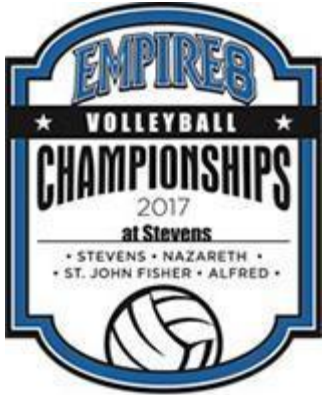


Saxon women's volleyball team pursues Empire 8 tournament title, NCAA bid

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HOBOKEN, NJ The Alfred University women's volleyball team will open play at the Empire 8 Conference championship tournament at noon Saturday, Nov. 4, when the fourth-seeded Saxons take on top-seeded Stevens Institute of Technology.

Stevens is hosting the tournament, the winner of which earns conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championships. This year marks the first time an Alfred University team has qualified for the Empire 8 championships since the league adopted a four-team tournament format in 2003. Prior to that, all teams in the conference competed in the championship.

The other semifinal match, between third-seeded St. John Fisher and second-seeded Nazareth, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The semifinal winners will square off for the tournament title at noon Sunday, Nov. 5.

The volleyball championships will be held on the Stevens campus, in Canavan Arena, 800 Castle Point Terrace, Hoboken, NJ 07030.