

B. Initial Player Ratings

1. Upon registering for the first time with NAGVA, the team representative will indicate what he/she believes to be a player's rating. This rating will be the provisional rating. All provisional ratings will be verified by NAGVA officials using the above guide lines and observing play. Once a player is rated by NAGVA officials, this player will then have an established rating. Once a new player is given his/her rating by NAGVA officials, this player will have an established rating. This new player may be re-rated at anytime. (6/2006)
2. Additional conditions and requirements shall apply to non-rated or provisional players being used as a Libero or a defensive specialist substitute. The team rep/captain must comply with one of the requirements with regard to such players:
 - a. The team rep/Captain can designate the player as a back-row only player, for the entire tournament (by notifying the RC in advance). That player will not be allowed to play front row during pool play or elimination play, except for in the event of injury or removal of a teammate. The rating assigned during pool play will be coded -br [ex. "BB-br"]. Such ratings shall be treated the same as provisional ratings; thus, any future tournament the player attends and in which he plays as a front row player, he must be given an established rating before the completion of pool play which will take effect immediately. (See 2.03 Effective Date of New Player Ratings).
 - b. The team rep/Captain can use the player in question as a front row specialist (i.e. hitting and blocking) during pool play so that he is eligible to do so during elimination play. In order to play full rotation both days, the player must be observed demonstrating both skill sets. To satisfy this requirement, the player must play front row during one game of one match during pool play. The team rep/Captain shall provide advanced notice to the Regional Commissioner as to which game of which match this shall take place so that it is observed and recorded team found in violation of these provisions shall be asked to immediately comply or face removal from the tournament.

C. Ratings for Championships

1. No changes can be made to a player's rating to affect Championships as of April 1st each NAGVA season, unless due to administrative or clerical error. If a player's rating changes between April 1st and Championships, that new rating will be effective at the conclusion of Championships of that NAGVA Season.
2. At Championships, if a player has been re-rated, and that player's rating remains at his/her current level, his/her rating is effective at the conclusion of Championships. This player may be re-rated at anytime.
3. At Championships, if player has been re-rated, and that player is rated up to a higher level, his/her new rating is effective at the conclusion of Championships. This player may not be re-rated down for a six-month period from the date this player was most recently re-rated.
4. At Championships, if a player has been re-rated, and that player is rated down to a lower level, his/her new rating is effective at the conclusion of Championships. This player may be re-rated at anytime. (6/2006).

D. Basis for Ratings and Re-ratings

Ratings and re-ratings are based on skill level and not on age or temporary injuries or conditions.

2.05 - Guidelines for Rating Teams

A. Masters Division Restrictions

Teams may compete in one of the following divisions as the individual player ratings warrant, or a team may opt to play in a "MASTERS" Division if all players on the roster are 35 years or older. If there are less than four "MASTERS" teams registered with which to make a separate division, tournaments should accept "MASTERS" Division teams in the proper division according to the individual player ratings.

B. AA Division Restrictions

"AA" players may only compete in the "AA" Division-unless the tournament is a modified AA/A tournament; then they can only compete in the modified AA/A portion.

C. A Division Restrictions

"A" players may only compete in the "AA", "A", Divisions.

D. General Tournament Restrictions

As of July 1, 2007: Tournaments may choose one of the three following division classification systems:

1. a) A "AA" team may compete in the "AA" Division with more than two (2) players from the next higher skill level (OPEN players) – lower level players are eligible to play.
b) An "A" team will not have any players from the next higher skill level – lower level players are eligible to play.
c) A "BB" team will not have any players from the next higher skill level – lower level players are eligible to play.
2. a) A "Modified AA/A" team may compete in the "Modified AA/A" Division with no more than three (3) AA players.
b) An "A" team will not be allowed any players from the next higher skill level (no "AA" players).
c) A "BB" team will not be allowed any players from the next higher skill level (no "A" player).
d) A "B" team will be allowed only players of that skill level. (2.05 B, C, D, and E Amended 6/2008)
3. Master's Tournament: a Master's Tournament may choose one of the two following division classification systems:
a) A "Modified A/BB" team may compete in the "Modified A/BB" Division with no more than three (3) A players, or no more than 2 A Players and one AA player.
b) A "B" team will be allowed one player from the next higher skill level (one "BB" player). (Amended 6/2007)

2.06 Championships Eligibility

A. Player Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the Men's Championships, each individual player in the Men's Divisions must meet the following requirements:

1. The player must have been registered with NAGVA in the current or previous Championships season (Rule 1.01).
2. The player must not have any outstanding financial or other sanctions unless accepted by the Championships Committee.

B. Team Previous Tournament Play