Divisional Play and Seeding

The following document summarizes the methods used to seed participating teams in the Volleyball Canada National Championships. Rankings are provided by Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) based on final placings at Provincial Championships.

Volleyball Canada reserves the right to adjust the seeding in an effort to offer the best competition experience to participating teams.

Foreign teams will be ranked as per the percentile method based on results from their country's state/provincial championship results. If the foreign team participates in a Canadian PTA Championship they will be ranked as per the provincial seeding.

1.0
18U Boys and Girls

1.1 Seeding

Division 1

1) The distribution of the top 16 seeds will be determined from the final PTA standings of the previous age category of the 2017 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-16 of Division 1 of 17U girls in 2017 will be held for the corresponding PTAs in Division 1 of 18U girls in 2018.

   Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2018 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 16 of Division 1 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2018 PTA Championships. PTAs will be required to break ties as required.

   Provincial allocations in the top 16 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

2018 Top 16 Seeds

18U Girls				18U Boys			
1	BC	9	ON	1	AB	9	ON
2	ON	10	BC	2	MB	10	QC
3	ON	11	BC	3	ON	11	MB
4	ON	12	MB	4	BC	12	MB
5	BC	13	ON	5	AB	13	AB
6	ON	14	AB	6	ON	14	MB
7	AB	15	MB	7	ON	15	ON
8	AB	16	QC	8	SK	16	BC

2) The remaining teams will be distributed in the following sequence. The order of seeding for each sequence will be determined based on the PTAs highest final placement in 17U from 2017 VC National Championships. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be completed as per item 1.2.

   a) The PTA Champions from the following 5 provinces: BC, AB, MB, ON, QC

   b) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 5 provinces: BC, AB, MB, ON, QC

   c) The PTA Champions from the following 3 provinces: SK, NS, NB

   d) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 3 provinces: BC, AB, ON

   e) The 4th place finishing team from the following 3 provinces: BC, AB, ON

   f) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 2 provinces: MB, QC

   g) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 3 provinces: SK, NS, NB

   h) Division 2 Champions PTA from previous year's result:

   2017 17U Boys Division 2 Champions: No Division 2
   2017 17U Girls Division 2 Champions: ON

3) Remaining spaces in Division 1 will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

* Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th, 2018, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 2

1) Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE registered in the event will be seeded at the top of Division 2. The order of these teams will be based on the PTAs highest final placement in 17U VC National Championships from 2017. If the PTA does not have a result from the 2017 VC National Championships, the order will be determined by a draw and teams will be placed following the teams with a result from 2017.

   The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2 regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in Division 1.

2) Teams requesting to play in a lower division than their original rank will be seeded after the above mentioned Champions.

3) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

* If there is no Division 2, Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded after the Division 2 Champions of the previous year and before the percentile method.

** Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2017, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 3-4

1) The top seeds will be allocated to teams from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE who have earned a seed into higher divisions, but have requested a lower division *(subject to approval from VC and their PTA)* in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

2)   All remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

3)   Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in for the VC National Championships will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*

1.2 Ties

Ties in team or PTA results will be broken by the following criteria:

1)   Order of highest final standing of PTA at the 2017 17U VC National Championships.

2)   Highest number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 and 2 of Division 1 at the 2017 17U VC National Championships.

3)   Highest number of teams from the PTA in all of Division 1 at the 2017 17U VC National Championships.

4)   Provincial Championship final result of teams within same PTA. If still tied, the teams with the highest pre-tournament seed at PTA Championships.

5)   A draw will determine the order in which the tied teams will be seeded.

2.0

17U Boys and Girls

2.1 Seeding

Division 1

1) The distribution of the top 16 seeds will be determined from the final PTA standings of the previous age category of the 2017 16U VC National Championships (1-8 from 2017 16U VC National Championships East and 1-8 from 2017 16U VC National Championships West).

Of the winners of 2017 16U East and 16U West, the PTA with the higher finish at the 2015 14U VC National Championships will determine who is seeded first between East and West. Remaining teams will follow the same order.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2018 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 16 of Division 1 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2018 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 16 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

2018 Top 16 Seeds

17U Girls					17U Boys			
1	ON	9	ON		1	ON	9	ON
2	MB	10	BC		2	MB	10	MB
3	ON	11	ON		3	ON	11	ON
4	MB	12	AB		4	BC	12	AB
5	ON	13	ON		5	ON	13	ON
6	MB	14	AB		6	AB	14	AB
7	ON	15	QC		7	ON	15	QC
8	AB	16	AB		8	AB	16	AB

April 23 2018 correction – Teams listed in red have been amended from the original seeding.

