



## **National Collegiate Volleyball Federation, Inc.**

The National Collegiate Volleyball Federation, Inc. (NCVF) is a non-profit corporation formed in cooperation with volunteer collegiate club volleyball commissioners and representatives from throughout the United States. The primary purpose of this organization is to promote educational and organized competitive playing opportunities for male and female collegiate club volleyball student athletes. It is the only national organization in the United States formed specifically to promote year-long organized volleyball opportunities for male and female collegiate club volleyball leagues, conferences, representatives, players and their respective constituents and supporters.

The NCVF is an independent volunteer-based organization solely comprised of individuals whose grassroots philanthropic efforts have helped expand playing opportunities for college students across the USA. It has a board of directors, officers, a Player Council and commissioner/representative Advisory Council comprised of individuals representing the diverse geographic and demographic characteristics of the national collegiate club volleyball community. It has acted as an unincorporated advisory organization for many years, helping to formulate and promote consistent team and player eligibility rules, event formats, sportsmanship protocols, polls, seeding formulas, etc., and has performed a variety of other support services for clubs, leagues and various other individuals and organizations.

To help usher in a more organized level of support for collegiate club athletes, the NCVF has been incorporated as a non-profit entity. The commissioners of all recognized men's club leagues in the country and a full cross-section of female club representatives participate in NCVF governance (the vast majority of collegiate club leagues, teams and players that participate in regional and national club competitions and events have a voting voice on the NCVF Player Council or Advisory Council). This solidarity will help expand potential sponsorship opportunities, contribute to event management decisions, support more coaching and training initiatives and advance a host of other supports and initiatives. Organizers are committed to working with student leaders, schools, school officials, interested organizations and individuals to promote and maintain the highest ethical and sportsmanship standards and achieve optimum participation opportunities.

The NCVF recognizes that the ever-revolving door of student leaders and participants raise and spend thousands of dollars each year to support year-long play and a season-ending national championship event, and that students desire that their hard-earned funds be solely devoted to the promotion of collegiate club volleyball opportunities. Toward that end, in October of 2008, the NCVF issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking input from four national organizations: USA Volleyball (USAV), the American Athletic Union (AAU), the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). The RFP targets the 2010 season and management of the 2010 national club volleyball championship event. It asks each of the targeted organizations to explain why they are best suited to collaborate with the NCVF, the students, and other vital stakeholders throughout the entire club season so that hard-earned student dollars can be more evenly distributed and used to attract more dollars, more support and more opportunities.

Among its other missions, the NCVF is proactively seeking to identify collaborators across the country who will invest in more than a single championship tournament event, and who will help the leagues, conferences, organizers and students increase quality training and playing opportunities for all collegiate club volleyball participants. During this outreach process, the NCVF will continue its work with league commissioners, representatives, players and others on the many issues that impact the quality of collegiate club volleyball training, competition and organization throughout the season leading up to and including the national championship event.