 1 Designated Player, and 1 Utility Player. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.
   2) The second "All-Region Team" will be the next 9 top vote nominations that were not selected in the first team All Region (nomination numbers 13-22).
   3) The home site of each Region IX contest is responsible for online submission of by Noon on Tuesdays to compile each team's stats for the purpose of selecting the All-Region IX Team. Only stats from Region IX competition should be included.
   4) Any school on their third time failing to submit stats by Noon on Tuesdays will not have the option of nominating their players for the All-Region IX Team.

*Note: Coaches may still vote for opposing players even though they were unable to nominate any of their own players.

5) The All-Region IX Team shall be selected prior to the pre-tournament meeting. Nominations for the All-Region IX team are due to the Region IX Chair by April 24, 2013 by 5:00pm MST. Nominations received after April 24, 2013 will not be considered. The Region IX Chair will make the nominations available online. Online voting will become available April 25, 2013. Votes must be in no later than April 29, 2013 by 5:00pm MST. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own players. Ties will constitute a re-vote to involved players, voting on ties will take place at the Pre-Tournament Meeting.
6) Once the All-Region IX team has been selected, nominations for Most Valuable Player, Top Offensive Player, Top Defensive Player and Freshmen of the Year will be made. After nominations have been taken, the recipients of these awards will be voted on and selected. The Player of the Year will be selected first and will receive a Plaque. Top Offensive and Defensive Players and Freshmen of the Year will receive Certificates. The same individual is not eligible to receive both Player of the Year and Freshmen of the Year. Coaches will not be allowed to vote for their own players. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.
7) Coaches may nominate a player for Freshman of the Year only if the player is in their first year of collegiate competition and of freshman status both academically and athletically. Medical red-shirts are not eligible to receive this award.
8) If a team does not participate in the Region IX Tournament, the players from that team will not be eligible for any awards.
9) The “Outstanding Coach of the Year” will be voted upon by the coaches in the region, based on the overall year.
10) All nominations, votes, statistics, etc shall be shared exclusively with the Head Coach and Athletic Director of each institution.
11) Each individual Head Coach is responsible for maintaining consistency, accuracy, and integrity in all statistics and for following the scoring guidelines set forth in Rule 14 of the NCAA rule book.
12) If complete, up-to-date statistics are not included, the athlete’s nomination will not be considered for the All-Region IX Team.
13) Coaches may nominate a player in only one position. Players that are nominated at more than one position will be automatically disqualified from consideration.

B. Post-Tournament Awards

1) Academic All-Region IX selection will follow the guidelines set forth in the NJCAA Region IX handbook.
2) All-American(s) nominations shall be done by each individual Head Coach wishing to do so, and shall be submitted to the Region IX Chair at the pre-tournament meeting. Multiple nominations, the coaches must vote on and rank the players before submitting them to the NJCAA.

SOFTBALL—DIVISION II

I. General Information

A. Decisions regarding Region IX, Division II Softball will be made by the Athletic Directors and head coaches of Central Community College-Columbus, North Platte Community College, Southeast Community College-Beatrice and Dawson Community College.

B. Decisions regarding the playing of games or the sites for games will be made by the Athletic Directors or coaches involved.

C. On February 15th, all Head Coaches should send out a packet of information including the name and location of the home field with directions, a schedule and a roster (name, class, number, position and hometown) to each individual Head Softball Coach and Athletic Director in the region. Schedules, rosters and a team picture (including a caption with names of pictured persons) should also be sent to the Region IX Director by April 1st, 2013.

D. The dates of the first official practice and the first official game shall be in accordance with the NJCAA rules

II. Rules of Play

A. In tournament play, NCAA rules shall be followed.

B. Halted games will start where that game was halted if 5 innings have not been completed. Scorebooks by both teams will be compared to avoid changes.

C. In tournament play, the run rule shall be 8 runs after 5 innings.

D. In tournament play, the international tiebreaker rule shall go into effect in the 10th inning as recommended in rule 6 of the NCAA Rulebook. Exception: There shall be no tiebreaker in the championship game(s) of the Region IX Tournament.

E. The official game ball of the NJCAA is the Dudley 4N-133. The specs are .47 core with a compression standard of +/- 47 psi. It is to be used in all regular season play and in regional, district and national tournament play, as dictated by the NJCAA Softball bylaws.

F. All tournament incidents involving Misconduct must follow the procedures set forth in both the NCAA Rulebook and the NJCAA Handbook with the NJCAA Handbook taking precedence over the NCAA Rulebook on any conflicting penalties.

G. Video equipment: Non-uniformed team personnel may sit in the stands for the purpose of videotaping a contest buy may not chart pitches. Scouting information obtained from outside the dugout involving current opponents shall not be relayed or given to the playing field or to team personnel during the contest. A team may film or videotape only contests in which it is playing.

1. There shall be no electronic communication devices being used by non-uniformed team personnel behind the backstop.

III. Region IX Tournament

A. Teams participating: Southeast Community College, North Platte Community College, Central Community College, Dawson Community College

B. Date of Tournament: May 4th & 5th, 2013

C. Location of Tournament: Central Community College, 2013; Southeast Community College, 2014; North Platte Community College, 2015; Dawson Community College, 2016;
   1. The host site must have lighted facilities.

D. 2013 Region IX Tournament Format: Pool play & Single Elimination Tournament

Day 1-May 4th, 2012—Pool play

Times/Fields	Field A	Field B
1pm	Team A vs Team B	Team C vs Team D
3:30pm	Team A vs Team C	Team D vs Team B
6pm	Team A vs Team D	Team C vs Team B

Day 2—May 5th, 2013--Single Elimination Tournament

Times/Fields	Field TBD	Field TBD
12pm	Seed #1 vs Seed #4	Seed #2 vs Seed #3
3pm	Championship Game	

E. There will be a 30 minute break between each game as time allows.
   1. Once the field maintenance crew has cleared the field, each team will be allowed an eight minute infield if they wish. The higher seeded team will go first.
   2. The higher seeded team will occupy the 3rd base dugout (if team plays back-to-back games they shall not be required to change dugouts.) Exception: the host school will have the option of occupying their regular “home” dugout for the entire tournament.

F. Umpires: Each tournament host is responsible for umpires at the Region IX Tournament (2 umpires during pool play; 3 for single elimination tournament on the last day).

