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As we celebrate and reflect on the 2024-25 timeframe and also prepare to transition to a new Board Chair for Volleyball Canada, this feels like the right time to look back at some of the challenges and triumphs, since I began my term as Chair of the Board in 2017.

When I transitioned from Board Member to Chair, we were looking back at the 2016 Olympic Games with the pride of having finished fifth in the men's tournament and having four beach teams represent us on the sand, huge accomplishments for Volleyball Canada.

From an Olympic and Paralympic perspective, we have continued to qualify teams and represent Canada well on the international scene but 2024 brought us to the next level, with a historic silver medal win in women's beach

and a hard-fought bronze medal for our ladies on the sitting volleyball court. Words cannot express the impact these results have had on our sport, both in the short and long term. To witness this level of excellence in our programs, and in person in Paris, has been a true privilege. I would like to thank the countess individuals who have contributed to these successes and the many others over the years.

In the challenge column, the pandemic and recovery were uncertain times for all Canadians and for sport specifically. With events and participation on hold, the future was unknown. Recovery had its own set of challenges for our staff and sport partners across the country and these were difficult times to navigate.

Post-pandemic, I'm very pleased to report that participation numbers have continued to explode and have never been more robust. Since 2017, we have seen a 75 percent growth in registered participants, an unbelievable accomplishment, shared by everyone across Canada.

Like participation growth, our budget has also increased by more than 75 percent and our staff has multiplied in many business areas. With this growth, comes great responsibility to deliver quality teams, programs and leadership, as well as the need to foster a collaborative environment with the PTAs and other partners.

As you will see from the information contained in this annual report, the hard work continues toward ensuring our sport remains enjoyable, safe and competitive on the world stage. Again, I would like to thank all the athletes, coaches, referees and many fans and supporters across the Country for your contributions to volleyball in Canada at every level.

It has been my great honour and pleasure to be involved with Volleyball Canada for most of the past fourty years, in a number of capacities. Sincere thanks to our talented staff, led by President and CEO, Mark Eckert, and to my fellow board members, who have shared their wisdom and experience in service to Volleyball Canada, and with the health of the organization always their first priority.

As we continue to grow in numbers and influence, let's not forget to make memories along the way and enjoy the process!

**Kevin Boyles** 



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Domestic Events Assistant Abbigail Verge Gabriel Cooper Office & Referee Administrator

#### **STAFF**

#### **Beach Program**

Ed Drakich Director, High Performance (Beach) Corey Dempsey Manager, Beach High Performance

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Aidan Wilkie Coordinator, Beach High Performance Program

Srdian Veckov Woman's Lead Coach, Beach Team

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Nicole Sullivan Sport Medicine Coordinator/Physiotherapist, Beach Team

Alyssa Birbrager Therapist, Beach Team

Dr. Julia Hamilton Sport Medicine Physician, Beach Team Susan Cockle Mental Health Lead, Next Gen Beach Team Iman Hassan Mental Performance Consultant, Beach Team

Catherine Naulleau Sport Nutritionist, Beach Team **Emily Wright** Data Scientist, Beach Team

#### **Men's Indoor Program**

Tuomas Sammelvuo Head Coach - Men's Indoor Team Dan Lewis NextGen Coach - Men's Indoor team Dave Preston NextGen Coach - Men's Indoor Team Cassandra Nicol Coordinator, Men's National Team

Matheus Braz Assistant, Programs and Events, Men's National Team

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Michael Cook Strength & Conditioning Coach, Men's Indoor Team

Louis-Jean Tremblay Strength Coach, Men's Indoor Team Dr. Andrew Marshall Chief Medical Officer, Men's Indoor Team

#### **STAFF**

#### **Women's Indoor Program**

Shannon Winzer Head Coach, Women's Indoor Team

Matt Krueger Assistant Coach & NextGen Lead, Women's Indoor Team

Vincenzo Mallia Assistant Coach, Women's Indoor Team

Carolyn O'Dwyer Next Gen Head Coach, Women's Indoor Team

Jennah Paron Coordinator, Women's National Team

Roger Friesen Mental Performance, Women's Indoor Team
Gabriele Tortorici Performance Analyst, Women's Indoor Team
Hilary Mallinger Physiotherapist, Women's Indoor Team

Matt Wentzell Chiropractor, Women's Indoor Team

Cristina Sutter Sport Dietician, Women's Indoor & Women's Sitting Team

Cody Piwowar-Desilets Strength Coach, Women's Indoor Team
Kevin Valcke Lead Physiotherapist & Medical Coordinator

Rob Hooper Lead IST/Strength & Conditioning, Women's Indoor Team

Dr. Sara Forsyth Chief Medical Officer, Women's Indoor Team

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Reid Brodie Head Coach & Men's Sitting Team Coordinator

Taylor Dyer Assistant Coach, Men's Sitting Team

Tristan Simmonds Assistant Coach, Strength & Conditioning, Men's Sitting Team

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Physiotherapist, Men's Sitting Team
Dr. Blair Murphy
Chiropractor, Men's Sitting Team
Dr. Chhase McFarlen
Chiropractor, Men's Sitting Team
Nicole Ban
Head Coach, Women's Sitting Team
Chelsea Hobbs
Assistant Coach, Women's Sitting Team
Kate Rozendaal
Assistant Coach, Women's Sitting Team

Christine Biggs Performance Consultant, Women's Sitting Team
Lionel Bonnaure Performance Analyst, Women's Sitting Team

Onika Green Mental Performance Coach, Women's Sitting Team

Yung Wong Medical Lead and Physiotherapist, Women's Sitting Team
Molly Henneberry Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach, Women's Sitting Team

Ashlen Leonard

Dr. Connie Lebrun

Dr. Isabel Heyadat

Dr. Fiona Hanlon-Dearman

Dr. Roman Tulis

Nutritionist, Women's Sitting Team

Team Physician, Women's Sitting Team

Team Physician, Women's Sitting Team

Team Physician, Women's Sitting Team



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# **Beach High Performance**

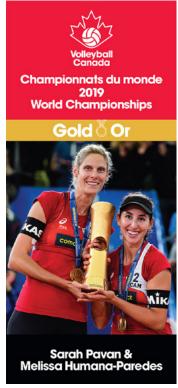
#### **Beach High Performance Director's Report**

2024 was a highly successful year for Volleyball Canada Beach National Teams with nine medals won at FIVB events and a Canadian record tying 18 medals won at NORCECA events in 2024. Three Canadian teams (Out of a maximum 4) were able to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Brandie Wilkerson and Melissa Humana-Paredes won Silver, Volleyball Canada's best result at an Olympic Games. Other qualifying Olympians include Sam Schachter/Dan Dearing and Heather Bansley/ Sophie Bukovec, finishing 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively.

#### Canadian Medals at the Olympic Games and Senior World Championships

With their Silver medal in Paris, Brandie Wilkerson / Melissa Humana-Paredes earned Canada's 4th major beach volleyball medal at the Olympic Games or the Senior World Championships.









#### 2024 Canadian FIVB and NORCECA Medal Highlights

| 2 – Multi Sport Medals | 10 - FIVB Medals | 18 - NORCECA Medals |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Silver Paris Olympics  | 7 Women          | 9 Women             |
| Silver Pan Am Games    | 3 Men            | 9 Men               |

2024 & 2025 Beach National Team Athletes

|                                   | Name                   | Province    | 2024     | 2025     |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                                   | Sarah Pavan            | Ontario     | ✓        |          |
|                                   | Melissa Humana-Paredes | Ontario     | ✓        | ✓        |
| Senior<br>National Team           | Brandie Wilkerson      | Ontario     | <b>✓</b> | ✓        |
|                                   | Sophie Bukovec         | Ontario     | 1        | ✓        |
|                                   | Heather Bansley        | Ontario     |          | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Molly McBain           | Ontario     | 1        |          |
|                                   | Heather Bansley        | Ontario     | 1        |          |
|                                   | Anna Licht             | Ontario     | /        |          |
| Women's Next Gen<br>National Team | Marie-Alex Belanger    | Quebec      | ✓        | ✓        |
|                                   | Lea Monkhouse          | Ontario     | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Amy Ozee               | USA         | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Emily Anderson         | USA         |          | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Dan Dearing            | Ontario     | ✓        |          |
|                                   | Alex Russell           | BC          | ✓        |          |
|                                   | Jake MacNeil           | Ontario     | ✓        |          |
|                                   | Arran Chambers         | Alberta     | ✓        |          |
|                                   | Sam Schachter          | Ontario     | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
| Men's Next Gen                    | Tynan Gannett          | Nova Scotia | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
| National Team                     | Luke DeGreef           | BC          | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Steve Abrams           | Ontario     | ✓        | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Jonny Pickett          | Ontario     |          | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Guillame Rivest        | Quebec      |          | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Martin Licht           | Ontario     |          | <b>✓</b> |
|                                   | Cameron Chadwick       | Ontario     |          | ✓        |

## **2024 Summer Development Program Athletes**

| Women            |          | Men                |          |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Name             | Province | Name               | Province |
| Ofure Odigie     | Ontario  | Liam Espedido      | ВС       |
| Jaeya Brach      | BC       | Jonny Pickett      | Ontario  |
| Sydney McDermott | Ontario  | Brendan Mills      | Ontario  |
| Akash Grewal     | BC       | Martin Licht       | Ontario  |
| Emma Glagau      | Ontario  | Jacob van Geel     | Alberta  |
| Grace Pyatt      | Ontario  | Jacob Sargent      | Alberta  |
| Calinda Kok      | Ontario  | Zach van Geel      | Alberta  |
| Sophie Hladyniuk | Ontario  | Yoan David         | Quebec   |
| Kaylee Glagau    | Ontario  | Max Losier         | Ontario  |
| Abbey Thorup     | Ontario  | Guillaume Rivest   | Quebec   |
| Emma Kunaus      | Ontario  | Kaden Schmidt      | Ontario  |
|                  |          | Anthony DeGirolamo | Ontario  |
|                  |          | Coltyn Liu         | ВС       |
|                  |          | Cameron Chadwick   | Ontario  |
|                  |          | Jer Doyon          | Quebec   |
|                  |          | Robert Kemp        | Ontario  |
|                  |          | Elliot Collard     | Quebec   |

# **Men's Indoor High Performance**

## 2024 Highlights

#### **Senior Team**

- VNL 5<sup>th</sup> place after Pool phase 6<sup>th</sup> place overall finish Lost to Japan 0-3 in ¼ finals. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> time Canada had qualified for the VNL Final round.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Olympic Games
  - Improved World rankings from 12<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Improved World rankings from 12<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Nextgen Team**

- Gold medal at Pan Am Cup (Santo Domingo July 15-21)
- Silver medal at Norceca Final 6 (Gatineau August 20-25)

#### **Age Group Teams**

- U21 Silver medal at U21 Norceca Championship qualification to 2025 FIVB U21 World Championship
- U19 4th place finish at U19 Norceca Championship qualification to 2025 FIVB U19 World Championship
- U17 4th place finish at Norceca U17 Pan Am Cup

#### **Odds and Ends**

January 2024 - Reduction of \$75K in OTP support

October - Tuomas Sammelvuo steps down as Senior Team Head coach. Dan Lewis hired as the next head coach beginning in April 2025

One of the main goals in establishing a world class program has been consistency in staffing from year to year. Limited change occurred in 2024. A successful planned transition for nextgen coach Dan Lewis to coach professionally allowed for Dave Preston to have time with Dan and Tuomas prior to fully assuming duties.

#### 2024 Men's Rosters

| 2024 Men's Rosiers |                        |      |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|
| Senior Tear        | <b>n</b> (Olympians in |      |
| Last               | First                  | PR   |
| Barnes             | Ryley                  | AB   |
| Currie             | Landon                 | ВС   |
| Demyanenko         | Danny                  | ON   |
| Eshenko            | Pearson                | AB   |
| Herr               | Luke                   | MB   |
| Hoag               | Nicholas               | QC   |
| Hofer              | Brodie                 | ВС   |
| Ketrzynski         | Xander                 | ON   |
| Loeppky            | Eric                   | MB   |
| Lui                | Justin                 | ON   |
| Maar               | Stephen                | ON   |
| McCarthy           | Fynn                   | ВС   |
| Schnitzer          | Jordan                 | ВС   |
| Szwarc             | Arthur                 | ON   |
| Van Berkel         | Lucas                  | AB   |
| Walsh              | Brett                  | AB   |
| Last               | First                  | Pos. |
| Sammelvuo          | Tuomas                 | НС   |
| Bravo              | Joao Paulo             | AC   |
| Hawkins            | Mike                   | AC   |

| NextGen Team |             |      |
|--------------|-------------|------|
| Last         | First       | PR   |
| Byam         | Christopher | AB   |
| Canham       | Jordan      | ON   |
| Elgert       | Max         | AB   |
| Elser        | Jesse       | AB   |
| Gingera      | Reeve       | AB   |
| Gratton      | Maxime      | ON   |
| Greves       | Mason       | AB   |
| Gyimah       | Daenan      | ON   |
| Heslinga     | Isaac       | ON   |
| Hollands     | Zachary     | QC   |
| Howe         | Jackson     | AB   |
| Martens      | Dylan       | MB   |
| Picklyk      | Darian      | MB   |
| Portelance   | Jonathan    | QC   |
| Schoenherr   | Cory        | ON   |
| Varga        | Skyler      | SK   |
| Vincett      | James       | AB   |
| Young        | Jackson     | ON   |
| Last         | First       | Pos. |
| Hoag         | Glenn       | HC   |
| Barrett      | John        | AC   |
| Preston      | Dave        | AC   |

| U21 Team      |         |      |  |
|---------------|---------|------|--|
| Last          | First   | PR   |  |
| Boyko         | Kai     | MB   |  |
| Cherewaty     | Trent   | ON   |  |
| de Greeff     | Piers   | ВС   |  |
| Fisher        | Kale    | AB   |  |
| Greenidge     | Quintin | ON   |  |
| Hershtynovich | Daniil  | ON   |  |
| Hill          | Grant   | AB   |  |
| Hudson        | Cody    | AB   |  |
| John          | Ryan    | AB   |  |
| Kuiken        | Jared   | ON   |  |
| Morneau       | Zakari  | QC   |  |
| Paterson      | Brady   | ON   |  |
| South         | Ashton  | AB   |  |
| Weekes        | Owen    | MB   |  |
| Last          | First   | Pos. |  |
| Lewis         | Daniel  | HC   |  |
| Guidara       | Ghazi   | AC   |  |
| Gaudet        | Josh    | AC   |  |

