



Field of 32 Teams and Official Bracket Announced for 2017 NIVC

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. – Officials for the National Invitational Volleyball Championship have announced the 32 teams (20 Automatic Qualifiers and 12 At Large) and first-round details for the 2017 postseason tournament, which has been revived after its six-year run from 1989-1995.

The 32-team field features 17 programs with 18 or more wins and five schools that finished first in regular-season conference play (Albany, North Texas, Sacramento State, Stephen F. Austin, and Maryland Eastern Shore). Additionally, six schools in the field are ranked or receiving votes in the latest Volleyball Magazine Mid-Major poll with No. 12 North Texas, No. 16 UC Irvine, No. 20 SMU, No. 23 Sacramento State, No. 24 Rice, and Texas State (RV).

In all, 23 conferences will be represented with both the Big 12 and American featuring three teams each. The Sun Belt, Mountain West, SEC, Horizon, and C-USA will each have two schools competing. The SWAC, America East, MAC, Big South, Patriot, Missouri Valley, Summit, West Coast, Big Sky, Ohio Valley, Southland, ACC, Colonial, Big West, Southern, and MEAC with one.

“You can already feel the enthusiasm and desire within the rosters and coaching staffs of these 32 programs,” said NIVC event director Sean Hardy. “As college basketball has come to appreciate over time with the WNIT and NIT, so much can be accomplished when deserving teams get to continue their schedule and build a framework for success next season.”

Tournament Field

AQ = Automatic Qualifier

	School	Record	Conference
AQ	Alabama A&M	14-19	SWAC
AQ	Albany	11-14	America East
	Arkansas State	20-11	Sun Belt
	Boise State	17-13	Mountain West
AQ	Bowling Green	17-11	Mid-American
AQ	Campbell	20-11	Big South
	Colgate	18-10	Patriot
AQ	Georgia	19-10	SEC
	Green Bay	15-15	Horizon
AQ	Illinois State	20-11	Missouri Valley
	IUPUI	16-14	Horizon
AQ	North Texas	28-3	C-USA
	Ole Miss	16-14	SEC
AQ	Oral Roberts	15-13	Summit
AQ	Pacific	15-13	West Coast
	Rice	21-8	C-USA
AQ	Sacramento State	26-9	Big Sky
AQ	SIUE	23-6	Ohio Valley
	SMU	20-9	American
AQ	Stephen F. Austin	26-7	Southland
AQ	Syracuse	19-12	ACC
	TCU	11-16	Big 12
AQ	Temple	17-9	American

AQ	Texas State	24-9	Sun Belt
	Texas Tech	15-13	Big 12
AQ	Towson	26-5	Colonial
AQ	UC Irvine	21-7	Big West
	UCF	17-13	American
	UNC Greensboro	19-11	Southern
AQ	UMES	27-8	MEAC
AQ	West Virginia	16-12	Big 12
AQ	Wyoming	17-13	Mountain West

Round One

Tuesday, Nov. 28

At Pacific

Sacramento State vs. UC Irvine, 7:30 p.m. ET

Boise State vs. Pacific, 10 p.m. ET

At Georgia

UNC Greensboro vs. UCF, 4 p.m. ET

Alabama A&M vs. Georgia, 7 p.m. ET

At West Virginia

Campbell vs. Temple, 4:30 p.m. ET

UMES vs. West Virginia, 7 p.m. ET

Wednesday, Nov. 29

At Ole Miss

Arkansas State vs. SIUE, 4 p.m. ET

Stephen F. Austin vs. Ole Miss, 7 p.m. ET

At Colgate

Albany vs. Syracuse, 4:30 p.m. ET

Towson vs. Colgate, 7 p.m. ET

Thursday, Nov. 30

At North Texas

Wyoming vs. TCU, 5 p.m. ET

Oral Roberts vs. North Texas, 8 p.m. ET

At Green Bay

IUPUI vs. Illinois State, 4:30 p.m. ET

Bowling Green vs. Green Bay, 7 p.m. ET

At Texas State

Texas Tech vs. SMU, 5 p.m. ET

Rice vs. Texas State, 7:30 p.m. ET