G. The deadline to notify the Regional Director of non-participation in the Region IX Tournament is April 1st, 2013. This is also the deadline to notify the Regional Director if a team decides it does not want to host the Region IX Tournament. In this case, the tournament would go back to the previous years’ host.

H. The winner of the tournament will represent Region IX at the NJCAA Division II District Playoff at the site of the Region XI winner on May 8th & 9th, 2013. It will be a best two of three format with two games on the 8th and the "if" game on the 9th.

I. Monday, May 6th, 2013 shall be used as a rainout day for the Region IX Tournament, using the same format as listed above. Should the Region IX Tournament not be able to be completed on or before Monday May 6th, 2013, the following will apply:
   1. If no portion of the Region IX Tournament has been played, a vote of the coaches and the national ranking will determine winner.

J. The Region IX Tournament shall begin even if there is only one day left to complete it with all games played in the one day.

K. Protests during the Region IX Tournament will be handled by a committee consisting of on-field-umpires and the Tournament Director (or acting Tournament Director).

L. The host team shall send out a pre-tournament package to all of the participating schools and officials by Friday April 18th, 2013. The host team shall include in the package information regarding the pre-tournament meeting to be held on the evening of the first day of the tournament.

M. The host team shall supply the following:
   1. A tournament program including rosters, team pictures and other pertinent information about the tournament and Region IX.
   2. An announcer for each game of the tournament, who coordinates team introductions and the playing of the National Anthem.
   3. Adequate bus/van parking for each team.

N. The host team has the option of charging gate admission, but must make the other schools aware of this in the pre-tournament package.

O. In the single elimination tournament on Sunday, the highest seed will be the home team. In the championship game, the home team will be the team with the highest seed.

P. The Region IX Tournament Director shall not be a Softball Coach from the host school.

Q. The host school shall make available a practice field (weather permitting) the day before the tournament. Time slots of 1 ½ hours and locations will be scheduled by the Tournament Director.

R. The host school shall provide an EMS person or trainer onsite at all times during the tournament in case of emergency.

IV. Costs for the Region IX Tournament

A. Umpires – The umpires will be paid for by the host school. There will be two umpires per game for pool play on the 1st day and three umpires for the single elimination tournament on the 2nd day.

B. Awards – Region IX pays for the cost of the "Region IX Softball Champions" plaque, 18 individual medals for the champions, the "Region IX Softball Coach of the Year" plaque. There will be no 2nd place medals awarded in 2013.

C. Game Balls – Each team participating in the Region IX Tournament will be required to supply 4 new game balls. These balls are to be turned into the Tournament Director before the tournament begins.

D. The money given by the Region IX shall go to the Athletic Department of the host school in order to help defray the costs of the tournament.

E. The host school shall pay for the cost to host the Region IX Softball summer meeting.

V. Awards

A. All-Region IX

1. The All-Region IX Team shall be selected at the tournament meeting after day one of play. The 1st seeded team shall receive five selections, the 2nd seeded team shall receive four selections and the 3rd & 4th seeded teams shall have two selections.
2. Once the All-Region IX team has been selected, coaches have the option of nominating players from their team for Outstanding Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year. After nominations have been taken, the recipients of these awards will be voted on and selected. Coaches will not be allowed to vote for their own players. Ties will constitute a re-vote of the involved players.
3. Coaches may nominate a player for Freshman of the Year only if the player is in their first year of collegiate competition and of freshman status both academically and athletically. Medical red-shirts are not eligible to receive this award.
4. Nominations for Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year will be submitted to the host school one week prior to the Region IX Tournament.
5. If a team does not participate in the Region IX Tournament, the players from that team will not be eligible for any awards.
6. There shall be a team selected to receive the "Sheila R. Worley Team Sportsmanship Award" plaque that will be selected by the umpires.
7. The tournament shall announce the All-Region IX team after the conclusion of the tournament.
8. All nominations, votes, statistics, etc shall be shared exclusively with the Head Coach and Athletic Director of each institution.
9. Each individual Head Coach is responsible for maintaining consistency, accuracy and integrity in all statistics and for following the scoring guidelines set forth in Rule 14 of the NCAA rule book.

10. If complete, up-to-date statistics are not included, the athlete's nomination will not be considered for the All-Region IX Team.
11. Coaches may nominate a team for the Sheila Worley Team Sportsmanship Award.

B. Post-Tournament Awards

1. The Head Coach of the team that wins the Region IX Tournament will receive the "Region IX Softball Coach of the Year" plaque.
2. Academic All-Region IX selection will follow the guidelines set forth in the NJCAA Region IX handbook.
3. All-American(s) nominations shall be done by each individual Head Coach wishing to do so and shall be submitted to the Regional Director immediately following the Region IX Tournament. Each coach may nominate a player/s from their team if they feel they are worthy by position. The top vote getter for Player of the Year does not guarantee them priority status for All-American from the region.
4. The Region IX All-Tournament Team will be selected at the conclusion of the Region IX tournament and announced following the tournament. Each Head Coach shall select his/her own player(s) after considering tournament statistics. The 1st place team will have five selections; the 2nd place team will have three selections and the 3rd & 4th place teams will have two selections each.

VOLLEYBALL

VOLLEYBALL—DIVISION I NORTH

I. REGULAR SEASON

A. Regular season dual games reflect the 3 out of 5 score format. In triangular games each game may consist of 2 of 3 sets with deciding set to 15.

1. NCAA rules shall be followed in all Sub-Region and Sub-Region tournament play.
2. All sub-region qualifying games will be a 3 of 5 sets.

B. The host team will pay for all officials.

C. Rosters including number, name, class, height, hometown and sport schedule should be sent to **each college A.D. and coach** you play and to the regional tournament director, and to the regional director.

D. The home team is required to provide the following items for visitors during the season:

1. A minimum of six leather balls
2. Refreshments (pop, oranges, etc.). (optional)
3. Floor towels and water at each team bench.
4. Bucket of ice for injury treatment.
5. Blood management kit

E. Required warm up procedures for all dual and/or sub-regional games call for:

1. Teams are allowed a minimum of 30 minutes open court time (for stretching, ball handling, etc.)
2. Twenty minute warm-up broken down as follows:

A. Two minutes pre-match protocol with officials and team captains*
B. Four minutes visiting team.
C. Four minutes home team.
D. Five minutes visiting team.
E. Five minutes home team.
F. One minute for introductions, etc.

