

WVC VIBE



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WVC rolls out new divisional alignment for Men’s Teams in 2017

In collaboration with team leaders, the WVC Advisory Board approved a new format for WVC teams this season. The guiding principles for the changes are to continue to recruit teams to join our league, create the most competitive schedules (versus teams at a similar level of competition) possible, and reduce travel for our teams. In formatting the divisions, the top 4 teams from last season were placed into Division 1, while the remaining 16 teams played a “qualifier” tournament the first weekend of February at UW-Oshkosh to determine their divisional placement. Congratulations to **UW-La Crosse** on winning the qualifier tournament! The Eagles were led by freshman middle blocker, Phil Weisbecker, who led the team in blocks and aces and setter Eric Heyrman who ran an efficient offense after making the switch from playing middle. They defeated UW-Oshkosh II in the semi-finals before downing UW-River Falls in the finals. Here are the men’s divisions for the remainder of the season:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
UW-Oshkosh	UW-Stevens Point	Maranatha Baptist University
UW-River Falls	Winona State University	UW-Platteville
Marquette University	UW-Stout	UW-Milwaukee II
UW-Whitewater	Carroll University	UW-Stout II
Marquette University II	Michigan Tech University	UW-Stevens Point II
UW-La Crosse	UW-La Crosse II	Concordia University Wisconsin
UW-Eau Claire	UW-Oshkosh II	
	UW-Oshkosh III	
	UW-Whitewater II	

WVC Women take on dual match schedule

As the WVC Women’s division continues to grow teams will be scheduling dual matches this season in addition to their traditional playdates. Winona State defeated UW-Platteville 3-0 in the first ever Women’s dual match hosted by UW-Platteville. In the second dual match of the season UW-Stevens Point came out with a 3-1 victory on their home floor over UW-Green Bay. More dual matches are scheduled for later this month, but not before playdate #2 at UW-La Crosse on February 18th. Through the early part of the season, UW-Stevens Point appears to be the team to beat, as they enter the playdate with a perfect 7-0 record. Good luck to all our women’s teams this weekend.

MW10 Update

UW-Oshkosh and Marquette University are once again competing in the Midwest 10 conference in addition to the WVC. UW-O has jumped out to an early lead in the standings with a perfect 6-0 mark at the first playdate on February 4th including a 26-24, 25-20 win over Marquette. The loss to the Titans was MU's only loss of the day putting them at 5-1 with the final play date and conference championship to be played this weekend at Northern Illinois University.

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference is pleased to welcome six new members to its Hall of Fame "Class of 2017". The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 2017 WVC State Championship Tournament to be held at the new Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls, WI on Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8.

Contemporary Inductees

John Erickson - UW-Whitewater & UW-Oshkosh 2005-2009

Danny Hessling - UW-Oshkosh 2006-2010

Jackie Koepke - UW-Oshkosh 2008-2010

Avdo Omerbegovic - Lakeland College 2007-2011

Legacy Inductees

Ryan Heller - UW-Oshkosh 1995-97

Erich Hinterstocker - Wisconsin Lutheran College & Marquette University 1994-1998

Read more about the inductees [Here](#)

NCVF NATIONAL RANKINGS

In what has become a regular occurrence, WVC teams are scattered throughout the NCVF National Rankings in all divisions. The Men's Polls can be accessed at:

<http://www.ncfvolleyball.org/Pages/MensRankings2017.aspx>

The women's rankings can be found here:

<http://www.ncfvolleyball.org/Pages/2017WomensRankings.aspx>

**Upcoming Events**

- February 18th – Women's Playdate
- February 18th – Midwest 10 Playdate & Conference Championship
- February 25th – Men's Division 2 Playdate
- February 25-26 – Hoosier Illini Tournament
- March 4th – Men's Division 2 Playdate @ Carroll University
- March 4th – Men's Division 3 Playdate @ UW-Stout
- March 9th – UW-Oshkosh @ Marquette University

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