

UCSD to host National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Volleyball Tournament

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The San Diego campus of the University of California has been named to host the second annual NAIA National Invitational Volleyball Tournament in its gymnasium Wednesday and Thursday, April 29 and 30.

This will be the first national sports tournament of any type ever held on the UCSD campus. The two-day competition, sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, is expected to draw eight of the top collegiate volleyball teams in the country.

According to Howard Hunt, UCSD Athletic Director, the first three place winners of last year's tournament - Earlham College, Indiana; Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne; and UCSD - are expected to be among the eight teams invited to compete. In addition, Whittier College, George Williams College, Illinois, (last year's host) and Graceland College, Iowa, have a good chance of being selected for the tournament.

Most of the teams selected for the national tournament will not be named until completion of the six NAIA district tournaments later this month. The District III competition will be held in the UCSD gymnasium beginning at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25. UCSD, Whittier, Claremont-Mudd College and United States International University have already been selected to participate in the District III tournament with the winner and probably the second place team given the opportunity to advance to the national competition. Admission to the District III competition is free and open to the public.

The national tournament will be round robin competition with every team playing every other team two games. The teams will then be split into a winners bracket and a losers bracket to play off for all positions.

Each team will play at least nine matches during the two-day tournament with matches being conducted two at a time on side-by-side courts in the UCSD gymnasium.

Tournament play will begin at 9:30 a.m. each day with opening ceremonies scheduled before the start of play on Wednesday, April 29. The final match, to determine first and second place, is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. An awards presentation and the naming of All-Tournament team selections will follow.

Tickets good for both days of the tournament are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students and may be purchased at the gymnasium door.

UCSD placed third in last year's tournament playing in its first year of intercollegiate volleyball competition. Two members of this year's squad, Kerry Klosterman and Dick Reitherman, were selected to last year's District III All-Tournament team and a third player, Dan Grindle, who graduated last spring, was named to the All-Tournament Second Team.

Most of the top UCSD players have returned to this year's team and, according to UCSD coach Chuck Millenbah, the Tritons could win the District III competition and place very high in the national tournament "if we play as well as we are capable."