** Home management can do flip if officials not present.

F. In order to compile regional volleyball game results, **E-MAIL** the past week's results **before** 12:00 p.m. (noon) MST Tuesday to Mark Rein at WNCC. Schools not reporting will not be sent the cumulative results. Should a school fail to report three times, that school's players will not be eligible for selection to the

all regional team. Coaches whose athletes are ineligible for selection to the all regional team shall not be eligible to vote in the selection of the all regional team. If a school has not submitted materials twice, the college administration will be notified by the Region Director. **All information asked for on the form must be included in report.** Reports should include weekly scores, but individual and team statistics cumulative.

G. All colleges shall report weekly scores and records to the volleyball representative for possible national ranking by Monday at 12 pm (noon). The representative, as Region Director will determine ranking for the NJCAA National Poll.

H. Regular season game ball will be the NJCAA Tachikara SV-5W (ball pressure 4.3 - 4.6 lbs) multi-colored ball. (Light Blue/Dark Blue/White)

I. All officials must be Federation, USA, or PAVO certified or equivalent. Home team will forfeit if non-certified officials are not approved by visiting administration.

J. Home team will have choice of warm-up music. During a game, music may be played during time outs.

K. Home team will be responsible to provide a game DVD/video (preferably with a full rear court view) for visiting team for Region IX games excluding tournaments. Tape will be stopped throughout the ten minute intermission.

L. Required standard promotional between sets 2 and 3 of a 3 out of 5 game.

M. Removing or changing into or out of any part of the official team competition uniform while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning and if repeated disqualification of the individual(s) for the next match. A warning stays in place for the entire tournament. Use discretion with the **libero** player changing.

N. PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) Certified officials required at Region IX tournaments. Officials must come from outside of 100 miles or be placed by an assigner.

O. Dress decorum policy as stated in the NJCAA handbook will be adopted for Region IX Volleyball Tournaments, within all divisions. Coaches should dress according to NJCAA rules, especially on road trips.

P. Region IX Volleyball Coaches will not share game DVD/film or verbal report to any opponents outside of Region IX.

Q. Home team will provide copy of score sheets to visiting team.

II. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT—NORTH

A. NORTH SUB-REGION

North Teams:

Casper College	Casper, Wyoming
Central Wyoming College	Riverton, Wyoming
Eastern Wyoming College	Torrington, Wyoming
Laramie County Community College	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Northwest College	Powell, Wyoming
Sheridan College	Sheridan, Wyoming
Western Wyoming College	Rock Springs, Wyoming

**Beginning Fall 2010, all 7 teams will be required to play a home and home schedule for seeding in the Regional Tournament. Travel partners will be:

Casper free; Western Wyoming and Central Wyoming; Eastern Wyoming and Laramie County; Northwest and Sheridan College

B. TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS: All Region IX teams will qualify as specified by District format. Teams will be seeded according to sub region play.

C. TOURNAMENT DATE: The Region IX North Tournament will finish no later than 7 days prior to the NJCAA Tournament.

D. TOURNAMENT ROTATION: The school hosting the tournament will be decided within each division. If more than one school bids to host, a decision will be made by each respective division at a Region IX meeting. The decision will be made 2 years in advance.

DIVISION I –NORTH ROTATION SCHEDULE:

2012-Northwest College (October 31-November 3, 2012)
2013-Eastern Wyoming College
2014-Casper College
2015-Western Wyoming College
2016-Laramie County Community College
2017-Central Wyoming College
2018 – Sheridan College

E. TOURNAMENT TYPE

1. Tournament will be a true double elimination bracket. The host school will receive the seeding from the VB committee at the regional spring meeting prior to the tournament.

2. Double Elimination Bracket
   a. All teams qualify; seeding based on sub-regional play.
   b. Games consist of three of five sets.

c. See diagram (Bracket) (#1--Bye, #2 vs #7, #3 vs #6, #4 vs #5)
d. Should teams scheduled to compete in the regional tournament not be able to play at their scheduled time due to an act of God, rescheduling will be left up to the discretion of the tournament director and the coaches involved.

F. RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENT FORMAT/PROCEEDINGS

1. Warm-Up: Teams will be allowed to use an open court for stretching. Absolutely no ball activities when a game is in progress. Allotted warm up times will be 30 minutes after the captains meeting prior to the start of the match.

2. Ball: The ball used for the regional tournament shall be the NJCAA Tachikara SV-5W (ball pressure 4.3 - 4.6 lbs.) multi-colored ball (dark blue, light blue, white). Host team shall provide leather balls for warm up. (Six balls for each of four teams playing at once.)

3. Maximum 30 minutes rest on back-to-back games unless coaches agree otherwise.

4. Coaches in semi-final and final games shall assist the tournament director in selecting officials for those games.

5. Tournament host is required to provide hospitality room away from game play.

6. If a current year host is unable to host within the predetermined rotation, then with agreement of the following year's host, the two may switch host years.

G. REGION IX TOURNAMENT AWARDS: Region IX Division I Volleyball Tournament awards will be as follows:

1. First Place--NJCAA plaque and 16 individual medals.

2. Second and Third--16 individual medals.

3. Two certificates will be presented to each member of the Region IX Tournament Team.

4. Sheila R. Worley Sportsmanship Plaque awarded to one team as selected by tournament referees.

5. Coach of the Year—plaque awarded to one coach as selected by tournament coaches.

6. All American Voting: Should a tie occur in the ranking of All American candidates, it shall be broken in the following manner:

1. Individual with higher number of first place votes
2. Individual with higher number of second place votes
3. All-Region Selection Votes

VOLLEYBALL—DIVISION I SOUTH

I. REGULAR SEASON

A. Regular season dual games reflect the 3 out of 5 score format. In triangular games each game may consist of 2 of 3 sets with deciding set to 15.

1. NCAA rules shall be followed in all Sub-Region and Sub-Region tournament play.
2. All sub-region qualifying games will be a 3 of 5 sets.

B. The host team will pay for all officials.

C. Rosters including number, name, class, height, hometown and sport schedule should be sent to **each college A.D. and coach** you play and to the regional tournament director, and to the regional director.

