



**St. Catharines, ON**  
**July 23-27, 2025**

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## 1. CANADA CUP EVENT OVERVIEW

The Canada Cup will see Canada's next generation of high-performance athletes compete for their home province/territory in an elite championship for athletes born in 2007\* or later. This year, the Canada Cup will showcase the country's top male and female athletes, competing in two categories.

*\*Canada Games Small Jurisdiction age eligibility does apply for 2025.*

Details:

July 23 – 27, 2025

Canada Games Park and Brock University (Bob Davies Complex)

St. Catharines, Ontario

## 2. TOURNAMENT SUPPORTERS

Thank you to the following partners and suppliers of the Canada Cup:



## 3. TOURNAMENT BALL

The Mikasa V200W will be the official ball throughout the tournament.

- Volleyballs will be provided for all on court practice & warm up.

## 4. TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament Results, updates and news stories will be posted on [ISET](#).

- Live scoring will be used through the event

## 5. TOURNAMENT DETAILS

All tournament rules will follow the [2024-2025 Volleyball Canada Rulebook](#):

1. Warm-ups will follow the 5/5/5 format
  - o Matches will start at their scheduled time, unless both teams agree to start match ahead of schedule.
2. Net Height: 2.43m (Men) & 2.24m (Women)
3. Libero: 2 Allowed/Set, without serve
4. Substitution Rules: 12 sub limited.
5. Overhead Pass: Allowed
6. Rosters can have unlimited registered athletes with 14 named for each match and 4 coaches listed on the score sheet. All registered athletes can take part in the warm-up but must not be in uniform during the match.
7. Teams are responsible to provide one qualified line judge for their own match. This can include experienced parents/athletes.

8. **New to 2025:** Playing area rules for GFL Rink:
- The playing area includes the playing court and the free zone. Each team must play within its designated playing area. See *Rule 1 – Playing Area*, in the Volleyball Canada Rule Book, for further details.
  - Sport Court: The area beyond the edge of the sport court is designated as a non-playing zone. Therefore, the last point of contact prior to contact with the ball must be on the sport court and the player must always play the ball with at least one foot on the sport court
    - Examples: one foot on the sport court, one foot on the cement while playing the ball = play continues
    - Jump in the air, play the ball, and land off the sport court = play is whistled dead;
    - Play the ball on the sport court, momentum of athlete carries them off the court = play continues
  - Any service action must be initiated with at least one foot in contact with the Sport Court.
  - A player may not cross the centre line inside or outside the net post at any time to pursue the ball beyond the antenna.
9. **New to 2025:** Each team will be required to provide one (1) volunteer per match to act in the role of score keeper.

## 6. EVENT MERCHANDISE

VC is proud to partner with [Volleyball Stuff](#), the official clothing provider for Canada Cup. There will be a pre-sale for merchandise.

The pre-sale will start June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am MT and close July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm MT.

Event t-shirts and pre-sale merchandise will be available for onsite distribution.

## 7. ROSTER SUBMISSION

Teams must submit/email rosters, in provided template, to [shelby@volleyball.ca](mailto:shelby@volleyball.ca) by July 13<sup>th</sup>

- Rosters will be imported into ISET and verified at the Coaches Meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 8. KEY TOURNAMENT CONTACTS:

Name	Role	Contact Info	Responsible For:
Dawna Sales	Tournament Director	<a href="mailto:dsales@volleyball.ca">dsales@volleyball.ca</a>	Canada Cup Overall Management
Shelby Prilisauer	Tournament Director	<a href="mailto:shelby@volleyball.ca">shelby@volleyball.ca</a>	Canada Cup Overall Management
Abbigail Verge	Tournament Coordinator	<a href="mailto:average@volleyball.ca">average@volleyball.ca</a>	Event Support
Sam Nadeau	Tournament Coordinator	<a href="mailto:snadeau@volleyball.ca">snadeau@volleyball.ca</a>	Event Support

## 9. SCHEDULE AND DRAW

Practice Day:

- On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22 & 23 - teams will be scheduled

Competition Days:

- Matches will start on Wednesday, July 23 (after 1:00pm) and play will continue through to Sunday, July 27

Draw

- The draw is subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances. We will communicate any modifications to the teams' representatives and coaches
- All matches are best of 3/5, including playoffs.
- When possible, teams will play, on average, 1-2 matches per day

## **10. TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is the responsibility of the participating teams, including to and from the venue, hotels, and airport.

