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### Volleyball Seedings Update

PHOENIX, AZ (October 25, 2012) – Through a final check of the AIA volleyball seedings by MaxPreps, it was discovered that invitational tournament games had been mistakenly included in the algorithm.

The following is the statement from Mike Wilkes, MaxPreps Business Development Director:

*As part of the process of preparing for the AIA post-season, MaxPreps ran a final-check across their database this past week. MaxPreps found a number of invitational games from several different tournaments that had not been removed from the seeding formula. In order to ensure the integrity of the AIA post-season seedings, which requires no invitational contests are included, MaxPreps has removed these invitational results from the formula.*

*This change will negatively affect the seed of 6% of volleyball teams. MaxPreps is in the process of communicating with Volleyball Coaches and Athletic Directors whose team's seeding will be impacted by the removal of the invitational games from the seeding formula. MaxPreps apologizes for the confusion this causes any coaches, players and fans.*

“While we would prefer that mistakes never happen, especially when it affects our member players, we appreciate the effort of MaxPreps to ensure accuracy and its transparency in resolving the error as soon as it was discovered” says AIA Executive Director Dr. Harold Slemmer. “We are confident that with its experience, expertise and integrity, MaxPreps will continue to do everything in their power to ensure accuracy for our member schools and their players.”

The updated volleyball seedings through games played on Tuesday, October 23, will be released on AIA365.com this afternoon.

The final seedings will be released on Saturday, October 27, during the AIA365.com Fall Preview Show beginning at 9 a.m. on [www.aia365.com](http://www.aia365.com).

To review the seedings before and after the correction was made go to <http://www.aia365.com/rankings/volleyball-girls/d1>.

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