D. The home team is required to provide the following items for visitors during the season:

1. A minimum of six leather balls
2. Floor towels and water at each team bench.
3. Bucket of ice for injury treatment.

E. Required warm up procedures for all dual and/or sub-regional games call for:

1. Teams are allowed a minimum of 30 minutes open court time (for stretching, ball handling, etc.)
2. Twenty minute warm-up broken down as follows:

   A. Two minutes pre-match protocol with officials and team captains*
   B. Four minutes visiting team.
   C. Four minutes home team.
   D. Five minutes visiting team.
   E. Five minutes home team.
   F. One minute for introductions, etc.

** Home management can do flip if officials not present.

F. In order to compile regional volleyball game results, **E-MAIL** the past week's results **before** 12:00 p.m. (noon) MST Tuesday to Mark Rein at WNCC. Schools not reporting will not be sent the cumulative results. Should a school fail to report three times, that school's players will not be eligible for selection to the all regional team. Coaches whose athletes are ineligible for selection to the all regional team shall not be eligible to vote in the selection of the all regional team.

If a school has not submitted materials twice, the college administration will be notified by the Region Director. **All information asked for on the form must be included in report.** Reports should include weekly scores, but individual and team statistics cumulative.

G. All colleges shall report weekly scores and records to the volleyball representative for possible national ranking by Monday at 12 pm (noon). The representative, as Region Director will determine ranking for the NJCAA National Poll.

H. Regular season game ball will be the NJCAA Tachikara SV-5W (ball pressure 4.3 - 4.6 lbs) multi-colored ball.

I. All officials must be PAVO certified and line judges mut be at least high school certified for sub-region games. Home team will forfeit if non-certified officials are not approved by visiting administration.

R. Home team will have choice of warm-up music. During a game, music may be played during time outs.

S. Home team will be responsible to provide a game DVD/video (preferably with a full rear court view) for visiting team for Region IX games excluding tournaments. Tape will be stopped throughout the ten minute intermission.

T. Required standard promotional between sets 2 and 3 of a 3 out of 5 game.

U. Removing or changing into or out of any part of the official team competition uniform while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning and if repeated disqualification of the individual(s) for the next match. A warning stays in place for the entire tournament. Use discretion with the **libero** player changing.

V. PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) Certified officials required at Region IX tournaments. Officials must come from outside of 100 miles or be placed by an assigner.

W. Dress decorum policy as stated in the NJCAA handbook will be adopted for Region IX Volleyball Tournaments, within all divisions.

X. Region IX Volleyball Coaches will not share game DVD/film or verbal report to any opponents outside of Region IX.

II. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT—SOUTH

A. SOUTH SUB-REGION

South Teams:

Lamar Community College	Lamar, Colorado
McCook Community College	McCook, Nebraska
Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, Colorado
Otero Junior College	LaJunta, Colorado
Trinidad State Junior College	Trinidad, Colorado
Western Nebraska Community College	Scottsbluff, Nebraska

B. TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS: All Region IX teams will qualify as specified by District format. Teams will be seeded according to sub region play.

C. TOURNAMENT DATE: The Region IX Tournament will finish no later than 7 days prior to the NJCAA Tournament.

D. TOURNAMENT ROTATION: The school hosting the tournament will be decided within each division. If more than one school bids to host, a decision will be made by each respective division at a Region IX meeting. The decision will be made 2 years in advance.

DIVISION I-SOUTH ROTATION SCHEDULE:

2012---McCook
2013—Trinidad State College
2014---Lamar Community College
2015---Otero Junior College

E. TOURNAMENT TYPE: Tournament will be a true double elimination bracket. The host school will receive the seeding from the VB committee at the regional spring meeting prior to the tournament.

1. Double Elimination Bracket
   - (a) All teams qualify; seeding based on sub-regional play.
   - (b) Games consist of three of five sets.
   - (c) See diagram (Bracket)
   - (d) Should teams scheduled to compete in the regional tournament not be able to play at their scheduled time due to an act of God, rescheduling will be left up to the discretion of the tournament director and the coaches involved.

F. RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENT FORMAT/PROCEEDINGS

i. Warm-Up: Teams will be allowed to use an open court for stretching. Absolutely no ball activities when a game is in progress. Allotted warm up times will be the same as stated under regular season.

ii. Ball: The ball used for the regional tournament shall be the NJCAA Tachikara SV-5W (ball pressure 4.3 - 4.6 lbs.) multi-colored ball. Host team shall provide leather balls for warm up. (Six balls for each of four teams playing at once.)

iii. Maximum 30 minutes rest on back-to-back games unless coaches agree otherwise.

iv. The Region IX South Championship, if necessary game will start one hour following the conclusion of the first championship game.

v. Tournament host is required to provide hospitality room away from game play.

vi. If a current year host is unable to host within the predetermined rotation, then with agreement of the following year's host, the two may switch host years.

vii. Media timeouts will be 75 seconds.

viii. The Official roster at the Region IX Tournament must reflect the same number and same name for each player regardless of uniform color throughout the tournament.

G. REGION IX TOURNAMENT AWARDS: Region IX Division I Volleyball Tournament awards will be as follows:

1. First Place--NJCAA plaque and 16 individual medals.

2. Second and Third--16 individual medals.

3. One certificate will be presented to each member of the Region IX Tournament Team.

4. Sheila R. Worley Sportsmanship Plaque awarded to one team as selected by tournament referees.

5. Coach of the Year—plaque awarded to one coach as selected by tournament coaches.

VOLLEYBALL—DIVISION II

I. REGULAR SEASON

A. Regular season dual games reflect the 3 out of 5 score format. In triangular games each game may consist of 2 of 3 sets with deciding set to 15.

1. NCAA rules shall be followed in all Sub-Region and Sub-Region tournament play.
2. All sub-region qualifying games will be a 3 of 5 sets.

B. The host team will pay for all officials.

C. Rosters including number, name, class, height, hometown and sport schedule should be sent to **each college A.D. and coach** you play and to the regional tournament director, and to the regional director. In addition, the Official roster at the Region IX Tournament must reflect the same number and same name for each player regardless of uniform color throughout the tournament.

D. The home team is required to provide the following items for visitors during the season:

1. A minimum of six leather balls
2. Floor towels and water at each team bench.
3. Bucket of ice for injury treatment.
4. Blood management kit

E. Required warm up procedures for all dual and/or sub-regional games call for:

1. Teams are allowed a minimum of 30 minutes open court time (for stretching, ball handling, etc.)
2. Twenty minute warm-up broken down as follows:

   A. Two minutes pre-match protocol with officials and team captains*
   B. Four minutes visiting team.
   C. Four minutes home team.
   D. Five minutes visiting team.
   E. Five minutes home team.
   F. One minute for introductions, etc.