| U19 Team (athletes not carded) |          |      |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|------|--|
| Last                           | First    | PR   |  |
| Cassone                        | Tyson    | ON   |  |
| DeZutter                       | Tyson    | AB   |  |
| McDonald                       | Grayson  | AB   |  |
| Miles                          | Kai      | AB   |  |
| Moschopoulos                   | Dennis   | ВС   |  |
| Navarro                        | Isaac    | ВС   |  |
| Ostapchuk                      | Pavlo    | QC   |  |
| Tate                           | Simon    | ВС   |  |
| Vandenheuvel                   | Aiden    | ON   |  |
| Veith                          | Reuben   | SK   |  |
| Weiss                          | Benjamin | AB   |  |
| Wright                         | Lukas    | AB   |  |
| Last                           | First    | Pos. |  |
| Ota                            | Dan      | HC   |  |
| Dixon                          | Phil     | AC   |  |
| Duquette                       | Bryan    | AC   |  |

| U17 Team (athletes not carded) |         |      |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|
| Last                           | First   | PR   |
| Brunoro                        | Seth    | ВС   |
| Chittick                       | Cruz    | AB   |
| Clarmo                         | William | ON   |
| Court                          | Damien  | SK   |
| DeZutter                       | Tyson   | AB   |
| Flaman                         | Kaysen  | AB   |
| Funk                           | Kade    | AB   |
| Gilbert                        | Mathieu | QC   |
| Long                           | Brayden | AB   |
| Skipina                        | Danilo  | BC   |
| Spehr                          | Cooper  | ON   |
| Ulrich                         | Liam    | AB   |
| Last                           | First   | Pos. |
| Ota                            | Dan     | HC   |
| Taylor                         | Jordan  | AC   |
| Lewis                          | Daniel  | AC   |

| National Exc | cellence Prog | ıram |
|--------------|---------------|------|
| Last         | First         | PR   |
| Chamberland  | Eliot         | QC   |
| Francis      | Carson        | ON   |
| Gilbert      | Mathieu       | QC   |
| Lewis        | Daniel        | ON   |
| Long         | Brayden       | AB   |
| McDonald     | Grayson       | AB   |
| Miles        | Kai           | AB   |
| Ocampo       | Parker        | ON   |
| Perron       | Julien        | QC   |
| Schalk       | Silas         | AB   |
| Spencer      | Connor        | ON   |
| Tate         | Simon         | ВС   |
| Ulrich       | Liam          | AB   |
| Vandenheuvel | Aiden         | ON   |
| Veith        | Reuben        | SK   |
| Wright       | Luke          | AB   |
| Last         | First         | Pos. |
| Preston      | Dave          | HC   |
| Harris       | Matt          | AC   |
| Pilorge      | Greg          | AC   |

# **Women's Indoor High Performance**

## 2024 Highlights

The 2024 season marked a historic year for our Women's Indoor National Team program, with record-setting performances across all levels.

#### **Senior Women's National Team**

The Senior Women's National Team reached a historic milestone in 2024, climbing to a program-best World #8 ranking—an achievement that reflects years of consistent development and high-level performance. At the beginning of the year, the team faced a significant 22.3-point gap in the world rankings to stay in contention for Olympic qualification. Through a strong showing in the 2024 Volleyball Nations League (VNL), the team not only closed that gap but also recorded landmark victories over top 10 opponents China, the Dominican Republic, and Japan - marking our first-ever win against Japan. Canada finished 9th overall, our highest VNL placement to date, and won the majority of our matches—clear evidence of progress on the international stage. Despite this success, our Olympic qualification hopes came down to a decisive match against the Netherlands, where a hard-fought loss brought our campaign to an end.

At the conclusion of the 2024 season, Shannon Winzer, Head Coach of the Senior Women's National Team, accepted the position of High-Performance Director for women's indoor. Giovanni Guidetti was hired as Head Coach of the Senior Women's Team to start in May 2025.

#### **NextGen Program**

From May to August, 19 athletes participated in the NextGen Program run full time at the National Training Centre in Richmond BC. The group trained and competed together, representing Canada at two continental events, where they placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, gaining valuable international experience and development opportunities.

#### **Age-Class National Teams & National Excellence Program**

- U21 Women's National Team 4th at the NORCECA U21 Championship, qualifying for the 2025 FIVB U21 World Championship.
- U19 Women's National team 2nd place at the NORCECA U19 Championship, narrowly falling to the USA in the final. This result secured our spot at the 2025 FIVB U19 World Championship.
- U17 Women's National Team 13th at the FIVB U17 World Championship. In addition to international competition, the program also delivered a two-week Red & White training camp as part of the Canada Cup in July to further support this development group.
- Top 18 athletes from across the country (7 provinces represented) trained full time in Richmond from September to December 2024 competing against various USport and CCAA teams.

These results reflect the strength of our athlete pathway and the depth of talent across Canada. We look forward to building on this success in the lead-up to the 2025 international season as we work towards LA 2028.

#### 2024 Women's Rosters

| Senior Team         |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Name                | PR |
| Kiera Van Ryk       | ВС |
| Katerina Georgiadis | ON |
| Vicky Savard        | QC |
| Julia Murmann       | ON |
| Jazmine White       | ON |
| Layne Van Buskirk   | ON |
| Alicia Ogoms        | MB |
| Alexa Gray          | AB |
| Jennifer Cross      | ON |
| Brie O'Reilly       | ВС |
| Hilary Johnson      | AB |
| Shainah Joseph      | ON |
| Kacey Jost          | AB |
| Emily Maglio        | ВС |
| Quinn Pelland       | AB |

| NextGen Team      |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Name              | PR |
| Delaney Watson    | ON |
| Abby Guezen       | AB |
| Julia Arnold      | MB |
| Lucy Borowski     | ВС |
| Avery Heppell     | ВС |
| Averie Allard     | MB |
| Emma Boyd         | YT |
| Nyadholi Thokbuom | AB |
| Raya Surinx       | MB |
| Kaylee Plouffe    | AB |
| Madyson Saris     | ON |
| Jasmine Rivest    | ON |
| Thana Fayad       | вс |
| Gabrielle Attieh  | ВС |
| Bella Noble       | NS |
| Grace Calnan      | NS |
| Jessican Andrews  | ON |
| Lauren Attieh     | вс |

| U21 Team         |    |
|------------------|----|
| Name             | PR |
| Sophia Magus     | SK |
| Ella McVittie    | AB |
| Daisy Olsen      | AB |
| Maeli Cormier    | QC |
| Mary Healy       | CA |
| Claire Carter    | ON |
| Sophia Hansen    | AB |
| Megan Hawkins    | ON |
| Lauren Perugini  | ON |
| Ronnie Dickson   | AB |
| Charley McDonald | ON |
| Ella Piskorz     | ON |
| Tianna Kehler    | ВС |
| Delaney Watson   | ON |
| Misha Hameed     | AB |
| Sara Gray* (alt) | SK |
| Anya Fehr* (alt) | AB |

| U19 Team         |    |
|------------------|----|
| Name             | PR |
| Avaya Maga       | ON |
| Ana Nastase      | ON |
| Sofia Zabjek     | ON |
| Alyssa Flack     | ON |
| Chloe Bradley    | вс |
| Emerson Matthews | SK |
| Sol Henson       | ON |
| Eva Lin          | ON |
| Jorgie Cornish   | AB |
| Sydney Bell      | ON |
| Delfina Henson   | ON |
| Abby Wasutyk     | SK |
| Maya Bukovcan    | ON |
| Carmen Waye      | NS |
| Kylie Savin      | ON |

| U17 Team          |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Name              | PR |
| Isabel Kuna       | ВС |
| Megan Hunter      | ON |
| Brooke Fermaniuk  | AB |
| Ana Stojanovic    | ON |
| Alexandra Brenner | ON |
| Mila Kosoric      | AB |
| Eve Joly          | QC |
| Ellery Williamson | ON |
| Ella Hope         | ON |
| Nikola Gamlin     | AB |
| Dara Obeid        | ON |
| Ashlyn Gent       | AB |

| Additional U17 Athl<br>at Canada Cup<br>Red & White | etes |
|---|------|
| Name  | PR   |
| Ella Grapentine                                     | SK   |
| Olivia Orosz  | SK   |
| Alyssa Cerovac                                      | ON   |
| Alexia Cornea                                       | ON   |
| Kacie Allan   | SK   |
| Anouk Taylor  | MB   |
| Hannah McGregor                                     | MB   |
| Savannah Jamieson                                   | NS   |
| Laura Adel  | ON   |
| Kennedy Minovitch                                   | AB   |
| Ania Magier   | ON   |
| London Krahn  | вс   |
| Mila Chamberland                                    | QC   |
| Brielle Vanderkooi                                  | вс   |
| Kate Chipman  | ON   |
| Natalie Wahlgren                                    | ON   |

| National Excellen<br>Program | ce |  |  |
|------------------------------|----|--|--|
| Name                         | PR |  |  |
| Ashlyn Gent                  | AB |  |  |
| Sara Gray                    | SK |  |  |
| Ana Nastase                  | ON |  |  |
| Molly Beatty                 | IN |  |  |
| Zoey Purvis                  | МВ |  |  |
| Remy Catojo                  | MB |  |  |
| Sydney Bell                  | ON |  |  |
| Savannah Jamieson            | NS |  |  |
| Emerson Matthews             | SK |  |  |
| Alicia Thibodeau             | QC |  |  |
| Brooke Fermaniuk             | AB |  |  |
| Lea Pendergast               | ON |  |  |
| Sofia Zabjek                 | ON |  |  |
| Maya Bukovcan                | ON |  |  |
| Lydia-Jane Wigston           | AB |  |  |
| Ella Hope                    | ON |  |  |
| Kate Sinclair                | AB |  |  |
| Abby Wasutyk                 | SK |  |  |

#### **Committee Reports**

# Sitting Volleyball

2024–2025 was focussed on the preparation and performance at the Paris2024 Paralympic Games. Through the support of Sport Canada, Own the Podium and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, the Canadian Women's Sitting Volleyball National Team was able to centralize at their training centre in Edmonton for extended durations throughout the year.

A partnership was formed with the newly re-structured Canadian Sport Institute – Alberta and through the partnership, the team and athletes were able to access further resources, staffing and support in the preparations for Paris.

The Bronze medal at Paris2024 was a historic accomplishment for Team Canada. The support of Volleyball Canada staff and board, friends and family and the Canadian Paralympic Committee must be recognized as a big part of the success of the team.

The men's national team program did have an extended off-season as their fourth-place finish at the Final Qualifier in April 2024 was not enough to qualify for Paris. Following a review of the program, the decision was made to move on from the head coach of the program and Volleyball Canada would like to thank Jeff Smith (AB) for his contributions to sitting volleyball in Canada. Reid Brodie (AB) was hired as the new TCMSV Head Coach in December 2024 with the goal of leading the team to a berth at the LA2028 Paralympic Games.

#### **TCMSV Long List Roster**

|    |                    |    | -                             |                     |    |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------------------|---------------------|----|
| 12 | Nicholas Aldrich   | ON | Head Coach                    | Reid Brodie         | AB |
| 2  | Mikael Bartholdy   | AB | Assistant Coach               | Taylor Dyer         | AB |
| 13 | Jason Beaman       | AB | Assistant Coach               | Tania Harrison      | SK |
| 10 | Christopher Bird   | MB | Assistant Coach               | Vincenzo Saporito   | AB |
| 24 | Jesse Buckingham   | ON | Lead Physiotherapist          | Cassandra Downe     | AB |
| 77 | Connor Compton     | AB | Mental Performance Consultant | Alayne Hing         | AB |
| 6  | Bryce Foster       | ON | Strength & Conditioning Lead  | Bryan Yu            | AB |
| 3  | Austin Hinchey     | AB | Chiropractor/ Therapist       | Dr. Chhase McFarlen | AB |
| 7  | Douglas Learoyd    | AB | Chiropractor/ Therapist       | Dr. Blair Murphy    | AB |
| 11 | José Rebelo        | QC |                               |                     |    |
| 25 | Dariusz Symonowicz | ON |                               |                     |    |
| 9  | Andrew Tucker      | ON |                               |                     |    |
| 26 | Kyle Hall          | ON |                               |                     |    |
| 5  | Josh Daley         | ON |                               |                     |    |
| 23 | Johnathan LaPorte  | ON |                               |                     |    |
| 19 | Riley Brinnen      | вс |                               |                     |    |

Building off the success from the Paris2024, the goal for sitting volleyball national team programs is to qualify for LA2028. An increase in high-performance funding has provided opportunities for enhancements to the women's staff with two new assistant coaches who also have sport development and national team coordinator responsibilities. There is an emphasis on athlete identification, recruitment and development with the goal of establishing a performance system and Next Gen program that supports the Senior National Teams.

#### 2024 Paris Paralympic Games (Paris, FRA)

## **BRONZE**

- First ever Paralympic medal for Canada in the sport of Sitting Volleyball
- Highest finishing Paralympic team sport at Paris2024
- First Paralympic team sport medal for Canada since 2012

#### **Final Results**

GOLD USA SILVER CHN **BRONZE** CAN

#### **Individual Recognitions**

Best Server Heidi Peters (CAN) Best Libero Jolan Wong (CAN)

#### **Paralympic Roster**

|    |                          |    |                               | Y                |    |
|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------------|------------------|----|
| 2  | Julie Kozun              | SK | Head Coach                    | Nicole Ban       | AB |
| 3  | Danielle Ellis (captain) | BC | Assistant Coach               | Chelsea Hobbs    | AB |
| 4  | Jennifer Oakes           | AB | Assistant Coach               | Kate Rozendaal   | AB |
| 7  | Anne Fergusson           | ON | Analyst                       | Lionel Bonnaure  | QC |
| 8  | Jolan Wong               | ON | Physiotherapist               | Yung Yung Wong   | AB |
| 9  | Sarah Melenka            | AB | Manager and S&C Lead          | Molly Henneberry | ВС |
| 11 | Heidi Peters             | AB | Mental Performance Consultant | Onika Green      | ON |
| 14 | Katelyn Wright           | AB | Mental Health Lead            | Susan Cockle     | AB |
| 15 | Felicia Voss-Shafiq      | BC | Performance Dietician         | Stefan Waples    | AB |
| 16 | Jennifer McCreesh        | вс | IST Lead                      | Lauren Vickery   | AB |
| 17 | Allison Lang             | QC | High Performance Director     | lan Halliday     | AB |

#### **Committee Reports**

# Athlete and Coach Pathways

The Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee (ACPC) is responsible for providing recommendations to the Board of Directors based on the principles of Volleyball Canada's Long-Term Development (LTD) Model for the promotion and growth of volleyball in Canada. Working with Pathways staff, the committee takes feedback from our provincial and territorial (PTA) partners and conducts research through pilot projects and data collection.

