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## **COA and Mikasa Renew Volleyball Partnership**

Sacramento, CA . . . The California Community College Commission on Athletics (COA) today announced that it has renewed its existing men's volleyball partnership with Mikasa Sports USA through the year 2005. Mikasa will continue to serve as the exclusive official ball supplier of the California Community College Men's Volleyball Regional and State Championships.

"Mikasa is a tremendous company and we are extremely pleased to renew this agreement with them. They have a great product and, as a company, they have been very willing to support the work of the COA in its continuing efforts to provide a high class, quality experience for the student athletes participating in the state volleyball championships," said Association President Stu Van Horn.

Mikasa will provide the MVP200 as the official men's volleyball of the men's regional and state championship tournaments next three years.

"We at Mikasa Sports USA are very pleased to continue our sponsorship of the COA men's volleyball program. We are gratified that the MVP200 ball has been selected as the 'official volleyball' for all COA men's regional and state championships. We look forward to our three-year commitment and wish COA and its men's volleyball program the best of success," said Tom McCoy, President of Mikasa Sports USA.

Today's announcement is only the latest agreement between Mikasa Sports USA and the COA. The Irvine, California manufacturer is also the official ball supplier for the COA's men's and women's water polo championships and men's soccer championships. Mikasa Sports USA can be reached through the web site [www.mikasasports.com](http://www.mikasasports.com).

For more information about the COA's corporate partnership program, please contact the COA at 916.444.1600 or request a copy of the CD-ROM describing the program or email the COA development office at [Svanhorn@coasports.org](mailto:Svanhorn@coasports.org).

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