** Home management can do flip if officials not present.

F. In order to compile regional volleyball game results, **E-MAIL** the past week's results **before** 12:00 p.m. (noon) MST Tuesday to Mark Rein at WNCC. Schools not reporting will not be sent the cumulative results. Should a school fail to report three

times, that school's players will not be eligible for selection to the all regional team. Coaches whose athletes are ineligible for selection to the all regional team shall not be eligible to vote in the selection of the all regional team. If a school has not submitted materials twice, the college administration will be notified by the Region Director. **Stats provided to the Region IX statistician will be the same as sent to the NJCAA.** Reports should include weekly scores, but individual and team statistics cumulative.

G. All colleges shall report weekly scores and records to the volleyball representative for possible national ranking by Monday at 12 pm (noon). The representative, as Region Director will determine ranking for the NJCAA National Poll.

H. Regular season game ball will be the NJCAA Tachikara SV-5W (ball pressure 4.3 - 4.6 lbs) multi-colored ball.

I. All officials must be Federation, USA, or PAVO certified or equivalent. Home team will forfeit if non-certified officials are not approved by visiting administration.

I. Home team will have choice of warm-up music. During a game, music may be played during time outs.

J. Home team will be responsible to provide a game DVD/video (preferably with a full rear court view) for visiting team for Region IX games excluding tournaments. Tape will be stopped throughout the ten minute intermission.

K. Required standard promotional between sets 2 and 3 of a 3 out of 5 game.

L. Removing or changing into or out of any part of the official team competition uniform while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning and if repeated disqualification of the individual(s) for the next match. A warning stays in place for the entire tournament. Use discretion with the **libero** player changing.

M. PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) Certified officials required at Region IX tournaments. Officials must come from outside of 100 miles or be placed by an assigner.

N. Dress decorum policy as stated in the NJCAA handbook will be adopted for Region IX Volleyball Tournaments, within all divisions.

O. Region IX Volleyball Coaches will not share game DVD/film or verbal report to any opponents outside of Region IX.

II. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT—Division II

A. DIVISION II Teams

Central Community College	Columbus, Nebraska
North Platte Community College	North Platte, Nebraska
Southeast Community College	Beatrice, Nebraska
Dawson Community College	Glendive, Montana

B. TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS: All Region IX teams will qualify as specified by District format. Teams in Division II volleyball will not play a home and home series to determine seeding in post season play.

C. TOURNAMENT DATE: The Division II Tournament will finish no later than 7 days prior to the NJCAA Tournament or the NJCAA District Playoff.

D. TOURNAMENT ROTATION: The school hosting the tournament will be decided within each division. If more than one school bids to host, a decision will be made by each respective division at a Region IX meeting. The decision will be made 2 years in advance.

DIVISION II ROTATION:
2012---North Platte Community College
2013--- Southeast Community College
2014---Dawson Community College
2014---Central Community College

E. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

1. The tournament shall be a round robin tournament with all four teams playing each other in a 3 out of 5 set game. Games will be played on dual courts. The two teams with the best records will advance to play in a Championship game (3 out of 5 sets) and will be declared the Region IX Champion.

2. In the event that a team finishes pool play with an undefeated game record, they will be guaranteed an additional game should the #2 seed win the Championship game. In essence, this is an “if necessary” game.

3. Schedule of games will be from a blind draw at the spring meeting. (See Tournament brackets in the appendix)

   Day one: (Thursday) 7:00 pm CST
   Team 1 vs Team 2
   Team 3 vs Team 4

   Day two: (Friday) 11:00 am CST
   Team 1 vs Team 3
   Team 2 vs Team 4

Day two: (Friday) 7:00 pm CST
Team 1 vs Team 4
Team 2 vs Team 3

Day three: (Saturday) 1:00 pm CST
Top 2 seeds play in Championship.
If necessary game: warm up begins 30 minutes at the conclusion of the 1 pm Championship game.

The winner will be declared the Division II Region IX Champion.

4. REGION IX TOURNAMENT AWARDS: Region IX Division II Volleyball Tournament awards will be as follows:
    a. First Place--NJCAA plaque and 14 individual medals.
    b. One certificate will be presented to each member of the Region IX Tournament Team.
    c. Sheila R. Worley Sportsmanship Plaque awarded to one team as selected by tournament officials.
    d. Coach of the Year—plaque awarded to the Championship Coach.
    e. All American: should a tie occur in the ranking of the All American candidates the tie shall be broken in the following manner:
        1. Number of #1 votes received.
        2. Team finishing higher in the tournament.

NJCAA/REGION IX VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS DEFINITIONS/FORMULAS

A. **ATTACK**: An attack attempt is charged to a player any time the player attempts to hit the ball over the net into the opponent's court. The ball may be spiked, set, tipped, or hit as an overhead contact. The exceptions are:

1. An ATTEMPT is not charged on a ball played over the net on serve reception that is kept in play by the opposing team.

2. An ATTEMPT is not charged on a free ball played over the net when in the opinion of the statistical; the free ball is passed only to keep the ball in play.

3. An ATTEMPT is not charged to a player if, in the opinion of the statistician, the set is bad and the player plays the ball over the net only to keep the ball in play.

4. An ATTEMPT is not charged to a player if the player passes the ball over the net only to keep it in play.

Philosophy: Any ball that is played over the net in an attempt to score a point or side-out should be considered an attack. Any ball played over the net simply to keep the ball alive should not be considered an ATTACK ATTEMPT.

B. A **KILL** is awarded to a player any time an attack is unreturnable by the opposition or any time the attack leads directly to a blocking error by the opposition. A kill leads directly to either a point. When a player is awarded a kill, they are also awarded an attack attempt.

C. An **ATTACK ERROR** is charged to a player whenever an attack is:

1. Hit out of bounds
2. Hit into the net leading to a four hit violation
3. Blocked down by the opposition to the same side as the attacker, and cannot be kept in play

In addition, an attack error is charged if the hitter:

1. Goes into the net
2. Makes a center line violation
3. Is called for an illegal contact on the attack
4. Hits the ball into the antenna

When a player is awarded an attack error, they are also awarded an attack attempt.