#### **Pathways Mission Statement**

Through collaborative leadership, leveraged expertise and a sustained approach to excellence, the VC Pathway team creates and influences environments to develop Canadian athletes and coaches. Athlete and Coach Pathways includes Sport, Athlete and Coach Development through grassroots/initiation through to competitive youth opportunities.

## **Coach Pathways**

### National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) Data & Coach Development

| Total # of Participants<br>(April 1–March 31) | Elementary<br>Module | Foundations<br>of Volleyball<br>Module | Smashball<br>Coach<br>Workshop | Development<br>Coach<br>Workshop | Development<br>Coach<br>Workshop |
|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2024-2025 (% of growth)                       | 57 (-66%)            | 3878 (+29%)                            | 100 (-11%)                     | 1080 (+13%)                      | 258 (+22%)                       |
| 2023-2024                                     | 169                  | 3005                                   | 113                            | 950                              | 210                              |
| 2022-2023                                     | 18                   | 2249                                   | 144                            | 817                              | 151                              |
| 2021-2022                                     | 104                  | 1302                                   |                                | 652                              | 48                               |

| Total # of Participants<br>(April 1–March 31) | INDOOR Adv<br>Development<br>Coach Workshop | BEACH Adv<br>Development<br>Coach Workshop | INDOOR<br>Performance<br>Coach Workshop | BEACH<br>Performance<br>Coach Workshop |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| 2024-2025 (% of growth)                       | 162 (-30%)                                  | 12 (-37%)                                  | 18 (-30%)                               | 5 (+500%)                              |
| 2023-2024                                     | 232   | 19   | 26                                      | 0                                      |
| 2022-2023                                     | 256   | 10   | 0                                       | 0                                      |
| 2021-2022                                     | 134   | 0  | 24                                      | 13                                     |

#### **Data Notes:**

- Coach Eligibility for National Championships:
  - Development Coach Workshop Required for Year 1, Head Coaches
  - Removed Advanced Development Coach for 17U & 18U
  - Additional Requirement of Foundations for Assistant Coaches

- Workshops in transition:
  - Smashball workshop & Elementary E-learning is being combined into one eLearning
  - Advanced Development blended learning pilot year
  - Performance Coach 2 courses per year but can range, including indoor/beach, French/English

#### **Coach Eligibility**

All coaches were required to meet the mandatory eligibility requirements:

- Making Head Way
- Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- Safe Sport Training
- Foundations of Volleyball
- · Criminal Record Check and Screening

#### Areas of Improvement Required:

- Ensure quality and relevant education and training to meet the continued growth
- Difficulties to reduce backlog in PTA evaluation for Development Coach Certification
- Communication improvements needed around certification and education about the coach pathway, including early season interventions with clubs and coaches directly

#### Moving Forward:

- Ease of entry for 1st year Coaches
- Strategy to ensure coaches can complete their certification in a timely manner
- Coach pathway restructure to combine training and evaluation: 2026-2027 season

#### **Major Projects:**

- On-Boarding new Learning Management System (volleyballconnect.ca)
- Video Resources: Skills, drills content creation. S & C videos for warm-up, strength & speed
- 3-Person Evaluation Pilots, to enhance evaluation efficiency
- Learning Experience Design (LXD) training opportunity completed by a VC staff
- Performance Coach Workshop enhancements

#### **Coach Developers**

- Hired Master Coach Developer (contractor to support the training of new Evaluators
- PTAs trained 16 new Development and ADV Development Coach Evaluators

#### **NEP Coach Development Opportunities**

- 25 coaches attended onsite professional development, increase from 15 in 2023.
- Three female coaches received \$500 grant from the CAC Women in Coaching program.
- Club coaches of NEP athletes connecting on technical and tactical components taught by Women's National Team programs

#### **Canada Cup Coach Development**

- 5 free online education sessions prior to the Canada Cup specifically for PTA Coaches
- On-site coach education with Dave Preston and Matt Krueger, NextGen Coaches

## **Athlete Pathways**

#### **Pathway Programs**

#### Regional Excellence Program (REP)

Burnaby and North Vancouver School District programs continue to successfully offer within the school learning group model. Regina, Kootenays, Mississauga, Kelowna, and Saskatoon also continued to offer programming.

#### Canada Cup Indoor

Held the 2024 Canada Cup Indoor at the 7Chiefs SportPlex on the Tsuut'ina Nation. With 53 teams competing in 4 divisions, the event continues to see strong engagement from the PTAs.

## **Grassroots Development**

Grassroots volleyball resource development has been a focus for pathways.

- Marketing of Smashball Resources-media engagement, and program promotions at events
- Development of Resources upgraded the Smashball App, appropriate age skill development videos, and aligning the Elementary Teacher E-Learning module with the Smashball program
- Reengagement of the Grassroots Working Group this group is responsible for developing and enhancing resources that support teacher/coach education and training

#### **Long Term Development**

Volleyball Long Term Development 3.0 as well as the Development Matrix continues to be a key resource with the emphasis on the Person Pillar.

#### **Club Approval Program**

Club approval process continues to develop within the Volleyball Registration System. This does set out the criteria and expectations to any club participating within Volleyball Canada.

#### Committee Reports

## Alumni and Awards

Each year, Volleyball Canada (VC)conducts an induction into the Hall of Fame which can fall under the following categories— Athlete, Builder, Coach, Referee or Team. These awards have been established to recognize those individuals or teams who have attained prominence in the sport of volleyball or who have made a major contribution to the development and advancement of the sport in Canada or Internationally.

In 2024 the induction ceremony was held in Ottawa and inducted 5 inductees:

**Gavin Schmitt** Michelle Sawatzky **Doramy Ehling Bob Wright Dave Tweedley** 

For 2025, the Hall of Fame will be celebrated in Ottawa in June. The 2025 inductees will be:

Wanda Guenette, Athlete Randy Gingera, Athlete **Neil Johnson, Athlete Dave Carey, Builder Debbie Jackson, Referee** 

Facebook continues to be the main source of communication with former Volleyball Canada athletes. The Facebook page currently has 250 Alumni signed up and actively contributing to the page.

Going forward Alumni engagement will continue to be a focus. Having a presence and visibility at major events such as Volleyball Nations League, the VC Championships and on the Volleyball Canada Website will enable continued growth and reach to former athletes and contributors.

This coming year, the Committee will continue to compile a virtual history of para, beach and indoor Canadian Volleyball, as well as a history of Team Canada at major events. The committee is looking to gather photos and write ups that can be included in the project.

As always, the Committee welcomes submissions for the Hall Inductions. For more information, please visit the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame website at www.volleyball.ca.

Special thank you to staff member Lucie Leclerc-Rose for the Administration and Organization of our committee.

#### **Committee Reports**

# **Domestic Competitions**

This report focuses on the following competitions:

- May 2024 Youth National Championships
- August 2024 Beach Youth, Senior National & University/College Championships
- March 2025 Senior Open Championships

## **2024 Youth National Championships**

The 2024 Youth Nationals were successfully held:

- May 2 5: Ottawa 14U & Fredericton 14U
- May 9 12: Richmond 14UG
- May 16 26: Edmonton 14UB, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U (Three back-to-back events)

1659 teams submitted an Expression of Interest to participate in the events, with 1536 teams participating, a 22% increase over 2023.

#### 2024 National Championships - Registration by Province

| Location      | Age              | Gender     | Province |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |    | Total | Waitlist |       |        |
|---------------|------------------|------------|----------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| Localion      | Category         | Gender     | AB       | BC  | MB  | NB | NL | NS | NT | ON  | QC | SK  | PEI | YT | NV    | Int'l    | Iolai | wannsi |
| Ottowa        | 14U              | В          | 0        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 17  | 9  | 0   | 0   | 0  |       | 0        | 28    | 6      |
| Ottawa,<br>ON | 140              | G          | 1        | 0   | 3   | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 62  | 20 | 0   | 0   | 0  |       | 0        | 88    | 5      |
|               | 2024 T           | otal       | 1        | 0   | 3   | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 79  | 29 | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     | 0        | 116   | 11     |
| Richmond,     | 14U              | G          | 44       | 47  | 11  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2   | 0  | 6   | 0   | 1  | 0     | 0        | 112   | 24     |
| ВС            | 2024 T           | otal       | 44       | 47  | 11  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2   | 0  | 6   | 0   | 1  | 0     | 0        | 112   | 24     |
| Fredericton,  | 14U              | В          | 0        | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0   | 2  | 0   | 1   | 0  |       | 0        | 8     | 2      |
| NB            | 140              | G          | 4        | 0   | 2   | 12 | 5  | 8  | 0  | 7   | 1  | 0   | 1   | 0  |       | 0        | 40    | 6      |
|               | 2024 T           | otal       | 4        | 0   | 2   | 13 | 5  | 12 | 0  | 7   | 3  | 0   | 2   | 0  | 0     | 0        | 48    | 8      |
|               | 14U              | В          | 30       | 12  | 10  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0  | 4   | 0   | 2  | 0     | 0        | 60    | 2      |
|               | 2024 Total       |            | 30       | 12  | 10  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0  | 4   | 0   | 2  | 0     | 0        | 60    | 2      |
|               | 15U              | В          | 32       | 22  | 14  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 13  | 5  | 7   | 0   | 1  | 0     | 0        | 96    | 2      |
|               |                  | G          | 106      | 52  | 32  | 1  | 8  | 4  | 0  | 29  | 7  | 25  | 1   | 3  |       | 0        | 268   | 3      |
|               | 2024 T           | 2024 Total |          | 74  | 46  | 1  | 8  | 6  | 0  | 42  | 12 | 32  | 1   | 4  | 0     | 0        | 364   | 5      |
|               | 16U              | В          | 37       | 23  | 11  | 0  | 3  | 2  | 0  | 18  | 7  | 9   | 0   | 2  |       | 0        | 112   | 7      |
|               |                  | G          | 84       | 53  | 23  | 2  | 6  | 3  | 0  | 34  | 10 | 23  | 0   | 2  |       | 0        | 240   | 16     |
| Edmonton.     | 2024 T           | otal       | 121      | 76  | 34  | 2  | 9  | 5  | 0  | 52  | 17 | 32  | 0   | 4  | 0     | 0        | 352   | 23     |
| AB            | 4711             | В          | 26       | 12  | 12  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 17  | 3  | 5   | 1   | 1  | 0     | 0        | 80    | 1      |
|               | 17U              | G          | 47       | 28  | 21  | 0  | 5  | 2  | 0  | 27  | 8  | 19  | 1   | 1  |       |          | 159   | 8      |
|               | 2024 T           | otal       | 73       | 40  | 33  | 0  | 7  | 3  | 0  | 44  | 11 | 24  | 2   | 2  | 0     | 0        | 239   | 9      |
|               | 4011             | В          | 28       | 18  | 6   | 0  | 2  | 3  | 0  | 20  | 3  | 12  | 1   | 2  | 0     | 0        | 95    | 4      |
|               | 18U              | G          | 53       | 29  | 11  | 1  | 5  | 4  | 1  | 32  | 1  | 12  | 0   | 1  | 0     | 0        | 150   | 7      |
|               | 2024 T           | otal       | 81       | 47  | 17  | 1  | 7  | 7  | 1  | 52  | 4  | 24  | 1   | 3  | 0     | 0        | 245   | 11     |
|               | 14U To           | otal       | 79       | 59  | 26  | 13 | 11 | 12 | 0  | 89  | 32 | 10  | 2   | 3  | 0     | 0        | 336   | 45     |
|               | EDM T            |            |          | 249 | 140 | 4  | 32 | 21 | 1  | 191 | 44 | 116 | 4   | 15 | 0     | 0        | 1260  | 50     |
|               | <b>2024 Gran</b> | nd Total   | 492      | 296 | 156 | 17 | 42 | 33 | 1  | 279 | 76 | 122 | 6   | 16 | 0     | 0        | 1536  | 93     |

#### **Events Stats:**

- all provinces and territories were represented except Nunavut
- 26,000+ participants on 93 courts, with over 5,000 matches played
- 700 staff and referees
- Over 40,000 room nights
- Economic impact for Edmonton was \$48,211,492

#### What was New?

- Registration: Volleyball Canada (VC) successfully introduced the Expression of Interest to the registration process for 2024 Nationals. This process will continue moving forward.
- Seeding: Teams were shifted to a point based seeding system, instead of just the final provincial championship ranking.
- Schedules: All teams were placed into a tier-based schedule in one large division, allowing for more competitive matches throughout the event.

#### **Activations:**

The Edmonton Expo Centre offered a variety of opportunities to attendees:

- Merchandise providers onsite: VolleyballStuff, Left on Friday, Jumplete, SportChek, Infinite Eye Team photography
- Food Truck Zone with tent. 6 8 food trucks available throughout the event
- Other activations:
  - Para Team The Women's National Sitting Team played several Red & White matches over 3 days. In addition, a
    celebration was held to promote the team's future trip to Paris Paralympics
  - 18u party hosted on check-in day
  - Coach Room, Parent Room
  - Athlete Zone, provided by Mizuno, Jump Off Zone
  - Photo Zones
  - Digital screens throughout the venue displaying event info, and partner promos

## **2024 Beach National Championships**

Overview: Two Beach Nationals events were run.

- The Toronto event (Ashbridges Bay) had 312 teams total, a 12% percent increase from 2023, the largest event ever. 80 courts were used, in addition to three feature courts with seating and signage.
- 110 youth teams participated in the Vancouver event. Thirty courts, plus two youth feature courts were set-up on Spanish Banks East.

