It’s Minneapolis in 2021!

Minneapolis to Host 2021 NCVF National Championships

The National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) has selected Minneapolis to host its annual championship extravaganza on April 1-3, 2021. The three-day event featuring more than 6,500 student-athletes and 500 teams will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

“As we move through one of the most challenging times in our history, the NCVF family looks forward to gathering at a place known worldwide for its warmth, hospitality, accessibility, and world-class amenities – Minneapolis is that place,” said NCVF President Sante Perrelli.

“We’re excited to bring the 2021 NCVF Championships to Minneapolis and look forward to showcasing our vibrant city to more than 10,000 athletes and fans,” said Matt Meunier, Director of Sports Minneapolis.

Following the cancellation of its 2020 event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCVF called upon its student leaders to showcase unity and community support by promoting a 2020 Virtual NCVF Championship. During the online event, Stafford Slick, a graduate of the University of Minnesota acting as NCVF’s “virtual spokesperson,” announced his home state as the 2021 host.

“After a tough 2020, you can count on Minneapolis to rock in 2021,” Slick said.
Slick was an outside hitter, captain, and President for the Minnesota Men’s Volleyball Club. He currently competes professionally on the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball tour and on the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour, as a member of the US Beach Volleyball National Team. A Minnesota native, Stafford now resides in Hermosa Beach, California with his wife and 2 kids.

The season-ending NCVF tournament was founded in 1985 by Minnesota native Gary Colberg, a long-time administrator of the UC Davis intramural program, a coach of the Sacramento State men’s club team and an internationally certified official. Colberg, who passed away in 2016, was honored with USA Volleyball’s Harold T. Friermood “Frier” Award in 2003 for his significant contributions to volleyball.

“In Gary’s memory, we will be dedicating the 2021 championships to the strength, unity, and resilience of our remarkable student athletes,” Perelli said.

The NCVF is comprised of over 800 self-governed collegiate club teams and 22 collegiate club leagues that run competitions throughout the United States. The NCVF Championships has grown to become the largest intercollegiate volleyball tournament in the world.