D. A **"0 HIT"** is any attack attempt that is kept in play by the opposition. Total attempts equal the sum of kills, errors and 0 hits.

E. An **ASSIST** is given whenever a player passes or sets the ball to a teammate who

attacks the ball for a kill.

F. A **SERVICE ACE** is a serve which results directly in a point.

G. A **DIG** is awarded to the player whenever a player passes the ball which has been attacked by the opposition. DIGS are only given when players receive an attacked ball and it is kept in play.

H. A **STUFF BLOCK** results when your team receives a point.

1. A **BLOCK SOLO** (BS) is awarded to a player whenever that player blocks the ball into the opposition's court leading directly to a point.

2. A **BLOCK ASSIST** (BA) is awarded whenever 2 or 3 players block the ball into the opponent's court for a point or side-out. EACH player receives a BLOCK ASSIST even if only one player actually blocks the ball.

3. A **BLOCKING ERROR** (BE) occurs whenever an official calls a blocker for a violation, such as a blocker goes into the net, a blocker is called for a line violation, a back row player is called for blocking the ball, and a blocker is called for reaching over the net.

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. A **SET** is equal to one 25 point period or winning by 2 points, whichever occurs first. Deciding set to 15 or winning by 2 points, whichever occurs first.

FORMULAS

1. **Hitting Efficiency** = $\frac{\text{Total kills (+) - Total errors (-)}}{\text{Total Attempts}}$

2. **Service Aces per set** = $\frac{\text{Total \# of Aces}}{\text{Total \# of sets played}}$

3. **Digs per set** = $\frac{\text{Total \# of Digs}}{\text{Total \# of sets played}}$

4. **Block per set** = $\frac{\text{Total \# of BS + Total \# of BA}}{\text{Total \# of sets played}}$

5. **Assists per set** = $\frac{\text{Total \# of Assists}}{\text{Total \# of sets played}}$

TIE BREAKERS

East Sub Region (Division II)

Volleyball: In volleyball, there is not an East sub-region; however, all teams in the East are Division II; therefore, adopt the following tie-breaker procedures.

1. Game Record – Total competition between sub-region teams.
2. Game Record – Head to Head between tied teams.
3. Set Record – Head to Head between tied teams.
4. Set Record – Total competition between tied teams.
5. Point differential of game(s) between tied teams.
6. Point differential based on total competition between sub-region teams.
7. Coin flip.

Basketball: Break lowest seeded ties first; If more than two teams are tied, Break first tie then start over with remaining teams.

1. Overall sub-region record
2. Head to Head
3. Head to Head vs Top Seed(s) in descending order. If there is a tie in the top seed(s) it is best sub-region road record verses the tied teams.
4. Best overall sub-region road record.
5. Draw by Regional Director

Basketball Division II:
All teams will qualify from the east sub-region for the Region IX Basketball Tournament. Tiebreaker to be used for seeding purposes.

1. Head-to-Head record
2. Point spread head-to-head (up to 15 points)
3. Point spread in other sub-region games (up to 15 points
4. Coin Flip by Region Director unless involved coaches agree to a different person

NORTH SUB-REGION

VOLLEYBALL: All teams will qualify from the North sub-region for the Region IX North Volleyball Tournament . The following applies to a 2,3, or 4 way tie, each broken in order:

1. Game Record – Total competition
2. Game Results – Head to Head
3. Set Record – Head to Head
4. Set Record – Total competition
5. Point differential of game(s) between tied teams
6. Point differential based on total competition
7. Coin flip.

BASKETBALL: Break lowest seeded ties first; If more than two teams are tied, Break first tie then start over with remaining teams.

1. Overall sub-region record
2. Head to Head
3. Head to Head vs Top Seed(s) in descending order. If there is a tie in the top seed(s) it is best sub-region road record verses the tied teams.
4. Best overall sub-region road record.
5. Draw by Regional Director

SOCCER:

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goals scored against vs. Region IX opponents
3. Goals scored for (Max. of 3 per game) vs. Region IX opponents
4. Goal differential between tied teams.
5. Record versus common opponents (NJCAA Division I opponents only)
6. Coin Flip

SOUTH SUB-REGION

VOLLEYBALL: All teams will qualify from the South sub-region for the Region IX South Volleyball Tournament. In the event of a tie between more than 2 teams, the tie breaker method will apply each time a team is seeded out of the tie breaker.

1. Game Record – Total competition
2. Game Record – Head to Head
3. Set Record – Head to Head
4. Set Record – Total
5. Point differential of Game(s) between tied teams
6. Point differential based on total competition
7. Coin flip

BASKETBALL: Break lowest seeded ties first; If more than two teams are tied, Break first tie then start over with remaining teams.

1. Overall sub-region record
2. Head to Head
3. Head to Head vs Top Seed(s) in descending order. If there is a tie in the top seed(s) it is best sub-region road record verses the tied teams.
4. Best overall sub-region road record.
5. Draw by Regional Director

