



# 2017 Beach Handbook – Senior

North Bay, ON

August 18th-20th, 2017

## National Team Identification Opportunity

This year, the Senior Beach National Championships will act as an identification opportunity for those wishing to participate at a higher level, and get the chance to be noticed by National Team coaching staff. The 2017 event will be attended by Steve Anderson, Volleyball Canada's national team head coach. Steve will be available throughout the weekend to discuss the program with up-and-coming athletes as well as provide feedback.

## Divisions

Senior Beach Nationals will be a one-format competition this year. Dependant on the number of teams registered, divisions and tiers may be created.

## Eligibility

All athletes wishing to participate in Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial Championship. Exemptions may be granted in the following cases:

1. If the team members are participating in a VC sanctioned event or program, which include:
  - a. Norceca or FIVB circuit
  - b. National Team programs (NTCCs)
  - c. Provincial Team programs
  - d. Canada Games
2. Extenuating circumstances which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Any athlete wishing to request an exemption are required to fill out this [Exemption Request Form](#) with their request by Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Registration

All teams must register at [register.volleyball.ca](http://register.volleyball.ca). Registration dates and fees can be found below.

**Registration Opens:** Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Deadline Early Bird:** Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

<b>Early Bird Price</b>	June 6 – July 18	\$255
<b>Regular Price</b>	July 19 – August 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$305

*\*VC reserves the right to cancel any age category with less than 8 teams.*



**Note:** Early-bird registration fees have been lowered for the senior division to encourage early-registrations.

**Note:** Only teams who register prior to the Early-bird Registration Deadline will be guaranteed to receive their competition tops in their requested sizing. All registrations submitted after this deadline will receive competition tops on a first come, first serve basis.

## Team Jerseys

All teams registered for the event will receive a team uniform that must be worn for all matches. All teams registered by the early-bird deadline are GUARANTEED their jersey style (bra top v jersey top) and their size. Athletes will need to indicate their player number (1 or 2), size and preferred colour at the time of registration. Team that register after the early bird deadline will still receive a jersey, however style and size are not guaranteed.

## Wait List

Registration is open on a first come, first serve basis – there are no spots reserved.

VC has the right to put a limit to the number of teams allowed in each category. Should one event fill, a wait list will be maintained for the extra teams. Should a registered team withdraw from the event; teams on the wait list will be contacted and given the opportunity to enter the tournament.

## Withdrawals

**Withdrawal before registration deadline:** Teams who withdraw before the registration deadline (Tuesday, August 8th) will be refunded their registration fee less a \$40 admin fee.

**Withdrawal after registration deadline:** If a team withdraws from the event after the registration deadline, no reimbursement will be issued.

**Note:** The effects of the withdrawal of a team on the tournament schedule will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. The schedule may need to be adjusted.

## Competition Format

The competition will run with pool play followed by elimination rounds. Schedule will vary based on number of teams. All teams are guaranteed their pool rounds and at least one playoff match.

## Team Check In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 2:00PM until 8:00PM. Team check in will occur at the Canor Molson Sand Centre.

Please note that all athletes must provide identification when checking in (driver's license, health card, etc). It is **acceptable** for a team representative to check a team in, as long as they have a copy of their IDs and assume responsibility for player uniforms. Both athletes do not need to be present in order to check in.

If you are unable to attend team check-in, please contact Caitlin Devlin– [caitlin@volleyball.ca](mailto:caitlin@volleyball.ca)



Team practices – All five courts at the Canor Molson Sand Centre will be available on a first come, first serve basis during check-in hours.

## Players Meeting

The players meeting for Senior Beach Nationals is MANDATORY and will occur on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>, an hour prior to the tournament start time. The meeting start time will be confirmed closer to the event based on final tournament scheduling. This meeting will cover all tournament protocols, rules, and formats.

## Tournament Committee

The tournament committee for Senior Beach Nationals will consist of a tournament director, a member of the Volleyball Canada Competitions Committee, and a tournament referee supervisor.

## Protests

Protests or disputes have to be settled before resuming play. No protest will be accepted after play has resumed. If a team wishes to protest, that team must present \$50 cash to the tournament committee at the time of the protest. If this team wins their protest, they will be refunded the \$50.

## Seeding

Seeding for the Senior Beach Nationals will be based on the Volleyball Canada Points system. Once registration closes, teams will be emailed the points we have on file for them, and it is their responsibility to correct any errors before the allotted date and time (which will be indicated when emailed out).

## Schedules

All tournament schedules will be available online after check in has finished Thursday, August 17th 2017. Master schedules can be found on the [Senior Beach Nationals page](#) on the VC Website. However, match-ups and game times throughout the weekend can be found on [www.iset.net](http://www.iset.net).

- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to the pre-assigned start time.
- Should a court run late, the next match shall start 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

## Player Referees

Volleyball Canada does it's best to schedule referees for Senior National matches, however, a player referee schedule will be made to ensure all matches are refereed. Should a referee not be available for a match, players are responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. If a referee is available, you will still be responsible for score-keeping the match. Please be aware of this when you see your schedule (not on Iset – only on hardcopy schedule).



## Tie Breakers

Tie-breaking procedures for pool play will be as follows:

- Tie between two teams:
  - Teams are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool;
  - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding.
- Tie between three teams:
  - Teams are ranked by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams;
  - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool;
  - If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding.

## Coaching

Coaching is not permitted during play at Senior Nationals.

## Anti-Doping

Following the guidelines of the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sports (CCES), any Canadian athlete competing at a National or International level can be testing for banned and/or illegal substances. It is the athlete's responsibility to be aware of and comply with CCES anti-doping policies.

Consult the web site for more information: <http://www.cces.ca>

## Policies

Please familiarize yourself with these policies prior to the event:

### **Suspended Play Policy**

Please see VC's Suspended Play Policy (Inclement Weather Clause) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

### **Concussion Protocol**

Please see VC's Concussion Protocol for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

Any general questions can be directed to [nationals@volleyball.ca](mailto:nationals@volleyball.ca)



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