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SEC COACHES BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Second Annual SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships Set for April 18, 2009

SIESTA KEY, Fla. – The second-annual *Southeastern Conference Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships* will return to the state of Florida on April 18, 2009, as part of the *Fiesta on Siesta Key* in Siesta Key, Fla.

“The *Fiesta* is actually a number of beach/sand volleyball tournaments in one,” Tournament Co-Director David Carstenson said. “The event is comprised of the *SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships* and the *Collegiate Beach Volleyball Challenge*. Tournament Co-Director Tom Collett and I are excited that the SEC Coaches have chosen to bring their event to Siesta Key, where it will be the showcase event of the *Fiesta*.”

Last spring, the SEC coaches contested the first-ever beach volleyball tournament held by a Division I conference, when it was played at the University of Florida’s Southwest Recreation Center courts.

Each of the 11 SEC schools (Vanderbilt does not sponsor volleyball) will participate in the *SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships* and other schools from around the country will compete in the *Collegiate Beach Volleyball Challenge*, which also will take place that day as part of the *Fiesta on Siesta Key*.

Last summer, the NCAA’s Committee on Women’s Athletics voted to recommend that Sand Volleyball be added to the emerging sports list for women. Representatives from NCAA Division I and II will vote on that proposal this month.

FIESTA ON SIESTA KEY ♦ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Friday, April 17, 2009

Team Practices: 12noon-5pm
Individual Team Practices: Times T.B.D.

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Fiesta on Siesta Key

SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships: Times T.B.D.

Collegiate Beach Volleyball Challenge: Times T.B.D.

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