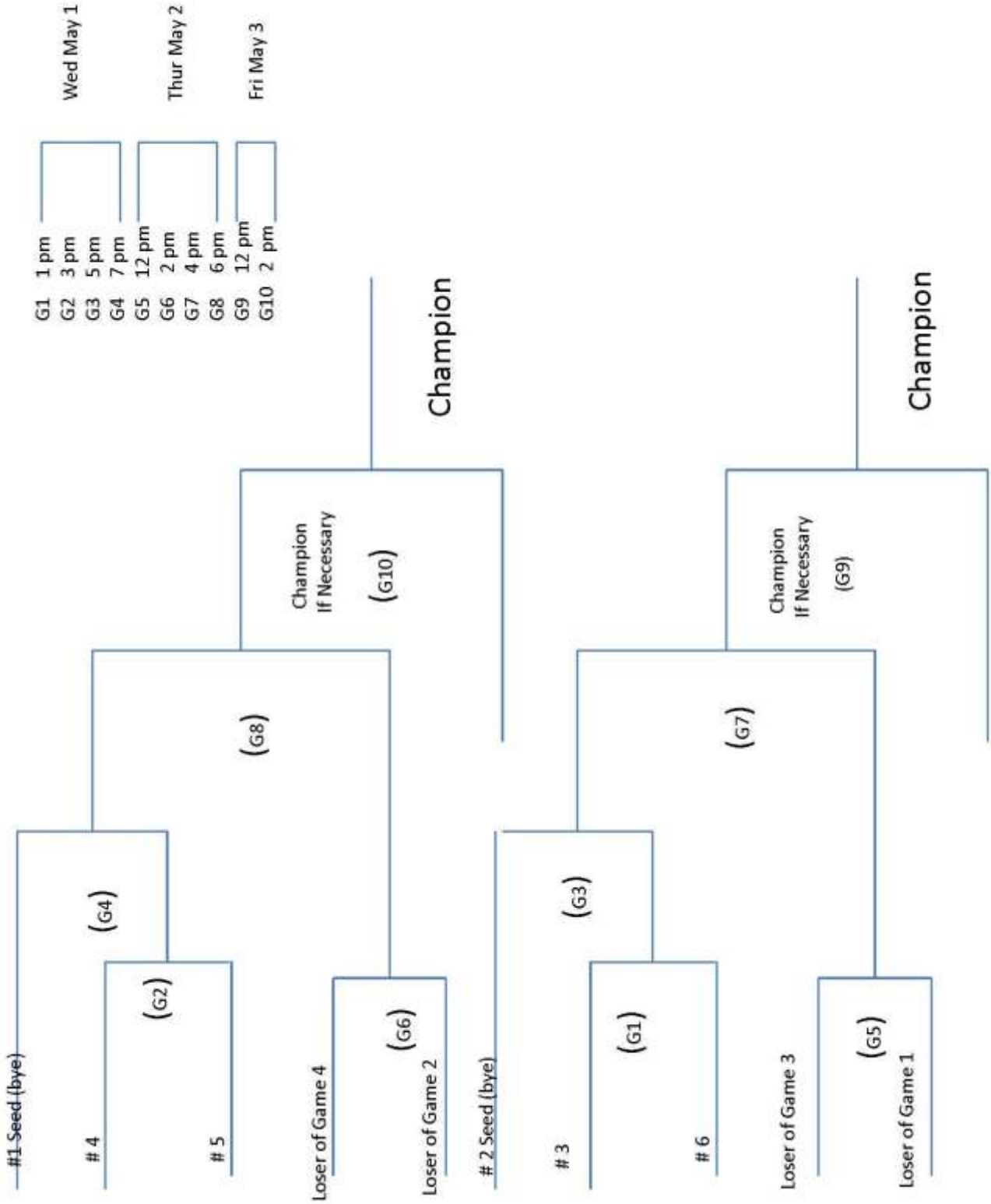
SOCCER:

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goals scored against vs. Region IX opponents
3. Goals scored for (Max. of 3 per game) vs. Region IX opponents
4. Goal differential between tied teams.
5. Record versus common opponents (NJCAA Division I opponents only)
6. Coin Flip

REGION TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Region 9 Women's Basketball

Region IX Division I Softball Bracket



Region IX Division II Softball Tournament

May 4-5, 2013

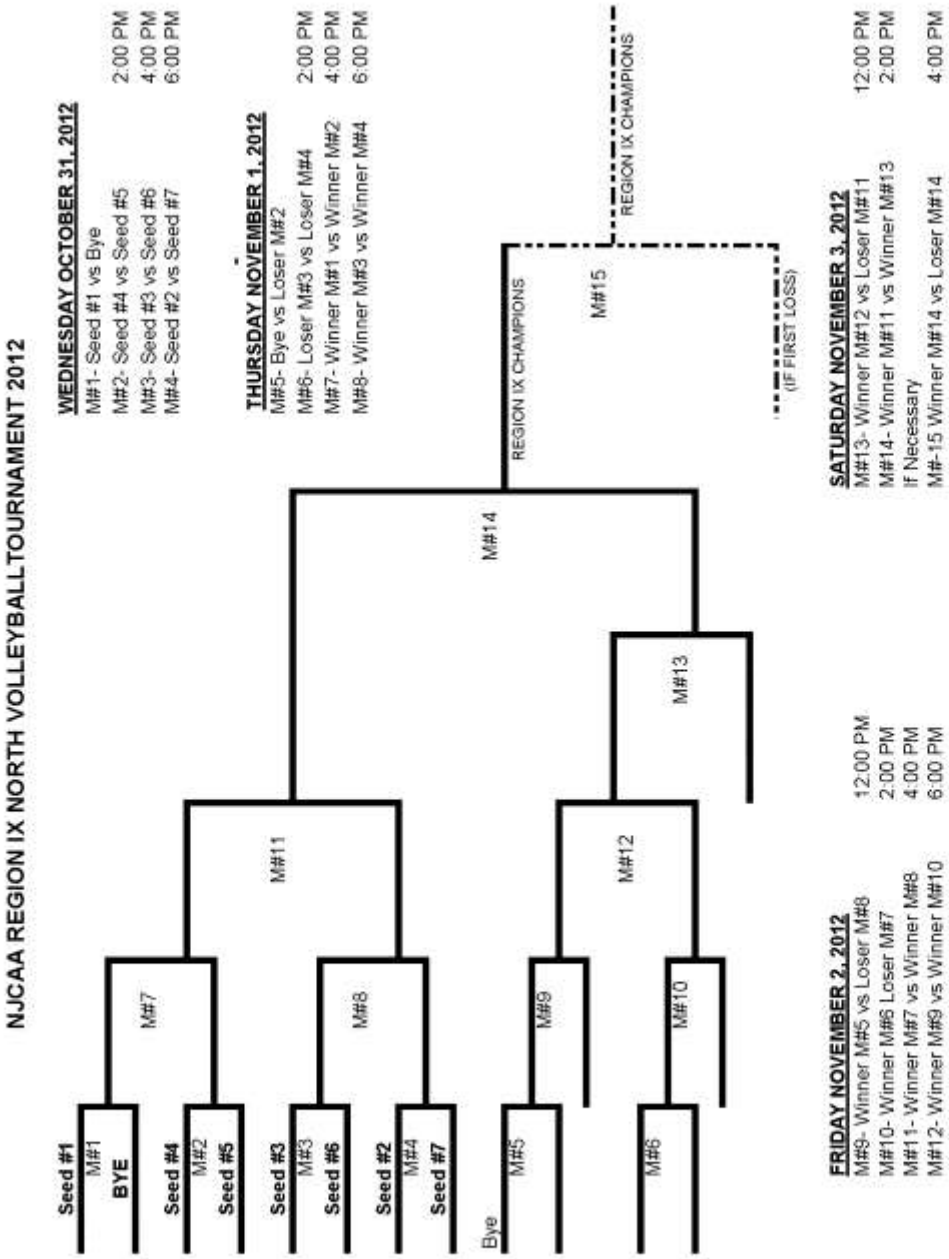
Central Community College, Columbus, Nebraska