2024 Beach National Championships - Registration by Province

|          | Age             | Condo        | Province |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |           |    |     |    | Total |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----------|----|-----|----|-------|
| Location | Category        | Gender       | AB       | ВС | МВ | NB | NL | NS | NT | ON  | <b>QC</b> | SK | PEI | YT | Total |
|          | 4.41.1          | G            | 1        | 22 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 24    |
|          | 14U             | В            | 5        | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0         | 0  | 0   | 1  | 8     |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 6        | 24 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1         | 0  | 0   | 1  | 32    |
|          | 15U             | G            | 7        | 13 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0         | 1  | 0   | 3  | 24    |
| VAN      | 100             | В            | 2        | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0         | 0  | 0   | 1  | 11    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 9        | 21 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0         | 1  | 0   | 4  | 35    |
|          | 16U             | G            | 4        | 21 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0         | 0  | 0   | 2  | 27    |
|          | 100             | В            | 0        | 13 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 16    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 4        | 34 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1         | 0  | 0   | 2  | 43    |
|          | 14U             | G            | 0        | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 22  | 9         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 34    |
|          | 140             | В            | 0        | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 12  | 3         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 16    |
|          | 2024            | 2024 Total   |          | 0  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 34  | 12        | 0  | 0   | 0  | 50    |
|          | 15U             | G            | 0        | 0  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 21  | 6         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 36    |
|          |                 | В            | 0        | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8   | 2         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 12    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 0        | 0  | 2  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 29  | 8         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 48    |
|          | 16U             | G            | 4        | 1  | 0  | 4  | 1  | 8  | 0  | 16  | 6         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 40    |
|          |                 | В            | 4        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 13  | 5         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 24    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 8        | 1  | 0  | 4  | 1  | 10 | 0  | 29  | 11        | 0  | 0   | 0  | 64    |
|          | 17U             | G            | 1        | 4  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 16  | 6         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 28    |
| TOR      | 170             | В            | 1        | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 14  | 3         | 2  | 0   | 0  | 24    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 2        | 5  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 30  | 9         | 2  | 0   | 0  | 52    |
|          | 18U             | G            | 3        | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 7   | 5         | 2  | 0   | 0  | 22    |
|          | 100             | В            | 4        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 9   | 5         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 20    |
|          | 2024            | <b>Total</b> | 7        | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3  | 0  | 16  | 10        | 2  | 0   | 0  | 42    |
|          | SR              | W            | 1        | 1  | 0  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 14  | 3         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 24    |
|          | Sh              | М            | 2        | 0  | 0  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 18  | 8         | 0  | 0   | 0  | 32    |
|          | 2024            |              | 3        | 1  | 0  | 6  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 32  | 11        | 0  | 0   | 0  | 56    |
|          | TOR T           |              | 20       | 8  | 3  | 21 | 5  | 19 | 1  | 170 | 61        | 4  | 0   | 0  | 312   |
|          | VAN 1           |              | 19       | 79 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2         | 1  | 0   | 7  | 110   |
|          | <b>2024 Gra</b> | nd Total     | 39       | 87 | 5  | 21 | 5  | 19 | 0  | 170 | 63        | 5  | 0   | 7  | 422   |

#### **Results**

Medal results for Youth & Senior Beach Championships:

**Toronto** Vancouver

Ontario: 6 Gold, 9 Silver, 9 Bronze British Columbia: 3 Gold, 6 Silver, 5 Bronze

Quebec: 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 2Bronze Alberta: 2 Gold, 1 Bronze

Quebec: 1 Gold Alberta: 2 Gold, 1 Silver

New Brunswick: 1 Gold Saskatchewan: 1 Bronze Nova Scotia: 1 Gold

#### **Senior Results**

| Women                                | Men                                 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Belanger/Monkhouse | 1 <sup>st</sup> – Kemp/Losier       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Law-Heese/Sorra    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - David/Rivest      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ozee/McBain        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Pickett/Law-Heese |
| 4th - Roskic/Kok                     | 4th - Rahnavard/Gannett             |

The 4<sup>th</sup> University/College Beach Championships was hosted August 31 – September 1 at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto. The two-day event was open to teams from Canadian post-secondary institutions. The draw saw an increase in registrations from 2023, with 20 men's teams and 20 women's teams, from 18 post-secondary institutions.

#### **Results**

| Women  | Men  |
|--|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Safar/Lonardi (TMU)                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sargent/Espedido (University of Alberta) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Herrington/Typa (York University)    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Dunn/Krapp (TMU)                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Kelly/Sinik (University of Waterloo) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Tanouchev/Donovan (TMU)                  |

#### New in 2024

- Senior Prize Money: Prize money was increased to \$25,000 making the event the second biggest prize purse for domestic beach events.
- Activations: Beer garden, tents for all partners and sponsors
- Seeding: the points-based seeding system was implemented across all youth age groups. Following a successful 2023 pilot with the 18U division. All teams were seeded based on their Provincials seed and final results.

## 2025 Senior Open

The Senior Open was hosted in Gatineau QC March 28-March 30, and continued to grow, with 28 teams competing in the Men's and Women's Opens. The Men's division grew to 16 teams, and the women's grew to 12. All teams came from either ON or QC.

Prize money was offered to the top 3 teams rather than medals.

VC will be looking to host the event in the Toronto area in 2026.

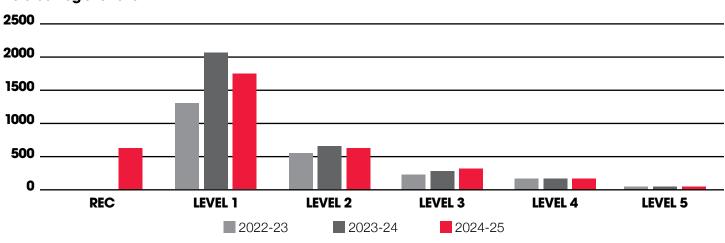
#### **Committee Reports**

## National Referee

The 2024–25 season was a successful building year. The committee has worked hard to move forward with best practices and aligning with a new vision. Additional staffing resources have been added, and some changes to the committee.

This year, a new fee structure was implemented. The following summarizes the number of referees by level.

#### **Referee Registrations**



#### **Domestic Development**

Traditionally, the focus of grassroots domestic development programming has been captured by the technical capacity to interpret and apply the Rules of the Game in live competition. This approach is successful in developing a foundation for oncourt performance, though it can be one-dimensional and limiting in the overall development of referees. Moving forward, a concerted effort is being made to broaden the structure of referee programming and expand from the linear nature of current programs, specifically those focused on grassroots entry points.

The data shows us many are interested in starting refereeing. The second and third stages of the referee development framework are much flatter, and an area that will be reviewed and assessed.

The overall demand for volleyball has increased by 30%+ since 2020, (10 - 15% in the last year, the data also confirms that current recruitment and retention strategies for referees cannot and is not keeping pace. We are working on broadening our scope to ensure sustainable sport supporting levels in tandem with the growth requirements.

#### **High-Performance and International Referee Development**

Canadian referees continue to be a leading force on the world stage, represented on the PVPA, NORCECA and FIVB Rules of the Game and Referee Commissions.

We proudly claim our referees continue to lead the way on the world stage and we are excited for what is to come in the next quadrennial.

#### 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Nominations

- 1. Scott Dziewirz Technical Referee Volleyball
- 2. Guy Bradbury Referee Coach Volleyball
- 3. Brian Hiebert Technical Referee Beach Volleyball
- 4. Lucie Guillemette Challenge Referee Beach Volleyball
- 5. Andre Trottier Referee Coach Beach Volleyball
- 6. Marie-Claude Richer Technical Referee Sitting Volleyball
- 7. Neal Konowalyk Technical Referee Sitting Volleyball

#### 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Medal Matches

- Scott Dziewirz Men's Bronze Medal / Women's Bronze Medal
- Brian Hiebert Men's Bronze Medal
- Lucie Guillemette Men's Bronze Medal / Women's Gold Medal
- Neal Konowalyk Men's Gold Medal
- Marie-Claude Richer Women's Gold Medal

All international referees received at least one opportunity for international assignment during the 2024 competition calendar. In 2025, every referee has at least one nomination between the NORCECA and FIVB calendars.

#### **Current Outlook of International Referees**

| Discipline         | FIVB | NORCECA | WOVD | Total |
|--------------------|------|---------|------|-------|
| Volleyball         | 7    | 5       |      | 12    |
| Beach Volleyball   | 3    | 3       |      | 6     |
| Sitting Volleyball |      |         | 3    | 3     |

Developmental Successes in 2024–2025

- Jason Dodd successfully completed the FIVB Referee Candidate Course
- Gregory Hawthorn successfully completed the WOVD Referee Candidate Course

# Safe Sport and Gender Equity/ **Diversity/Inclusion**

Volleyball Canada has full-time employee Julie Young and part-time employee Caroline Sharp working in the areas of Safe Sport and Gender Equity/Diversity/Inclusion. Following is a summary of initiatives that have been completed as well as key objectives moving forward:

## Safe Sport

#### **Safe Sport Complaints**

Abuse-Free Sport, managed through the SDRCC, wrapped up its operations March 31, 2025. The program is now run through the CCES and renamed the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP). This new program only manages complaints at the National level for NSOs. This has required VC to work with its PTAs to seek new Independent Third-Party providers for complaints. To help direct complaints to the correct jurisdiction, VC has implemented a Safe Sport "Super-Highway" for members: https://app.alias-solution.com/contact/en/volleycan

As of May 2025, VC has ten (10) individuals on the Abuse-Free Sport Registry with Suspensions or Provisional measures applied pending the completion of their cases.

Following is a summary of the cumulative statistics for all volleyball cases with Abuse-Free Sport, in the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

#### Statistics Summary for Volleyball Cases in the fiscal year 2024–2025

| Complaints/Reports Received during the reporting period  Cases Open  Cases Closed |   | 52<br>10<br>42 |                         |   |  |
|---|---|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
|   |   |                | Cases Deemed Admissible |   |  |
|   |   |                | Province/Territory      | # |  |
| Newfoundland & Labrador Volleyball  | 2 |                |                         |   |  |
| Ontario Volleyball Association  | 8 |                |                         |   |  |
| Sask Volleyball   | 1 | 27             |                         |   |  |
| Volleyball Alberta  | 4 |                |                         |   |  |
| Volleyball BC   | 6 |                |                         |   |  |
| Volleyball Manitoba   | 3 |                |                         |   |  |
| Volleyball Nova Scotia  | 3 |                |                         |   |  |
| Admissibility Determination Pending   |   | 0              |                         |   |  |
| Individuals with Provisional Measures currently imposed                           |   | 6              |                         |   |  |
| Total Cases with Sanctions imposed during activity period                         |   | 7              |                         |   |  |

#### The cumulative numbers from June 20, 2022, when VC joined Abuse-Free Sport, to March 31, 2025 are

| Complaints/Reports Received | 151 |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Cases Open                  | 31  |
| Cases Closed                | 120 |
| Cases Deemed Admissible     | 100 |

#### Safe Sport Membership Requirements

VC's Screening Committee remains in place. The Committee reviews all issues that arise from criminal background and reference checks and acts as a resource for PTAs to review screening issues and provide recommendations.

Background screening is a requirement for all VC staff, volunteers, coaches, and Persons in Authority (PIAs) throughout the organization. It is also a requirement of the Club Approval Program. All are also required to complete an annual screening disclosure form.

Safe Sport training requirements continued to be enforced and monitored for all VC staff, volunteers and are also a requirement for all Persons in Authority.

#### **VC-PTA Safe Sport Alignment**

VC has provided approximately \$100,000 in support to PTAs to assist with the higher than expected costs related to Safe Sport complaint management through the Abuse-Free Sport Program. To help with the transition from Abuse-Free Sport to a new PTA Independent Third-Party (ITP) for Safe Sport complaints, VC and PTAs formed a working group to seek and review proposals from companies that provide ITP services. PTAs were then able to select their preferred provider. As mentioned, to help members with submitting complaints, VC worked with the Company Alias to develop a "Super-Highway" to ensure that complaints are directed to the correct jurisdiction. Work has begun on creating graphics to promote reporting.



#### **Conflict Management Teams and Complaint Process at VC National Championships**

A Complaint Management process for the 2025 VC National Championships was once again put into place with refinements from the 2024 season post-event review. Conflict Management Teams were once again designated for each event and members received training in Safe Sport and conflict management. Once events are completed, VC's Discipline & Complaints Committee reviews the complaints, and follows up as required.

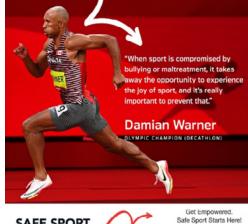
#### **Youth Safe Sport Education Platform**

Volleyball Canada, Athletics Canada and Swimming Canada worked with ITP Sport, to develop a series of eight (8) Safe Sport Education Videos for youth in the 13-20 age range. The project was made possible through COC NSF Enhancement funding. The English videos are narrated by Allison Forsyth who also assisted on content development. Former National Volleyball Team member and Beach Volleyball Olympian Guylaine Dumont provided the narration for the French versions of the videos.

The videos were launched, and the resources have been made widely available to all volleyball members and the volleyball community at large. Access to the platform is free of charge. Any athlete, from any sport can take the training.

The project will continue with the addition of further modules on additional topics identified in the project design phase and through consultations with PTAs, Clubs, parents, and athletes. Promotional materials have been created and shared with PTAs. Goals are to work with PTAs to promote the videos with clubs who will hopefully make the training a requirement for participation.











### **Gender Equity/Diversity/Inclusion**

#### **Education**

All VC staff (including all coaches) and contract employees continue to be required to complete training in Gender Equity through the Women and Sport Gender Equity Lens Module. VC continues to integrate DEI learning and education modules into staff onboarding plans.

