

ATHLIMA 2026- INTER-COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Tournament Administration & Eligibility

- Players are required to carry a valid college ID card for verification.
- Only officially registered and eligible players may represent their respective college.
- The tournament will be conducted on a knockout basis.
- Teams must report to the designated venue at least 15 minutes before their scheduled match time.
- Failure to report on time will result in a walkover being awarded to the opposing team.
- Any dispute regarding player eligibility must be raised before the commencement of the match.

2. Team Composition

- A team may consist of a maximum of 12 players.
- At any given time, 6 players must be on the court.
- Teams are required to wear proper team jerseys with clearly visible numbers.
- Substitutions will be permitted in accordance with standard volleyball rules and at the discretion of the officials.

3. Match Format

- All preliminary matches will be played as Best-of-3 sets.
- The first two sets will be played to 25 points, with a minimum 2-point lead required to win a set.
- If the match reaches a deciding third set, it will be played to 15 points, with a minimum 2-point lead required.
- The semi-final matches and the final match will be played as Best-of-5 sets.
- The first four sets will be played to 25 points, with a minimum 2-point lead required.
- If a deciding fifth set is required, it will be played to 15 points, with a minimum 2-point lead required.

4. Core Gameplay Rules

- The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the official rules and regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)
- The Rally Point System will be followed, meaning a point is awarded after every rally.
- A team may make a maximum of three contacts before returning the ball over the net.
- A player may not make two consecutive contacts with the ball.
- The ball is considered in if any part of it touches the boundary line.
- A ball touching the antenna, net outside the antennas, or other external objects will be considered out, subject to the referee's decision.

- Players must not touch the net between the antennas during play in a manner that interferes with the action.
- Rotation rules must be followed when the receiving team wins the rally and gains the right to serve.
- The server must serve from behind the end line and must not step on or over the line before contacting the ball.

5. Officials & Disciplinary Procedures

- Each match will be conducted under the supervision of the appointed referee and match officials.
- The referee will be responsible for enforcing the tournament rules and maintaining proper conduct during the match.
- The referee's decision on matters of gameplay and officiating shall be final and binding.
- Players and team officials are expected to respect the decisions of the match officials at all times.
- Any protest or concern must be raised through the designated team captain, and must be made respectfully without disrupting the match.
- Arguments, abusive language, intimidation, or physical confrontation with officials or opposing players will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action or disqualification.
- Deliberate delays, unsportsmanlike conduct, arguing with officials, or inappropriate behaviour may result in a warning, penalty, or disqualification, as determined by the officials.

6. Code of Conduct

- All players, coaches, and team representatives must maintain professional and sportsmanlike conduct throughout the tournament.
- Fighting, abusive language, intentional misconduct, or damage to tournament property may result in immediate disciplinary action.
- Teams are responsible for the behaviour of their players and representatives.
- Any player found under the influence of alcohol or other prohibited substances will be removed from the tournament.
- Respect for opponents, officials, organizers, and spectators is mandatory.

7. General Tournament Regulations

- The tournament organizers reserve the right to modify the schedule or match timings in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any rule not specifically covered in these regulations will be decided by the tournament organizing committee in consultation with the match officials.
- Teams are responsible for their own belongings. The organizers will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to take appropriate action in cases of rule violations, misconduct, or unforeseen circumstances.
- Participation in the tournament constitutes acceptance of all the rules and regulations stated above.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All participating colleges, team officials, and players are required to read, understand and comply with these rules and regulations. Participation in the tournament constitutes acceptance of the regulations stated above.