## **11. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE**

Accommodation and food services will be provided at Brock University.

## **12. LIVESTREAM**

All matches will be livestreamed and available via pay-per-view.

## **13. AWARDS**

### All Stars and MVP:

The top six (6) identified top athletes will be named All Stars of Canada Cup. One (1) athlete per gender will be identified as the MVP of Canada Cup.

The All Stars and MVP will be presented during the awards ceremonies on Sunday.

### Maple Award:

Each team will receive one Maple Award. This award will be presented to one athlete per team. The selection of this award is the responsibility of the coach. Volleyball Canada does not determine any criteria for this award.

### Medals:

All medals ceremonies will be at the conclusion of the Gold medal match. Gold, Silver and Bronze teams will receive medals.

## **14. COACHES COMMUNICATION**

Each team must provide a team contact for the duration of the event. The team contact is responsible for communication with tournament staff and represent the provincial association. Include your team contact (name, email and phone number) when submitting your roster.

- Coaches meeting/social Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, located in the Canada Games Park Gym.

## **15. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - COACHES**

Volleyball Canada will be offering a [coach development webinar series](#) for all coaches prior to the Canada Cup in a webinar format.

There will be an in-person session on July 23<sup>rd</sup> led by Dave Preston, NextGen Head Coach.

## **16. WELCOME BBQ**

Volleyball Canada will be offering a Welcome BBQ for Canada Cup athletes and coaches. The Welcome BBQ will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:30pm located at Jubilee Court.

## **17. PERSON IN AUTHORITY AND COACH REQUIREMENTS**

PTAs must ensure all PIA members (coaches, managers, team leads, IST staff) attending the Canada Cup have:

- Completed Safe Sport Training or equivalent (RIS)
- Cleared a Criminal Record Check and Screening
- A member in good standing of the respective PTA

All coaches list on each roster should have completed the following prior to the Canada Cup competition:

- Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- Making Headway
- Foundations of Volleyball

## **18. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Select tournament information and results will be posted on the VC social media accounts (X, Facebook, & Instagram).

## **19. VOLUNTEERS/SCOREKEEPERS**

*New to 2025:* Each team will be required to provide one (1) volunteer per match to act in the role of score keeper.

Additional volunteers will be on hand throughout the event.

## **20. MEDICAL SERVICES**

Ice & 1<sup>st</sup> Response AT services will be available on site, including taping and physio services. Tape will not be supplied.

## **21. CLEAN VENUE POLICY**

Many volleyball user groups, including provincial associations have been denied access to facilities due to the amount of garbage created by teams, parents and spectators. We all need to work collectively and respect the facilities we use. The following policy will be in place:

- All bottles, garbage, and personal items must be removed from the team bench after each match. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure this is completed after every match. The game official will remind coaches at the end of the match to ensure their bench is clean. If not, the official will make a note on the game sheet.
- Any team area in the facility must remain clean and any leftover supplies, food, garbage must be removed and placed in an appropriate refuse area.
- Participants and spectators are to keep all areas of the facility clean (hallways, spectator areas, etc.) by placing their bottles and garbage in the appropriate bins.
- Tournament staff will take note of team areas as well as score sheets will be used to assess fines.
- A \$100 fine/cleaning fee will be given to teams for each offense

## **22. PROTESTS**

### **Protest Procedure & Code of Conduct**

*FROM THE VOLLEYBALL CANADA COMPETITION MANUAL:*

15.1. Any protest or appeal at a VC Championship will be overseen by a Competition Jury, composed of the following:

- A member of the VCC, VNCC, or an approved designate.
- A representative of the Host Committee.
- A member of the Referee Management Team or approved designate.
- A Competition Jury member or an approved designate will be present at all venues.

15.2. The Competition Jury has the highest level of authority at a VC Championship and its decisions take precedence and cannot be appealed. They are in place to evaluate complaints and render decisions regarding issues that arise about the event organization and all technical matters. The Competition Jury may be called upon to make decisions on, but not limited to, any of the following matters:

- Competition Protests
- Player Eligibility
- Uniforms
- Spectators
- Venues
- Accommodation
- Schedules and Draws

15.3. The following types of issues can be protested or appealed:

- An improper decision by the referee who did not apply the rules or regulations.

- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.
- Please note that judgment calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (ie. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested.
- The protest will be accepted or rejected prior to the resumption of play by the tournament jury.