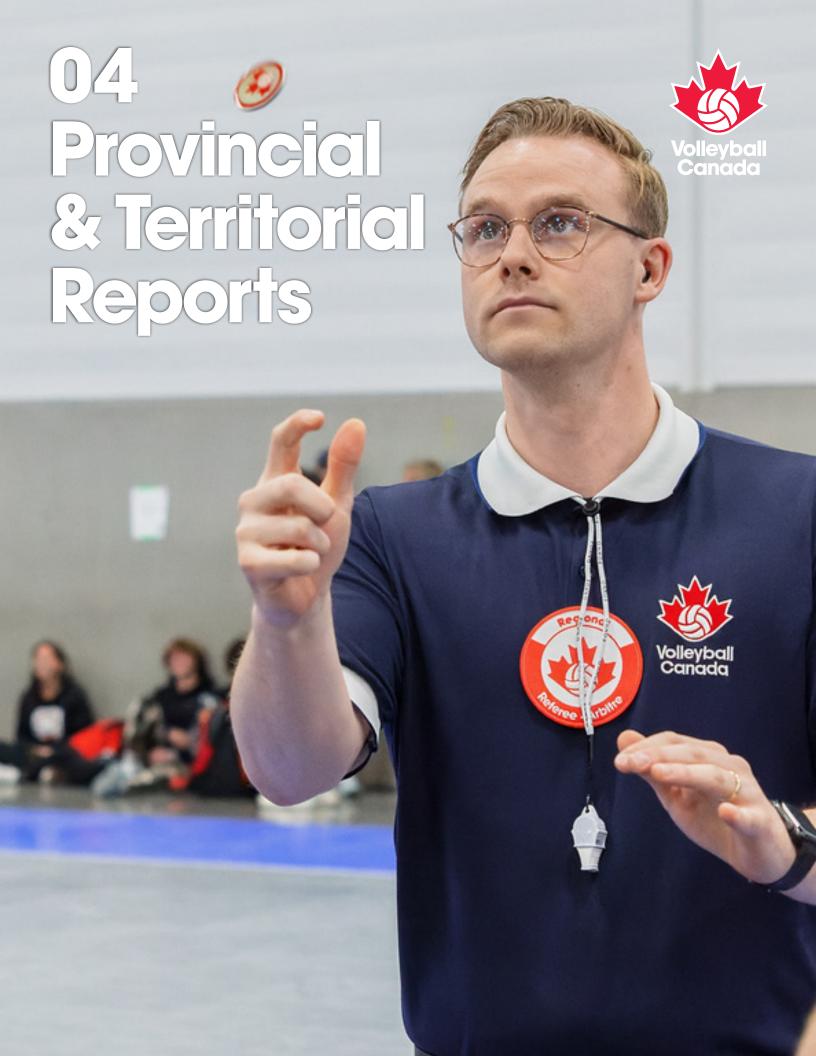
#### **Program Development**

#### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Through funding by the COC. VC worked in partnership with Deloitte Inc. on the development of its Equity Diversity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan, ensuring that volleyball is accessible to everyone which is one of the foundations of our commitment to our players, parents, coaches, officials, and partners.

VC has used the Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan to record and detail initiatives across the organization and to help prioritize areas for improvement. VC received Sport Canada funding in 2024 for Community Sport for All initiatives (detailed under Pathways). A Women's Referee Symposium took place during the 2024 VC National Championships, and a Women's High Performance Mentorship program and workshop took place in conjunction with Canada Cup.

A focus of 2025–2026 will be to implement further initiatives identified in the Strategic Framework.



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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 0

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 0

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 237    | 27    |
| Number of female registered players  | 335    | 37    |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 26     | 3     |
| Number of female registered coaches  | 26     | 4     |
| Number of male registered referees   | 2      | 0     |
| Number of female registered referees   | 1      | 0     |
| Number of male recreational members  | 8      | 0     |
| Number of female recreational members  | 6      | N/A   |
| Number of associate level members  | 34     | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)   | 2      | 2     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)   | 0      | 0     |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)   | 20     | 22    |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)   | 0      | 8     |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 5      | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 8      | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play) | N/A    | 0     |

Major Events Hosted Championships (indoor and beach)

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors** None

#### **Current Challenges**

- Gym space
- More athletes then spaces
- Volunteers
- Lack of funding

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Increasing amount of tournaments
- Routine participation in Canada Cup
- Physical training app for all competitive memberships

#### Safe Sport cost of Implementation None

#### **Strategic Plan**

https://www.volleyballyukon.com/uploads/1/3/9/8/13985189/vy\_strategic\_plan\_2022\_20 25.pdf

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 1

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation N/A

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 95     | N/A   |
| Number of female registered players  | 135    | N/A   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 8      | N/A   |
| Number of female registered coaches  | 7      | N/A   |
| Number of male registered referees   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of female registered referees   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of male recreational members  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of female recreational members  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of associate level members  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)   | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play) | N/A    | N/A   |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- Territorial Championships
- Coaching Symposium

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Calm Air
- Canadian North
- Zueike

#### **Current Challenges**

- Cost increase in airfare
- Communities have limited or no coaches

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

N/A

Safe Sport Cost of Implementation Still ongoing

Strategic Plan Yes, but in review for September 2025

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 1

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 0

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor        | Beach         |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Number of male registered players  | 191           | 12            |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 375           | 22            |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 14            | 1             |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 16            | 1             |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 5             | 0             |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 2             | 0             |
| Number of male recreational members                                      | 152*          | 22*           |
| Number of female recreational members                                    | 220*          | 12*           |
| Number of associate level members  | *all included | *all included |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 6             | 1             |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 2             | 1             |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 15            | 8             |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | 32            | 6             |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 5             | N/A           |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 0             | N/A           |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 4             | 1             |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |               |               |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

• Territorial Championships & Youth Tour

#### **Current Challenges**

- Increase Beach Participation
- Coach recruitment

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

Mikasa

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Expand programming to 12U divisions
- Coaching Development
- LF/CE Development

#### Safe Sport Cost of Implementation None

#### **Strategic Plan**

http://volleyballnt.ca/page.php?page\_id=110756

# Volleyball BC

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 22

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation N/A

#### 2024 / 2025

| Number of male registered players                        |
|--|
| Number of female registered players                      |
| Number of male registered coaches                        |
| Number of female registered coaches                      |
| Number of male registered referees                       |
| Number of female registered referees                     |
| Number of male recreational members                      |
| Number of female recreational members                    |
| Number of recreational members with no gender identified |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                       |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                       |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- 2024 Provincial Indoor Volleyball Championships (12-14U, 15-16U and 17-18U)
- 2024 Beach Tour presented by Natura Solutions
- 2024 Vancouver Open presented by Natura Solutions
- 2024 Beach Youth Nationals West
- 2025 Sitting Volleyball at the Invictus Games

#### **Current Challenges**

- · Access to facilities
- Accommodation of growth in club volleyball demand within existing structures
- Creating internal efficiencies and economies of scale
- Recruitment and retention of referees and officials
- Renewal of lease and long-term partnership for the Harry Jerome Sport Centre

#### 2103 VBC rolls indoor 5723 registration/

membership into 728 741 the beach season. 181 Therefore, we do 109 not have separate 247 numbers for beach 1291 membership.

**Beach** 

1132 80 638

Indoor

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Natura Solutions
- Belairdirect
- Canuckstuff
- Victory Creative Group
- Sandman Hotels
- Mikasa

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Implementation of our new 2025-2028 Strategic Plan
- Recommendations and implementation plan from the competition review to accommodate growth in the club system
- Development of a new High Performance Plan for Beach Volleyball
- Facilities needs assessment across BC
- Implementation of key strategic initiatives such as the High Performance Plan, Safe Sport Action Plan, and Strategy for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Strategic Plan Yes

# Volleyball Alberta

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 15

Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation Awaiting decision from Abuse-Free Sport

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 2380   | 335   |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 7769   | 821   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 915    | 19    |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 1291   | 16    |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 321    | 13    |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 262    | 11    |
| Number of male recreational members                                      | 755    | 128   |
| Number of female recreational members                                    | 2845   | 359   |
| Number of associate level members  | 507    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 118    | 25    |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 3      | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 855    | 186   |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | N/A    | 11    |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 282    | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 1564   | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 66     | 25    |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |        |       |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

 Volleyball Canada Nationals May 15-26 (1260 teams)

#### **Current Challenges**

- Growth challenges: strain on facilities, referees, coaches, and administrators
- Improving support to Clubs for governance development – outlining jurisdiction for PTA vs Club

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Mikasa
- Edmonton Events

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

 New bylaws & Membership Policy will be implemented in August 2025

Safe Sport Cost of Implementation Awaiting final invoices from Abuse-Free Sport

#### **Strategic Plan**

https://www.volleyballalberta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VA-Strategic-Plan-Dec-2021-Approved.pdf

# Sask Volleyball

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 7

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 0

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor    | Beach |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 855       | 130   |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 3046      | 372   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 351       | 6     |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 521       | 8     |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 194       | 3     |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 140       | 2     |
| Number of male recreational members                                      | 455       | 263   |
| Number of female recreational members                                    | 1226      | 269   |
| Number of associate level members  | 45        | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 82        | 5     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 9 leagues | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 342       | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | N/A       | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 420       | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 1380      | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 24        | N/A   |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |           |       |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- 2024 Sask Summer Games Indoor and Beach
- 2024 Tony Cote Summer Games Beach
- 2024 Beach Tour
- 2024 Beach Provincials
- 2025 FSIN Youth Volleyball Championships
- 2025 Sask Cups
- 2025 Tony Cote Winter Games Indoor
- 2025 Indoor Provincials

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Sask Lotteries
- Discover Saskatoon
- Regina Hotel Association
- Mikasa

#### **Current Challenges**

- Competition Structure to match growth of club teams
- · Access to Facilities for clubs to grow

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

Facility Development Policy

#### **Safe Sport Cost of Implementation**

As of now, Legal costs have only been approximately \$1k. Sask Sport has covered any costs for case management.

**Strategic Plan** Yes

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 5

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 0

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 1899   | 330   |
| Number of female registered players  | 2524   | 446   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 335    | 0     |
| Number of female registered coaches  | 321    | 0     |
| Number of male registered referees   | 92     | 12    |
| Number of female registered referees   | 37     | 14    |
| Number of male recreational members  | 944    | 330   |
| Number of female recreational members  | 457    | 446   |
| Number of associate level members  | N/A    | 0     |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)   | 61     | 0     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)   | N/A    | 0     |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)   | 268    | 112   |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)   | 76     | 122   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 71     | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 281    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play) | N/A    | N/A   |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

• 14U Nationals – May 2025 (Winnipeg)

### **Current Challenges**

- Facilities
- Sponsorship
- Safe sport

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

Mikasa

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Improved safe sport implementation
- Increase community reach for development programs and performance training

**Safe Sport Cost of Implementation** \$120,000 + staff time

#### Strategic Plan

https://volleyballmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/VM-Strategic-Plan-2023-2026.pdf

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Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/code-of-conduct

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor          | Beach |
|--|-----------------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 3506            | 157   |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 10120           | 185   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 1544            | 123   |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 1251            | 53    |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 565             | 61    |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 333             | 30    |
| Number of male recreational level members                                | 594*            | 843   |
| Number of female recreational level members                              | 1949*           | 2012  |
| Number of associate level members  | *no distinction | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 89              | 0     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 0               | 0     |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 1050            | 5839  |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | 0               | 311   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 617             | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 3001            | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 63              | 0     |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |                 |       |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- Sitting Volleyball tournaments
- Beach Ontario Championships, Ashbridges Bay, Toronto and OVA Beach Tour
- OVA Indoor Youth Competitions and Ontario Championships, 1050 teams at RIM Park, Waterloo and EY Centre, Ottawa (April 2024)

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Review of the indoor competition stream to address capacity and LTD
- Community Engagement Club support and development

#### Safe Sport Cost of Implementation \$497,716

#### **Strategic Plan**

https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/strategy

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Ontario Ministry of Sport
- Waterloo Regional Tourism Marketing Corp
- City of Waterloo and RIM Park
- Ottawa Tourism
- Canuck Stuff
- Mikasa Sports
- HTG Sports Services

#### **Current Challenges**

- Implementing programs to support member clubs
- LTD implementation
- Continue to foster partnerships for quality facilities

# Volleyball Québec

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 14

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 1

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor          | Beach                |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| Number of male registered players  | 2731            | 699                  |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 6780            | 356                  |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 558             | included with indoor |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 449             | included with indoor |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 336             | included with indoor |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 457             | included with indoor |
| Number of male recreational level members                                | 1671            | included with indoor |
| Number of female recreational level members                              | 4207            | included with indoor |
| Number of associate level members  | N/A             | N/A                  |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 62*             | included with indoor |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | *no distinction | included with indoor |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 382             | no distinction*      |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | 56              | *806                 |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 218             | N/A                  |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 1363            | N/A                  |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 55              | N/A                  |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |                 |                      |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- Omnium Volleyball Quebec, November
- Quebec Cup, April
- Volleyball Quebec Championships, multiple cities, April-May
- Centre of Excellence affiliated with the National Beach Volleyball Team, summer
- Senior Provincial Beach Volleyball Tour, multiple cities, summer
- Beach Volleyball Championships, multiple cities, summer
- Beach Volleyball Summer Camps, Drummondville, summer
- Volleyball Summer Camps, Sherbrooke, summer
- NORCECA Final 6 Championship, Gatineau

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Government of Quebec (MEES)
- Mikasa Canada
- Choices Hotels
- University of Sherbrooke
- Institut National du Sport
- Innovation Sports (Nike)
- Trophées St-Hyacinthe
- Collège St-Bernard

**Current Challenges** Ensure that all volleyball players are members of the federation

#### Safe Sport Cost of Implementation \$10,000

#### Strategic Plan

https://www.publicationsports.com/ressources/files/1710/Plan\_strategique\_2024-2028v2. pdf?t=1732191743&\_gl=1\*1ao4go5\*\_ga\*MTE5Mzk4NDA1OS4xNjY4Njl1Nzlx\*\_ga\_ LNPH6KZP0Q\*MTc0NTMzMzY4NS41MjguMS4xNzQ1MzM0NTI1LjluMC4w

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 3

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 1

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 424    | 32    |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 1597   | 110   |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 174    | N/A   |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 218    | N/A   |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 94     | N/A   |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 174    | N/A   |
| Number of male recreational members                                      | 80     | N/A   |
| Number of female recreational members                                    | 79     | N/A   |
| Number of associate level members  | N/A    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 31     | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 1      | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 174    | N/A   |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | 21     | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 28     | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 148    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 3      | N/A   |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |        |       |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- Provincials
- Jack Lawson Cup
- Eastern Elites
- Senior Open

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- DNA Swaq
- Balltime

#### **Current Challenges**

- Facility access for ourselves and clubs, there is a huge challenge getting enough access to meet the demand
- The other major issue is finding enough coaches and referees to facilitate the demand based on athlete numbers

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Hosting 2 new major events
- Expanding summer programming to a more diverse participant group by expanding the regional events we do

#### **Safe Sport Cost of Implementation**

We have a dedicated SafeSport allocation from a combination of programs as well as membership fees for the upcoming year. We spent \$15k on a very lengthy appeal that was dragged out for various reasons. As such, we have created fees specific to safesport that will allow us to build a nest egg to cover the cost of potential legal fees and have allocated \$30,000 in legal fees this year as a precautionary measure.

