



**California Community Colleges
Commission on Athletics
Men's Volleyball Championship**
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Santa Monica College (Santa Monica, CA)

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Playoff teams set for 2007 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championship

Defending state champion Long Beach City College and Irvine Valley College have been named the top seeds for this weekend's California Community College Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championship tournament, which is set to take place this Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, at Santa Monica College.

Four teams will play regional final matches this Tuesday (Apr 23) to earn a chance to face Long Beach and Irvine Valley in the state championship semifinals on Friday.

Pierce College hosts Grossmont College while Orange Coast College hosts Santa Monica College on Tuesday for the right to advance. Both matches are set for 7 p.m.

The winner of the Pierce vs. Grossmont match will face Irvine Valley in Friday's 6 p.m. semifinal and the Santa Monica vs. Orange Coast winner will take on Long Beach in the 8 p.m. semifinal.

Long Beach captured its fourth straight Western State Conference championship with an 8-2 record. Pierce tied LBCC for the WSC title, but LBCC earned the top seed and regional playoff bye thanks to two head-to-head wins against Pierce. Long Beach brings a 15-2 overall record and looks to capture its third state title in four seasons (2004, 2006).

Irvine Valley compiled a 15-3 overall record and finished tied with Orange Coast for the Pacific Coast Conference championship with a 10-2 mark, but received the regional playoff bye on a tie-breaker. For IVC, it was its second straight conference title. Irvine Valley also makes its third straight postseason appearance. IVC looks to win its second state title after winning it in 1993.

Orange Coast, co-champions of the Pacific Coast Conference, closed the year with a 16-3 overall record and was 10-2 in PCC play. OCC has won two state titles (1991, 1994). Its opponent Santa Monica should receive plenty support as the host college and finished third in the Western State Conference with a 6-4 conference record and is 10-7 overall.

Pierce has won five state titles (1992, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003), the most in state history. Pierce was co-champions of the WSC with an 8-2 mark and takes a 13-4 overall record into the playoffs. Grossmont was third in the PCC with a 9-3 record and closed the regular season at 13-5.

Fact Sheet

Schedule: Friday, April 27 Semifinals
L.A. Pierce/Grossmont vs. Irvine Valley, 6 p.m.
Santa Monica/Orange Coast vs. Long Beach, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 28 Championship Final, 7 p.m.

*All matches played at Santa Monica College Main Campus Pavilion
1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405*

Directions: Campus map online at <http://www.smc.edu/campusmap/default.htm>

Parking: Lot C on Pico and 17th St., No Charge

Tickets: Adults, \$6
Students/Seniors, \$3

Hotel Info: <http://www.smc.edu/athletics/Hotels.htm>

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Results: Results will be posted online at www.coasports.org following all matches.
Contact Chris Ruiz to be included on the post-match media email list.