



2017 Beach Handbook – Youth

Ottawa, ON

August 18th-20th, 2017

Presented by: [Rider](#)

Age Divisions

The 2017 Youth Beach event will feature 4 age categories including: 14U, 16U, 18U and 24U.

24U: Athletes born January 1, 1993 or later.

18U: Athletes born September 1, 1998 or later.

16U: Athletes born September 1, 2000 or later.

14U: Athletes born September 1, 2002 or later.

*Note: there is no 15U or 17U, so athletes falling into this category should play up in the appropriate category.

Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete at Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial Championship. Exemptions may be granted in certain 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 [formstack](#) with their request by Tuesday, August 8th.

Registration

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

Registration Opens: Tuesday, June 6th

Registration Deadline Early Bird: Tuesday, July 18th

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 8th

Early Bird Price	June 6 – July 18	\$235
Regular Price	July 19 – August 8 th	\$285

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



Note: Teams who register prior to the Early-bird Registration Deadline will be guaranteed to receive their competition tops in their requested sizing (see Team Jersey section). All registrations submitted after the Registration 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 size and style are not guaranteed.

Waiting List

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 waiting list will be contacted and given the opportunity to enter the tournament.

Withdrawals

Withdrawal before the 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 the 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 or may not be readjusted.

Competition Format

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

Day 1: Pool Play

Day 2: Power Pools

Day 3: Elimination

Volleyball Canada aims to schedule each team a minimum of 7 matches. This is however not guaranteed in the case of a no-show team. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 1 match on Sunday.

Team Check-In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 17th, 2017 from 12:00PM (noon) until 8:00PM at Max Volley Shefford Courts under the Volleyball Canada tents.



Please note that all athletes must provide proof of age when checking in (birth certificate, driver's license, health card, or passport). It is **acceptable** for a team representative to check a team in, as long as they have a copy of their IDs (photocopies/photos are acceptable) and assume the 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 Andrea Bailie – abailie@volleyball.ca by Tuesday, August 8th.

Teams are welcome to practice on the courts from 12:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 17th on a first come, first serve basis. The courts will be unavailable for practice in the evening due to the local league.

Players Meeting

The players meeting for Youth Beach Nationals is MANDATORY and will occur in the morning on Friday, August 18th (meeting time is one hour before the first match). This meeting will cover all tournament protocols, rules, and formats.

Tournament Committee

The tournament committee for Youth Beach Nationals will consist of a tournament representative, a Volleyball Canada representative 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 14U, 16U, 18U, and 24U will be done according to the following principle:

Step 1: The top four (4) teams from the 2016 Beach Nationals results in the same age category earn their province a spot.

***Teams must have finished in the top 8 of their provincial championships to earn this seed.*

Step 2: All PTA Gold Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 3: All PTA Silver Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 4: All PTAs not yet represented will receive one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials in the top division of that age category).

Step 5: The first 4 steps should give you an order of all provinces in attendance. Repeat this order until all teams are seeded.



Note: Step 1 for 24U will be based on results from last year's 22U division.

Schedules

All tournament schedules will be available online after all teams have checked-in on Thursday, August 17th 2017. Master schedules can be found on the [Youth Beach Nationals page](#) on the VC Website. However, match-ups and match times throughout the weekend can be found on 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 will start 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

Player Referees

Players are responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. Please be aware of this when you see your schedule (not on Iset – refereeing schedules can be found on the [event website](#)). Failure to show up to your refereeing assignment will result in a \$50 fine to the team.

Players will be assigned to referee each day, including the final day (including the match after they are eliminated).

Court Supervisors

Court supervisors (official Volleyball Canada referees) will be walking around during the first two days of competition. If there is an issue on your court, please see a court supervisor immediately before resuming play.

More information on Court Supervisors to come at the players meeting.

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 order will be 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 allowed during play.
- Coaching is allowed during time-outs and between sets for youth athletes' 16U and younger only.
- Coaching is NOT allowed for all athletes playing at levels 18U & 24U.



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 tested 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>

Suspended Play Policy

Please see VC's Suspended Play Policy for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

Concussion Protocol

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

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