#### **Strategic Plan**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VLJJM9Fi3WuiogLLPUmr-5R4cl1TMS-0/view?usp=sharing

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 0

#### Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 1

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach |
|--|--------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 50     | 8     |
| Number of female registered players  | 85     | 12    |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 14     | 0     |
| Number of female registered coaches  | 16     | 2     |
| Number of male registered referees   | 19     | 0     |
| Number of female registered referees   | 8      | 1     |
| Number of male recreational members  | 292    | 32    |
| Number of female recreational members  | 653    | 32    |
| Number of associate level members  | 10     | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)   | 18     | 1     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)   | 1      | 1     |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)   | 85     | 10    |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)   | 24     | 4     |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 27     | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 112    | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play) | 3      | 0     |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- Provincial Championships for Adult and Youth Indoor & Beach Volleyball
- VPEI Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Annual Awards Gala
- Spring League development program (85 teams)

#### **Current Challenges**

· Facility access

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

Mikasa (in-kind & reduced prices)

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Continue building our Club system
- Increasing the number of age group provincial teams for indoor and beach

#### **Safe Sport Cost of Implementation**

Unsure as the province is currently undergoing this project this for all PSO's

**Strategic Plan** Yes

### **Volleyball Nova Scotia**

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#### Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 4

Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 4 plus 5 pending outcome of review

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor          | Beach |
|--|-----------------|-------|
| Number of male registered players  | 403             | 42    |
| Number of female registered players  | 2261            | 62    |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 161             | 2     |
| Number of female registered coaches  | 252             | 2     |
| Number of male registered referees   | 59              | 5     |
| Number of female registered referees   | 61              | 3     |
| Number of male recreational members  | 98*             | 155   |
| Number of female recreational members  | 144*            | 181   |
| Number of associate level members  | *no distinction | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)   | 39              | 2     |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)   | 2               | 0     |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)   | 222             | 55    |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)   | 18              | 149   |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 167             | N/A   |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)  | 522             | N/A   |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play) | 21              | 3     |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

• FIVB Futures Beach Volleyball Tournament

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Mizuno
- Mikasa
- Sportweels

#### **Current Challenges**

• Lack of facilities

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Queer Volleyball Indoor and Beach League
- She Can Coach Program
- Team NS EDI Coach Apprentice Program

Safe Sport Cost of Implementation \$20,000 to \$25,000

#### **Strategic Plan**

volleyballnovascotia.ca/files/strategic\_plan\_2020-2024.pdf

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Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff 4

Number of Individuals Suspended from Participation 1

| 2024 / 2025  | Indoor | Beach        |
|--|--------|--------------|
| Number of male registered players  | 310    | No separate  |
| Number of female registered players                                      | 1490   | registration |
| Number of male registered coaches  | 194    | for beach    |
| Number of female registered coaches                                      | 214    |              |
| Number of male registered referees                                       | 182    |              |
| Number of female registered referees                                     | 214    |              |
| Number of male recreational level members                                | 1790   |              |
| Number of female recreational level members                              | 5890   |              |
| Number of associate level members  | N/A    |              |
| Number of registered clubs (Youth)                                       | 15     |              |
| Number of registered clubs (Adult)                                       | 0      |              |
| Number of registered teams (Youth)                                       | 388    |              |
| Number of registered teams (Adult)                                       | 188    |              |
| Number of 9-12 male players (participated in a PTA program or club)      | 79     |              |
| Number of 9-12 female players (participated in a PTA program or club)    | 214    |              |
| Number of registered clubs that offer alternative/grassroots programming | 3000   |              |
| (i.e. house leagues, Smashball, Atomic, Mini, Train and Play)            |        |              |

#### **Major Events Hosted**

- VolleyWest (60 Teams)
- VolleyCentral (108 Teams)
- VolleyFest JH & SH (182 Teams)
- Molson Seniors 2025 (132 Teams)

#### **Current challenges**

- Gym Time and Space
- Club Development and Policies

#### **Major Corporate Sponsors**

- Molson
- Beresford
- Mikasa
- Mizuno

#### **New Initiatives for the Upcoming Year**

- Beach Tour and Championships
- Smash Ball Provincial Program
- Canada Games 2025

#### Safe Sport Cost of Implementation \$11,200

#### Strategic Plan

https://nlvolleyball.net/information/strategic-plan-2018-2021/



#### **External Representation Reports**

### International Relations

The international beach, indoor and sitting 2024 seasons were punctuated by historic results.

The women's beach volleyball silver medal was a highlight of the Olympic Games, with a breathtaking final with Brazil. The team of Brandie Wilkerson and Melissa Humana-Paredes were awarded their silver medal under the lights of Paris – a moment that will be remembered for many years to come!

The women's sitting volleyball team also gave it their all to reach the podium in Paris. They achieved a memorable first for Canada – a Paralympic sitting volleyball bronze medal. Their final match, also against Brazil, demonstrated this team's many years of hard work and commitment to the program.

We were also proud to see two additional beach teams (one of each gender) compete at the Games, as well as the indoor men's third Olympic appearance in a row. All the teams in Paris made a huge impact on our sport!

Both the men's and women's senior indoor teams were again part of Volleyball Nations League leading up to the Olympics -with the men entering the playoffs; and the women narrowly missing an Olympic berth. There is much to build on as Canada hosts both genders of VNL in June 2025. (Additional National Team accomplishments can be found under the program reports)

Volleyball Canada and its partners again hosted VNL in 2024 at TD Place in Ottawa (men) - setting a North American VNL attendance record when Canada defeated USA. VC also hosted NORCECA events in the GTA (U21 women) and Gatineau (Next Gen men).

Volleyball Canada will continue to gain leadership and roles of influence in both NORCECA and the FIVB as they adjust their business models and move forward over the coming years.

Volleyball Canada President and CEO Mark Eckert is an FIVB V-P, which meets four times a year, and well as a NORCECA V-P and North Central Zone President. He is also an active technical delegate with NORCECA and FIVB events.

#### **International Commissions**

VNL Council: Mark Eckert

FIVB Athletes Commission: Josh Binstock

FIVB Beach Commission: Ed Drakich (Secretary)

FIVB Rules of the Game and Refereeing Commission: André Trottier (Expert) FIVB Rules of the Game and Refereeing Commission: Guy Bradbury (Member)

FIVB Coaches Commission: Shannon Winzer (Secretary)

NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission: Ed Drakich (President) NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission: André Trottier (Member) NORCECA Development Commission: Dawna Sales (Member)

NORCECA Press Commission: Jackie Skender (Secretary) NORCECA Refereeing Commission: Guy Bradbury (Member)

NORCECA Sport Organizing Commission: Alan Ahac (Member) (Josh Toltesi) NORCECA Technical and Coaches Commission: Julien Boucher (Member)

Pan Am Athletes' Commission: Melissa Humana-Paredes

### **NORCECA & FIVB Beach Commission**

Ed Drakich (CAN) was appointed President of the NORCECA Beach Commission in 2016 and the FIVB Beach Commission Secretary in 2021.

#### FIVB Beach Commission Summary - February 6, 2025

- 1. FIVB President Fabio Azevedo addressed the commission:
  - a. Beach Volleyball has been a great success at every Olympic Games. Over 800 Million people watched Volleyball/ Beach Volleyball at the Paris 2024 Olympics
  - b. Beach Volleyball turnaround is the 2nd priority of the FIVB to improve Beach Volleyball between Olympic Games. Similar to what was done in Indoor Volleyball 5 years ago.
  - c. Beach Volleyball can make the sport of Volleyball more accessible in many regions of the world
- 2. FIVB Beach Commission President Craig Carracher:
  - a. Empowerment is a focus of the FIVB and it is our responsibility to develop Empowerment, while avoiding conflicts of interest.
- 3. Introductions and Onboarding Stephen Bock
  - a. Stephen Bock discussed onboarding and the Role of the Commissions
    - i. Duty of confidentiality, Duty of Loyalty and Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest
- 4. Beach Volleyball 2025 Season Update
  - a. Tentative 2025 Beach Pro Tour Calendar was presented: 18 Challenge and Elite events confirmed
  - b. Prize Money Increase in Elite (\$400K up from \$300K) and Challenge (\$250K up from \$150K)
  - c. Elite 24 teams (Up from 16), Challenge 32 teams (Up from 24)
- 5. FIVB Beach World Championships Update
  - a. November 14-23, 2025, in Adelaide, Australia, all courts are within 100m of each other
  - b. Players can have their uniform sponsors and will receive per diem for meals
  - c. 2025: 48 Teams 25 teams from FIVB Ranking of best 6 events March 1 to October 5 (Minimum 2 AUS host teams), 20 teams with 4 from each Confederation (AVC, CAVB, CEV, CSV and NORCECA), 3 Wild Cards. Confirmed Entry List October 6, 2025
  - d. Eligibility Top 250 as an individual Entry Ranking as of September 22, 2025 (Registration deadline)
  - e. 2027 Beach World Championships bidding process update: A decision is expected in April 2025.
- 6. Beach Volleyball Coaching Regulations
  - a. Reviewed the history of coaching in Beach Volleyball: First test in 2004 not successful. 2014 Age Group World Championships Implementation. 2015 – Coaching at Continental Cup Pathway (Davis Cup Style). 2022 – Athletes divided about it's implementation
  - b. Coaching Regulations at Age Group WCHs discussed, with Pros/Cons of coaching in Beach
  - c. Proposal to Test Coaching at specific Beach Pro Tour events in 2025
- 7. Beach Volleyball Ranking System
  - a. The process to determine a comprehensive Beach Ranking System via Hypercube was discussed
  - b. Phase 1 Set up Overarching Principles
  - c. Phase 2 Deploy Pilot Platform mirroring the 2025 season (Including tutorial videos)
- 8. Beach Volleyball Turnaround Update
  - a. A complete turnaround to present a new Beach Pro Tour (BPT) product (2026+)
  - b. The BPT needs to be the top of the pyramid not the whole pyramid 10-12 Elite Events each with unique branding and association. To create a content factory for all people not just the Beach Volleyball family. Create the Fear of Missing Out (FOMO).
  - c. We must open Beach Volleyball to others to organize
  - d. Challenge events will be direct qualification events for the Elite events

- 9. YOG 2026 Update & Underage WCHs Update
  - a. Dakar 2026 U18 Age Group IOC removing qualification system towards allocation to 200 National Federations (NFs)
  - b. 2025 and 2026 FIVB U18 WCHs
- 10. LA 2028 Update
  - a. Venue in Long Beach, request to IOC to have an additional Medal Event in each gender
- 11. Six Working Groups
  - a. Revamp, World Ranking, Competition Regulations, Coaching, Olympic Qualification, New Events
- 12. Closing Remarks
  - a. Monthly Beach Commission meetings. Working Groups will report at each.

#### NORCECA Beach Commission Summary - April 3, 2025

- 1. Cristobal Marte stated that as many as 16 NORCECA Beach Tour events would be organized in 2025. The NORCECA Beach tour calendar and u23 Beach calendar were presented later.
- 2. Rankings & results were discussed regarding the following: 2024 NORCECA Beach Events, the 2024 NORCECA National Federation Beach Ranking and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 3. The NORCECA Beach Commission decided that the NORCECA FIVB World Championship Qualification event will be held September 18-21, 2025, in Punta Cana, DOM with 12 National Federations (NFs) represented in each gender.

#### **External Representation Reports**

### **International Beach Volleyball Referees Committee**

The 2025 season will less busy for the beach referees after a very active 2024. Unfortunately, Canada won't be hosting the FIVB Futures event in Halifax, but an Elite 16 will return to Montreal.

Lucie Guillemette was trained by André Trottier at the FIVB Futures event in Halifax in 2024, to have another Referee manager when an the FIVB Beach events take place in Canada.

Please find below the nominations received for all our Canadian Officials from October 2024 to October 2025. More assignments can be expected in the following months.

#### **Omid Mojtahedi**

FIVB Elite 16 - Montreal, Canada FIVB Challenge - Mexico

#### **Brian Hiebert**

FIVB Challenge - Yucatan, Mexico

FIVB Elite 16 - Quintana Roo, Mexico

FIVB Elite 16 - Saguarema, Brazil

FIVB Elite 16 - Brasilia, Brazil

FIVB Elite 16 - Montreal, Canada

FIVB Elite 16 - Brazil Women

FIVB Elite 16 – Brazil Men

#### Simon Ouellet

FIVB Elite 16 - João Passoa, Brazil, October 2024

#### Lucie Guillemette (FIVB Video Challenge Referee)

FIVB World Tour Finals - Doha, Quatar

#### André Trottier (FIVB Referee Coach)

FIVB World Tour Finals - Doha, Quatar

FIVB Elite 16 - Saguarema, Brazil

FIVB Elite 16 - Brasilia, Brazil

FIVB referee coach clinic - Thailand

FIVB Elite 16 - Pessoa, Brazil

FIVB Elite 16 – Rio. Brazil

#### Jasen Boyko, Dimitri Magirias, Marcia Quaquarelli

No International assignment Norceca or FIVB

The Canada Summer Games will be used to seek potential Beach High Performance Pathway referees as candidates to the upcoming Norceca Beach International Course. Lucie Guillemette and Simon Ouellet will act as Referee Coaches at those games.

Canada has to retain a realistic number of International Beach Volleyball referees, taking into account the few opportunities of assignments available. A continued concern for beach referees is having enough quality international opportunities to continue their development, to be able to meet the international level's expectations.