Day 1-May 4th, 2013—Pool play

Times/Fields	Field A	Field B
1pm	Team A vs Team B	Team C vs Team D
3:30pm	Team A vs Team C	Team D vs Team B
6pm	Team A vs Team D	Team C vs Team B

Day 2—May 5th, 2013--Single Elimination Tournament

Times/Fields	Field TBD	Field TBD
12pm	Seed #1 vs Seed #4	Seed #2 vs Seed #3
3pm	Championship	


NJCAA REGION IX NORTH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2012
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2012
M#1- Seed #1 vs Bye
M#2- Seed #4 vs Seed #5 2:00 PM
M#3- Seed #3 vs Seed #6 4:00 PM
M#4- Seed #2 vs Seed #7 6:00 PM
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2012
M#5- Bye vs Loser M#2
M#6- Loser M#3 vs Loser M#4 2:00 PM
M#7- Winner M#1 vs Winner M#2 4:00 PM
M#8- Winner M#3 vs Winner M#4 6:00 PM
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2012
M#9- Winner M#5 vs Loser M#8 12:00 PM
M#10- Winner M#6 Loser M#7 2:00 PM
M#11- Winner M#7 vs Winner M#8 4:00 PM
M#12- Winner M#9 vs Winner M#10 6:00 PM
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2012
M#13- Winner M#12 vs Loser M#11 12:00 PM
M#14- Winner M#11 vs Winner M#13 2:00 PM
If Necessary
M#-15 Winner M#14 vs Loser M#14 4:00 PM
Seed #1
M#1
BYE
Seed #4
M#2
Seed #5
Seed #3
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REGION IX CHAMPIONS
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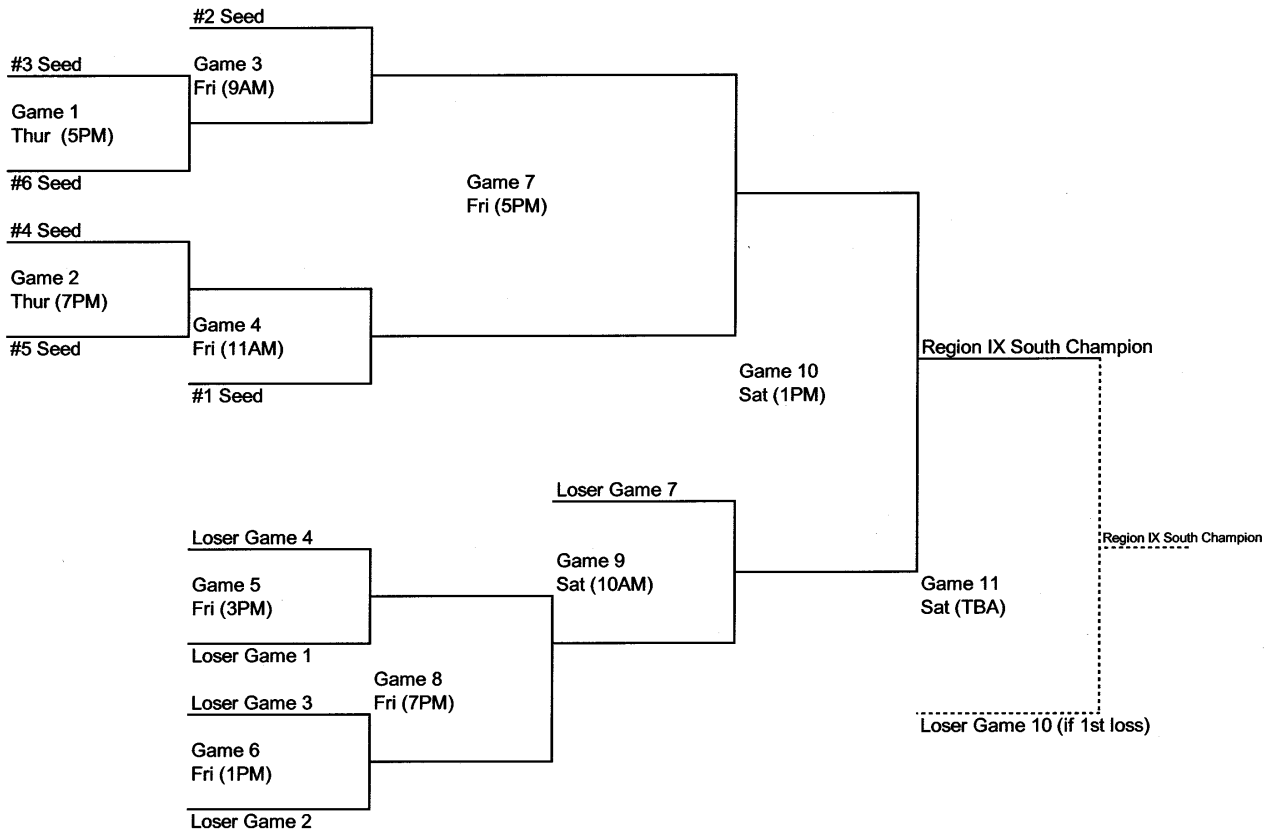
(IF FIRST LOSS)

REGION IX TOURNAMENT SOUTH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Region IX Volleyball Tournament
Division II
October 25-27, 2012
North Platte, NE

Thursday, October 25, 2012

7:00 pm CST

Team 1 (Southeast CC)	vs.	Team 2 (North Platte CC)
Team 3 (Central CC)	vs.	Team 4 (Dawson Community College)

Friday, October 26, 2012

11:00 am CST

Team 1 (Southeast CC)	vs.	Team 3 (Central CC)
Team 2 (North Platte CC)	vs.	Team 4 (Dawson Community College)

7:00 pm CST

Team 1 (Southeast CC)	vs.	Team 4 (Dawson Community College)
Team 2 (North Platte CC)	vs.	Team 3 (Central CC)

Saturday, October 27, 2012

1:00 pm CST

Top 2 seeds play in Championship

If Necessary game:
Warm up begins 30 minutes at the conclusion of the 1 pm Championship game.

All Games are 3/5 sets