15.4. To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged.

- A fee of \$100 must be provided in cash immediately in order to assemble the Competition Jury to assess the protest. The funds will be returned if the protest is upheld; however, if it is overturned, the funds will go towards referee development.

15.5. In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, before play resumes. Please remember that NO match will be replayed, as protests have to be placed at the moment of the incident. For further explanation, please refer to Protest Procedures of the Indoor Rulebook (pg. 82) and Judges' Conference (pg. 83).

- Notify both teams that there is a protest
- Ask both teams to stay in the gym until the final decision is rendered.
- The chairperson of jury convenes the jury.
- The jury interviews the coach of the protesting team.
- The jury interviews all involved parties, as they see fit (e.g.: opposing coach, officials, captains, athletes, etc.)
- The jury deliberates and renders a decision.
- The chairperson of jury informs all parties involved of the decision made.

#### **Protest Procedure:**

- Captain asks to protest
- Referee advises captain if call being protested is allowable or not.
- If Captain accepts that it is a judgment call or a sanction, therefore NOT a valid protest, then match continues.
- If the Captain would like to proceed:
  - Referee calls a member of the RDT to the court (Meanwhile, the necessary information should be completed on the score sheet.)
  - RDT (either Supervisor or Evaluator) arrives court side and they determine if it is a legal protest.
  - If it is determined, in the opinion of the RDT member, that it is a legal protest, the RDT member MUST collect \$100 cash from the coach prior to summoning the Competition Jury.
  - Should the coach insist on protesting, even when being told that it is NOT a legitimate protest, the \$100 is collected and the Jury is summoned
  - \$100 given to VC
  - If it is still deemed to be NOT a legitimate protest, the Jury MUST insist that the play resume ASAP. (Note: we took the coaches \$100, so we're not also giving a delay sanction). Teams must resume play and if they refuse, they would be declared in default.
- For a legitimate protest the parties (i.e. referee team, the scorer if necessary, coach and or captain are interviewed by the Jury) and a decision is rendered.



- Protest denied; Teams are placed back on the court, play continues and VC retains \$100
- Protest upheld; VC returns \$100 to the coach. Score may be adjusted according to protest finding and play continues.

## 23. CODE OF CONDUCT

Should there be any incidents that occur at any time during the tournament that involve inappropriate behavior by any participants, a Code of Conduct report must be filed. As a member of the Jury, further report/reviews may take place at a later date.

## 24. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher.
- The team having the best ratio of all points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during the round, will be ranked higher.
- As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g. extra set, toss of coin, etc.)

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

- When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied to one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

NOTE: This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y and Z and criteria "b" is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken.

However, if criteria "b" determines the seeding/ranking of any of the third tied teams, then the remaining teams which are still tied will use criteria "c" and so on to determine their seeding/ranking. Do not start at "a" again. Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams x, y, and z for criteria "d".

## 25. RECRUITING

### SCOUTING AND RECRUITING AT VOLLEYBALL CANADA EVENTS

*Excerpt from "VC Event Hosting Manual"*

Event organizers shall give or sell the coach/recruiter or scouting agency representative a program of the tournament (if available). <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

Event organizers have the right to ask a recruiter to leave the gymnasium if the defined recruiting practices are not respected (see below). If this should occur, event organizers are responsible for reporting all infractions to PTA. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

#### Policies for Recruiters <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Recruiters are not allowed to contact any athletes while they are participating in the competition.

Recruiters must introduce themselves and the institution which they represent to the tournament and program organizers, follow any additional event regulations regarding recruiters, and when possible wear clothing which identifies them as representing their institution or group. Recruiters should identify themselves to coaches and/or parents when interested in a particular athlete and/or team. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Recruiters must conduct their activities in an open environment away from the competition/program venue. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Recruiters must have coaches' consent and/or knowledge when approaching athletes. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

#### Policies for Coaches <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

All coaches are obligated to report to the event organizers any recruiting practices that they feel do not meet the above regulations for recruiters.

Coaches must restrict recruiters from approaching their athletes while their team is still participating in the competition/program, as recruiters are not allowed to approach athletes during this period.

#### Policies for Athletes <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Should a recruiter contact an athlete, the athlete is responsible for informing his/her coach and/or parents. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

#### Policies for Parents <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Parents are responsible for informing their child's coach of any contact made by a recruiter. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

*The repercussions of violating these rules, or the spirit of these rules, may result in the sanctioning of a recruiter, coach, athlete or parent.* <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>