#### **External Representation Reports**

# **NORCECA Sport Organizing Committee**

NORCECA did finally have a Sport Organizing Committee meeting in April 2025 after many years without. Due to changes imposed by the FIVB, the NORCECA calendar and events had to be adapted and we finally now have a good outlook for NORCECA events for the next quadrennial.

FIVB have prescribed that Continental Championships will occur every 2nd year (2026, 2028, etc), and have changed what events can accumulate world ranking points. For example, for senior teams in VNL you can only accumulate rankings points at Continental Championships and not at other senior continental events. Additionally, the Olympic qualification process has changed and now the winners of the 2026 Continental Championships will qualify for the Olympics (note that USA will already be qualified as 2028 hosts). Canada will consider hosting one of those events, however the rights fee for that will be significant.

NORCECA continues to put increased obligations on Canada to host events, and the rights fees for those events continue to grow. In addition, the Sport Canada Sport Hosting Grant program has been cut dramatically, meaning the economic viability of those events continue to diminish. We have become much more focused and selective about which events try to host.

In 2025 Canada will host the following:

- U19 Women's Pan Am Cup (Queen's University, Kingston)
- U21 Men's Pan Am Cup (Seven Chiefs, Calgary)

Canada will be hosting 2 NORCECA events in 2026:

- Women's Pan Am Cup (Sept)
- Men's U21 Continental Championships (May)

We have commenced a search for hosts for those events.

Mark Eckert remained active as a Technical Delegate for some NORCECA events in 2024-2025. Alan Ahac remains a Technical Delegate for both NORCECA and FIVB however has not accepted any assignments due to hosting workload. Josh Toltesi who has been appointed to the NORCECA SOC, and has been in training as a Technical Delegate for both FIVB and NORCECA events.



#### Partnership Report

### verview 2024-25

This past year has been busy with several renewals taking place as well as ramping up for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

On the domestic events side, Youth Nationals has become a favorite for sponsor engagement with opportunities for activations and products sales. Volleyball Nations League is now also garnering more interest as it's established as an annual event in Canada.

Volleyball Canada's current sponsors include: Mizuno (Indoor apparel, footwear and uniforms signed until 2028) Volleyball Stuff (VC and Event Merchandise, 2028), Gruppo Nutrition (sports nutrition, 2028) Mikasa (Official volleyball, 2026), Nothers (Awards, 2029), Jumplete (Men's Beach Apparel, 2026 and Knee braces, 2028) Left on Friday (Beach apparel, 2028), Spieth America (Indoor Net Systems) and Sport Chek (Sporting Goods Retailer 2025).

#### **Volleyball Stuff Apparel**

Our partnership with Volleyball Stuff continues to prosper, with the sales of Volleyball Canada and Nationals event merchandise exceeding already impressive amounts. The Volleyball Canada and Volleyball Stuff merchandise program is the envy of the Canadian sport system.

#### **Mizuno**

Mizuno, our indoor footwear and team apparel sponsor, focuses on supplying our indoor National Team programs with uniforms, footwear, and apparel. Mizuno is seeing the increased interest in volleyball merchandise at retail and has ramped up their efforts with on-site marketing activations and social media. At Youth Nationals in Edmonton in 2024 as well as this coming year, Mizuno will collaborate with Sport Chek for on-site sales.

#### **Left on Friday**

LOF received tremendous visibility in the lead up and during Paris 2024. LOF has renewed their partnership with our women's beach program through 2028. They are investing more in marketing activation surrounding our women's beach teams and merchandising with VC branded swimwear and beach team apparel.

#### **Jumplete**

Jumplete, our men's beach apparel and knee brace sponsor have seen consistent growth in sales, becoming a more prominent volleyball brand in Canada. They have renewed the men's beach program partnership for two additional years and the brace category for four more years.

#### Mikasa Canada

Mikasa is the official volleyball for Volleyball Canada's events and programs (indoor & beach), from U14 through to our national teams. VC and Mikasa generate sales through a cobranded indoor volleyball, and on-site sales at events including Nationals and Volleyball Nations League.

#### **Gruppo Nutrition**

Gruppo Nutrition has just signed on as our new sport nutrition sponsor for four years. They will be supplying our National Teams with world-class nutritional supplements and will be actively selling to our membership at major Volleyball Canada events and via online sales.

#### **Nothers Awards & Recognition**

Volleyball Canada has renewed with Nothers through 2029, to provide awards, recognition and promotional items to Volleyball Canada's events and programs.

#### **Six Pack Recruiting Sports**

SPRS has renewed with VC for an additional year, as the official recruiting provider. SPRS has a presence at VC hosted domestic events, to provide education and support for athletes looking to continue playing volleyball post-secondary.

#### **Sport Chek**

Sport Chek was a sponsor of Youth Nationals for 2024, and will be returning in 2025 to sell Mizuno, Mikasa and other noncompeting categories (Yeti water bottles, sunglasses, etc). Further discussions are ongoing to enhance the presence of volleyball in their retail stores.

#### **Fundraising**

Volleyball Canada's 31st annual auction was a success with a record amount raised of over \$65,000. Funds raised from this online event directly support national team programs.





#### **Communications Report**

### **Media and Communications**

The 2024-25 year was headlined by historic results on the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Due to the success on the world stage, there was a significant audience for volleyball both in traditional coverage (CBC Olympic/Paralympic coverage) as well as social media attention. During the Paris 2024 Olympics CBC coverage, the Canadian beach volleyball team's silver medal match was watched by 2.193 million viewers. (Source: https://www.cbc.ca/ mediacentre/press-release/7-in-10-canadians-tune-in-for-paris-2024)

Prior to the Games, Volleyball Nations League was hosted in Ottawa setting a North American attendance record for the Canada vs. USA match.

Coupled with a very highly subscribed and successful Nationals in 2024, these are examples of the positive news during the past year.

Challenges overall, and therefore in communications, continue to be complicated issues surrounding safe sport, the growing number of hosted events, and being able to serve a large and diverse audience with limited resources.

In addition to marketing and communications efforts for regular operations, key staff have received recognition with assignments to major games: Jackie Skender represented VC serving as a media attaché at the Olympic Games; while Courtney Killion was a media attaché at the Paralympic Games in Paris. This serves to help amplify volleyball's message on the world stage, while managing the athletes' media appearances at the games.

In addition to full-time staff, VC continues to develop relationships with many freelance creators, such as photographers, video producers, graphic designers, and sport partners to assist with high demand for event content.

#### **Key events:**

- Nationals
- VNL overall, and planning for hosting two stops in Canada in 2025
- Sitting volleyball teams
- Beach Pro Tour
- Hall of Fame
- Various development and NORCECA indoor events (including hosting in GTA & QC)
- Olympic Games; Paralympic Games.

#### **Audience engagement**

Volleyball Canada uses the platform MailChimp to communicate directly with audiences/stakeholders/media. This method allows people to opt-in or unsubscribe, in accordance with privacy laws.

In addition to direct email (press releases, announcements, Nationals-targeted newsletter) and the VC web site and app, social media channels continue to be a big part of external communications, and fan engagement.

Social media is also a key tool for partner engagement/brand enhancement as well as marketing of international events.

The demand for content (photos, info, videos, graphics) is growing. The goal is to have a mix of content that contributes to the overall brand and messaging of VC - National Teams, meaningful competition, diversity, growth of the sport and strategic partnerships/sponsors, among other considerations.

CBC continues to be an excellent resource for Olympic/Paralympic sport as well as other events, including Nationals.

#### Social media audience (as of May 2025)

- Facebook 172,000 followers
- X 53,100 followers (VC Nationals account: 3000) Only platform that shows slight decrease due to many users leaving the site).
- Instagram 113,000 compared to 95,500 followers in May 2024 (+ 17,500 over previous year)
- YouTube 29.3 K subscribers
- LinkedIn 5K followers
- VC app
- TikTok

#### **NORCECA Press Commission**

VC's Jackie Skender continues to be a member of this commission, as secretary, and represents the commission as a delegate at NORCECA events hosted in Canada.





# 08 Financial Report







Financial Statements of

### **CANADIAN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended March 31, 2025



KPMG LLP

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Canadian Volleyball Association

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Canadian Volleyball Association (the "Association"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025
- the statement of operations for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2025, and its results of operations, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

#### We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
  - The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.



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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada

KPMG LLP

May 16, 2025

### **CANADIAN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

|   |    | 2024   |  |
|---|----|--|--|
| Assets  |    |  |  |
| Current assets:   |    |  |  |
| Cash  | \$ | 3,962,214  | \$<br>3,564,093  |
| Accounts receivable (note 2)  |    | 1,456,867  | 896,946  |
| Inventory   |    | 183,493  | 142,306  |
| Prepaid expenses  |    | 1,240,726  | 411,396  |
|   |    | 6,843,300  | 5,014,741  |
| Tangible capital assets (note 3)  |    | 21,430   | 30,613   |
| Restricted investments  |    | 1,114,229  | 1,084,788  |
|   | \$ | 7,978,959  | \$<br>6,130,142  |
|   |    |  |  |
| Liabilities and Net Assets  Current liabilities:     Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)  | \$ | 1,685,232  | \$   |
| Current liabilities:  | \$ | 4,453,109  | \$   |
| Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4) Deferred revenue (note 5)  | \$ |  | \$<br>3,444,033  |
| Current liabilities:    Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)    Deferred revenue (note 5)  Net assets (note 6):  | \$ | 4,453,109  | \$<br>3,444,033<br>4,628,512   |
| Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4) Deferred revenue (note 5)  | \$ | 4,453,109<br>6,138,341                                   | \$<br>3,444,033<br>4,628,512<br>30,613   |
| Current liabilities:     Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)     Deferred revenue (note 5)  Net assets (note 6):     Investment in tangible capital assets                  | \$ | 4,453,109<br>6,138,341<br>21,430                         | \$<br>3,444,033<br>4,628,512<br>30,613<br>386,229  |
| Current liabilities:     Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)     Deferred revenue (note 5)  Net assets (note 6):     Investment in tangible capital assets     Unrestricted | \$ | 4,453,109<br>6,138,341<br>21,430<br>704,959              | \$<br>3,444,033<br>4,628,512<br>30,613<br>386,229<br>1,084,788                           |
| Current liabilities:     Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)     Deferred revenue (note 5)  Net assets (note 6):     Investment in tangible capital assets     Unrestricted | \$ | 4,453,109<br>6,138,341<br>21,430<br>704,959<br>1,114,229 | \$<br>1,184,479<br>3,444,033<br>4,628,512<br>30,613<br>386,229<br>1,084,788<br>1,501,630 |

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

### **CANADIAN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

|   |    | 2025       |    | 2024       |
|---|----|------------|----|------------|
| Revenue:  |    |            |    |            |
| National competitions   | \$ | 5,495,918  | \$ | 3,708,149  |
| Sport Canada contributions                                    | Ψ  | 2,909,000  | Ψ  | 4,352,450  |
| Membership fees   |    | 2,322,477  |    | 2,045,518  |
| Team Canada indoor volleyball                                 |    | 1,908,269  |    | 1,484,145  |
| Athlete and Coach Pathways                                    |    | 1,342,235  |    | 1,100,200  |
| Nations League (m)  |    | 1,316,760  |    | 1,073,087  |
| Team Canada beach volleyball                                  |    | 1,075,510  |    | 836,557    |
| National office operations                                    |    | 405,894    |    | 490,399    |
| NORCECA/Pan American championships                            |    | 336,743    |    | 425,383    |
| Referees  |    | 255,380    |    | 216,107    |
| Sport Canada contributions - in-kind                          |    | 194,000    |    | 190,500    |
| Team Canada sitting volleyball                                |    | 168,212    |    | 236,176    |
| Merchandising   |    | 125,115    |    | 130,991    |
| NORCECA championships   |    | 123,113    |    | 361,436    |
| NONOLOA GIAMPIONSHIPS   |    | 17,855,513 |    | 16,651,098 |
|   |    | 17,000,010 |    | 16,651,096 |
| Expenses:   |    |            |    |            |
| Team Canada indoor volleyball                                 |    | 4,102,180  |    | 3,935,560  |
| National competitions   |    | 3,987,129  |    | 2,763,043  |
| National office operations                                    |    | 2,269,706  |    | 1,878,399  |
| Team Canada beach volleyball                                  |    | 2,132,676  |    | 2,063,269  |
| Nations League (m)  |    | 1,325,818  |    | 1,388,405  |
| Athlete and Coach Pathways                                    |    | 1,146,447  |    | 1,518,646  |
| NORCECA/Pan American championships                            |    | 1,052,911  |    | 1,039,847  |
| Team Canada sitting volleyball                                |    | 955,941    |    | 888,182    |
| Referees  |    | 329,233    |    | 326,794    |
| NORCECA championships   |    | 171,260    |    | 755,529    |
| Merchandising   |    | 65,135     |    | 120,142    |
|   |    | 17,538,436 |    | 16,677,816 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the below |    | 317,077    |    | (26,718)   |
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| Unrealized gain on foreign exchange                           |    | 21,911     |    | 22,310     |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses                  | \$ | 338,988    | \$ | (4,408)    |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

|  | Internally restricted | Unrestricted  | ca | Investment<br>in tangible<br>apital assets | Total<br>2025   | Total<br>2024   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|----|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Net assets, beginning of year                | \$<br>1,084,788       | \$<br>386,229 | \$ | 30,613                                     | \$<br>1,501,630 | \$<br>1,506,038 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses | -                     | 338,988       |    | -  | 338,988         | (4,408)         |
| Appropriation of restricted funds            | 29,441                | (29,441)      |    | -  | -               | -               |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets      | -                     | 9,183         |    | (9,183)                                    | -               | -               |
| Net assets, end of year                      | \$<br>1,114,229       | \$<br>704,959 | \$ | 21,430                                     | \$<br>1,840,618 | \$<br>1,501,630 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

|  | 2025            | 2024            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash provided by (used in):  |                 |                 |
| Operating activities:  |                 |                 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses Item not involving cash:                  | \$<br>338,988   | \$<br>(4,408)   |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets Changes in non-cash operating working capital: | 9,183           | 4,039           |
| Accounts receivable  | (559,921)       | (536,083)       |
| Inventory  | `(41,187)       | (74,655)        |
| Prepaid expenses   | (829,330)       | 2,073           |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | 500,753         | 159,817         |
| Deferred revenue   | 1,009,076       | 581,852         |
|  | 427,562         | 132,635         |
| Investing activities:  |                 |                 |
| Increase in restricted investments   | (29,441)        | (752)           |
| Tangible capital asset additions   |                 | (28,928)        |
|  | (29,441)        | (29,680)        |
| Increase in cash   | 398,121         | 102,955         |
| Cash, beginning of year  | 3,564,093       | 3,461,138       |
| Cash, end of year  | \$<br>3,962,214 | \$<br>3,564,093 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2025

The mission of the Canadian Volleyball Association (the "Association") is to promote and develop the sport of volleyball for all Canadians. The Association was incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization as is a Registered Amateur Athletic Association under the Income Tax Act (Canada). Effective August 1, 2013, the Association continued its articles of incorporation from the Canada Corporations Act to the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

### Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

### (a) Basis of presentation:

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions for not-for-profit organizations.

# (b) Revenue recognition:

Restricted revenue is recognized in the year in which the related expense is incurred. Unrestricted revenue is recognized when it is received or becomes receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

### (c) Inventory:

Inventory consists mostly of referee uniforms and other paraphernalia. Inventory is measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in, firstout basis.

#### (d) Donated supplies and services:

Companies and individuals donate supplies and services throughout the year to assist the Association in carrying out its activities. The value of these supplies and services is not readily determinable, therefore, no amount has been reflected in these financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

# (e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Association determines if there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Association expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future period, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value.

#### (f) Restricted investments:

Restricted investments held in Funds with the Canadian Olympic Foundation (see note 9) are recorded at cost, being the Association's original contributions to the Funds. Investment income earned on these funds is not recognized by the Association until officially distributed to the Association by the Foundation.

#### (g) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are stated at cost. Betterments which extend the estimated life of an asset are capitalized. When a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Association's ability to provide services, its carrying amount is written down to its residual value. Amortization is provided using the following methods and annual rates:

| Asset              | Basis             | Rate          |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Computer equipment | Declining balance | 30%           |
| Equipment          | Straight-line     | Term of lease |

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

## (h) Expenses:

In the statement of operations, the Association presents its expenses by function. The Association does not allocate expenses between functions subsequent to initial recognition.

# (i) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are recognized in the financial statements in the period in which they become known.

### 2. Accounts receivable:

|                                       | 2025                         | 2024               |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Trade receivables Accrued receivables | \$<br>1,415,812 \$<br>69,287 | 516,773<br>408,405 |
|                                       | 1,485,099                    | 925,178            |
| Provision for doubtful accounts       | (28,232)                     | (28,232)           |
|                                       | \$<br>1,456,867 \$           | 896,946            |

# 3. Tangible capital assets:

|           |               |                               | 2025              | 2024              |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|           | Cost          | <br>ccumulated<br>mortization | Net book<br>value | Net book<br>value |
| Equipment | \$<br>105,431 | \$<br>84,001                  | \$<br>21,430      | \$<br>30,613      |
|           | \$<br>105,431 | \$<br>84,001                  | \$<br>21,430      | \$<br>30,613      |

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

#### Tangible capital assets (continued):

Cost and accumulated amortization at March 31, 2024 amounted to \$105,431 and \$74,818, respectively. During the year, the Association wrote off fully amortized computer equipment with a cost of \$Nil (2024 - \$3,769).

#### 4. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

As at March 31, 2025 and 2024, there were no government remittances included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, such as payroll remittances or harmonized sales tax.

#### **Deferred revenue:**

|   | 2025  | 2024   |
|---|---|--|
| Future events International hosting support Canadian Olympic Committee initiative Other | \$<br>3,908,031<br>316,065<br>205,599<br>23,414 | \$<br>3,155,838<br>147,000<br>92,397<br>48,798 |
|   | \$<br>4,453,109                                 | \$<br>3,444,033                                |

#### Net assets: 6.

The Association considers its capital to consist of its unrestricted and invested in tangible capital assets net assets. The objective of the Association with respect to its capital is to fund ongoing operations and future projects. The Association manages its capital by maintaining and monitoring amounts available for future projects, contingencies and other capital requirements.

The Association is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and its overall strategy with respect to capital remains unchanged from the year ended March 31, 2024.

### 7. Contingencies:

Contributions received from Sport Canada are subject to specific terms and conditions regarding the expenditure of the funds. The Association's accounting records are subject to audit by Sport Canada. Should any instances be identified where amounts charged to projects are not in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions these amounts would be refundable to Sport Canada.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

### 7. Contingencies (continued):

For the current year Management believes that the Association has not incurred ineligible expenditures and therefore no liability has been recorded for reimbursement.

#### 8. Financial risks and concentration of credit risk:

The Association is subject to the following risks from its financial instruments:

### (a) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Association manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Association prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations.

# (b) Credit risk:

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss. The Association is exposed to credit risk with respect to the accounts receivable. The Association assesses, on a continuous basis, accounts receivable and provides for any amounts that are not collectible in the allowance for doubtful accounts. At year-end, \$28,232 was allowed for in accounts receivable.

# (c) Foreign currency risk:

Foreign currency risk refers to the extent to which instruments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to other currencies. The Association is not subject to significant currency risk from its holdings of US cash.

The Association is not exposed to other price or interest rate risks.

The Association's management believes that these financial risks are appropriately mitigated and do not pose significant risk to its operations. There have been no significant changes in the Association's risk exposures, nor in the policies, procedures or methods used to manage these risks in the year.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

### 9. Funds held with the Canadian Olympic Foundation:

The Association has established the following four Funds under agreement with the Canadian Olympic Foundation (the "Foundation") as approved by the Association's Board of Directors.

- (a) Description of the Funds:
  - (i) Volleyball Canada General Fund ("VC Fund"): The purpose of this Fund is to provide general support to Volleyball Canada.
  - (ii) The Hoag Team Canada Fund ("Hoag Fund"): Founded by Glenn Hoag and his family, the purpose of this Fund is to enhance Team Canada men's volleyball pillars of growth, success and excellence by providing support for high-quality training and competition conditions at the national team level.
  - (iii) The Wong Family Fund ("Wong Fund): Founded by Hugh Wong and his family, the purpose of this Fund it to provide support to promising Canadian female volleyball coaches who have potential to coach internationally and/or for the national team program.
  - (iv) The Tom Ng Beach Athlete Assistance Fund ("Ng Fund"): Founded by Tom Ng, the purpose of this Fund is to offset the training and competition expenses of a Canadian high performance beach volleyball athlete.

Under the terms of the agreements, the Funds are administered by the Foundation in accordance with their Endowment Policy and Granting Policy. For investment purposes, the assets of the Funds may be pooled with other amounts held by the Foundation and are not held as separate trust funds. The Foundation provides the Association with an annual accounting report of each Fund on a calendar year basis.

The Association may make contributions to the Funds and is able to request the withdrawal of all or part of their contributions from the Funds at any time. These contributions are recorded in restricted investments and internally restricted net assets.

Other individuals and organizations may also make contributions directly to the Funds. The Association does not have the ability to withdraw these contributions from the Funds. Accumulated investment income is also maintained in the Funds until officially distributed by the Foundation. These amounts are not recorded in these financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025

### Funds held with the Canadian Olympic Foundation (continued):

## (b) Activity of the Funds:

The following table shows the activity of the Funds for the year ended March 31, 2025, as reported by the Foundation:

|                      | VC Fund      |    | Hoag Fund | ١  | Wong Fund |    | Ng Fund     | Total        |
|----------------------|--------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-------------|--------------|
| Balance as at        |              |    |           |    |           |    |             |              |
| April 1, 2024        | \$ 1,132,115 | \$ | 41,991    | \$ | 42,046    | \$ | 40,724      | \$ 1,256,876 |
| Association          |              |    |           |    |           |    |             |              |
| contributions        | -            |    | 8,710     |    | 19,789    |    | 942         | 29,441       |
| Other contributions  | -            |    | 4,666     |    | 451       |    | 2,234       | 7,351        |
| Investment income    | 111,403      |    | 5,175     |    | 5,847     |    | 3,969       | 126,394      |
| Realized gain (loss) | 94           |    | -         |    | -         |    | (4)         | 90           |
| Unrealized loss      | (39,371)     |    | (1,892)   |    | (2,141)   |    | (1,382)     | (44,786)     |
| Administrative fees  | (5,678)      |    | (968)     |    | (997)     |    | (2,484)     | (10,127)     |
| Disbursements        | (4,779)      |    | -         |    | -         |    | (2,000)     | (6,779)      |
| Market value as at   |              |    |           |    |           |    |             |              |
| March 31, 2025       | \$ 1,193,784 | \$ | 57,682    | \$ | 64,995    | \$ | 41,999      | \$ 1,358,460 |
| Consisting of:       |              |    |           |    |           |    |             |              |
| Association          |              |    |           |    |           |    |             |              |
| contributions        | \$ 1,018,878 | \$ | 37,788    | \$ | 55,131    | \$ | 2,432       | \$ 1,114,229 |
| Other contribution   |              | Ť  | 13,768    | •  | 9,553     | •  | 34.550      | 57,871       |
| Amount available     |              |    | .,        |    | -,        |    | , , , , , , | - ,-         |
| for distribution     | 174,906      |    | 6,126     |    | 311       |    | 5,017       | 186,360      |
| Total                | \$ 1,193,784 | \$ | 57,682    | \$ | 64,995    | \$ | 41,999      | \$ 1,358,460 |

The disbursements received from the VC Fund are unrestricted contributions and have been recorded as revenue in the year. The disbursements received from the Hoag, Wong and Ng Funds are restricted contributions and have been recorded as deferred revenue. These amounts will be recognized as revenue when the amounts are expended for the Funds' specific purposes.

National Sport Organization Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Sport Canada Contribution

Year ended March 31, 2025 (Unaudited)

| Mainstream Core Revenues                          | Sport Development | Enhanced Excellence | NextGen   | Total       |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| General Administration                            | \$45,000          | \$0                 | \$0       | \$45,000    |
| Governance  | \$5,000           |                     |           | \$5,000     |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits                       | \$95,000          | \$25,000            | \$0       | \$120,000   |
| Coaching Salaries and<br>Professional Development | \$115,000         | \$268,000           | \$70,000  | \$453,000   |
| National Team Program                             | \$300,000         | \$1,013,000         | \$180,000 | \$1,493,000 |
| Official Languages                                | \$11,500          |                     |           | \$11,500    |
| Operations and Programming                        | \$38,000          |                     |           | \$38,000    |
| Total   | \$609,500         | \$1,306,000         | \$250,000 | \$2,165,500 |

| Mainstream Above Core<br>Revenues | Total    |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Gender Equity                     | \$30,000 |  |  |
| Total                             | \$30,000 |  |  |

| Mainstream Actual Core<br>Expenses | Sport Development | Enhanced Excellence | NextGen   | Total        |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| General Administration             | \$64,058          |                     |           | \$64,058     |
| Governance                         | \$82,174          |                     |           | \$82,174     |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits        | \$2,144,859       | \$25,000            | \$0       | \$2,169,859  |
| Coaching Salaries and              |                   |                     |           |              |
| Professional Development           | \$889,533         | \$268,000           | \$70,000  | \$1,227,533  |
| National Team Program              | \$2,415,856       | \$1,013,000         | \$180,000 | \$3,608,856  |
| Official Languages                 | \$26,843          |                     |           | \$26,843     |
| Operations and Programming         | \$9,342,171       |                     |           | \$9,342,171  |
| Total                              | \$14,965,494      | \$1,306,000         | \$250,000 | \$16,521,494 |

| Mainstream Above Core Actual Expenses | Total    |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Gender Equity                         | \$61,000 |
| Total                                 | \$61,000 |

National Sport Organization Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Sport Canada Contribution (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2025 (Unaudited)

| Athletes with a Disability Core<br>Revenues | Sport Development | Enhanced Excellence | NextGen  | Total     |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| General Administration                      | \$0               | \$0                 | \$0      | \$0       |
| Governance                                  | \$0               |                     |          | \$0       |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits                 | \$12,500          | \$0                 | \$0      | \$12,500  |
| Coaching Salaries and                       |                   |                     |          |           |
| Professional Development                    | \$12,500          | \$163,250           | \$40,625 | \$216,375 |
| National Team Program                       | \$55,500          | \$266,750           | \$9,375  | \$331,625 |
| Official Languages                          | \$3,000           |                     |          | \$3,000   |
| Operations and Programming                  | \$0               |                     |          | \$0       |
| Total                                       | \$83,500          | \$430,000           | \$50,000 | \$563,500 |

| Athletes with a Disability Above<br>Core Revenues | Total |
|---|-------|
| General Administration                            |       |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits                       |       |
| Coaching Salaries and                             |       |
| Professional Development                          |       |
| National Team Program                             |       |
| Operations and Programming                        |       |
| International Sport Initiatives                   |       |
| Long Term Athlete Development                     |       |
| Total   | \$0   |

| Athletes with a Disability Actual Core Expenses | Sport Development | Enhanced Excellence | NextGen  | Total Core |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| General Administration                          | \$4,753           |                     |          | \$4,753    |
| Governance                                      |                   |                     |          | \$0        |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits                     | \$31,976          | \$0                 | \$0      | \$31,976   |
| Coaching Salaries and                           |                   |                     |          |            |
| Professional Development                        | \$21,125          | \$163,250           | \$40,625 | \$225,000  |
| National Team Program                           | \$351,920         | \$266,750           | \$9,375  | \$628,045  |
| Official Languages                              | \$3,255           |                     |          | \$3,255    |
| Operations and Programming                      | \$62,913          |                     |          | \$62,913   |
| Total   | \$475,942         | \$430,000           | \$50,000 | \$955,942  |

| Athletes with a Disability Actual<br>Above Core Expenses | Total |
|--|-------|
| General Administration                                   |       |
| Salaries, Fees and Benefits                              |       |
| Coaching Salaries and                                    |       |
| Professional Development                                 |       |
| National Team Program                                    |       |
| Operations and Programming                               |       |
| International Sport Initiatives                          |       |
| Long Term Athlete Development                            |       |
| Total  | \$0   |



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