2) The remaining teams will be distributed in the following sequence. The order of seeding for each sequence will be determined based on the PTAs highest final placement in 16U from 2017 VC National Championships. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be completed as per item 2.2.

  a) The PTA Champions from the following 5 provinces: BC, AB, MB, ON, QC

  b) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 5 provinces: BC, AB, MB, ON, QC

  c) The PTA Champions from the following 3 provinces: SK, NS, NB

  d) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 3 provinces: BC, AB, ON

  e) The 4th place finishing team from the following 3 provinces: BC, AB, ON

  f) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 2 provinces: MB, QC

g) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 3 provinces: SK, NS, NB

h) Division 2 Champion's PTA from previous year's East and West events. Order to be determined based on the higher PTA finish at the 14U 2015 VC National Championships.

> 2017 16U Boys East Division 2 Champions: No Division 2
> 2017 16U Boys West Division 2 Champions: No Division 2
> 2017 16U Girls East Division 2 Champions: QC
> 2017 16U Girls West Division 2 Champions: AB

3) Remaining spaces in Division 1 will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

* Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 2

1) Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT and PE registered in the event will be seeded at the top of Division 2. The order of these teams will be based on the PTAs highest final placement in 16U VC National Championships from 2017. If the PTA does not have a result, the order will be determined by a draw and teams will be placed following the teams with a result from 2017 VC National Championships.

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2 regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in Division 1.

2) Teams requesting to play in a lower division than their original rank will be seeded after the above mentioned Champions.

3) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

* If there is no Division 2, Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded after the Division 2 Champions of the previous year and before the percentile method.

** Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 3-4

1) The top seeds will be allocated to teams from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE who have earned a seed into higher divisions, but have requested a lower division *(subject to approval from VC and their PTA)* in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

2) All remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

3) Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in for the VC National Championships will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*

2.2 Ties

Ties in team or PTA results will be broken by the following criteria:

1) Order of highest final standing of PTA at the 2015 14U VC National Championships.

2) Highest number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 and 2 of Division 1 at the 2015 VC 14U National Championships.

3) Highest number of teams from the PTA in all of Division 1 at the 2015 14U VC National Championships.

4) Provincial Championship final result of teams within same PTA. If still tied, the teams with the highest pre-tournament seed at PTA Championships.

5) A draw will determine the order in which the tied teams will be seeded.

3.0
16U Boys and Girls

3.1 Seeding

1) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON

2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC

3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON

4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: NB and NS

5) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC

6) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, ON

7) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details.

The order of seeding will be determined based on the PTAs highest final placement at the 16U 2015 VC National Championships. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be completed as per item 3.2.

* Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018 but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 2 New for 2018!

1) Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT and PE registered in the event will be seeded at the top of Division 2. The order of these teams will be based on the PTAs highest final placement in 16U VC National Championships from 2015. If the PTA does not have a result, the order will be determined by a draw and teams will be placed following the teams with a result from 2015 VC National Championships.

   The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2 regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in Division 1.

2) Teams requesting to play in a lower division than their original rank will be seeded after the above mentioned Champions.

3) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

* If there is no Division 2, Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded after the Division 2 Champions of the previous year and before the percentile method.

** Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 3-4

1) The top seeds will be allocated to teams from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE who have earned a seed into higher divisions, but have requested a lower division *(subject to approval from VC and their PTA)* in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

2) All remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

3) Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in for the VC National Championships will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they*

chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.

3.2 Ties

Ties in team or PTA results will be broken by the following criteria:

1) Order of highest final standing of PTA at the 2015 16U VC National Championships.

2) Highest number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 and 2 of Division 1 at the 2015 VC 16U National Championships.

3) Highest number of teams from the PTA in all of Division 1 at the 2015 16U VC National Championships.

4) Provincial Championship final result of teams within same PTA. If still tied, the teams with the highest pre-tournament seed at PTA Championships.

5) A draw will determine the order in which the tied teams will be seeded.

4.0
15U Boys and Girls

4.1 Seeding

1) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON

2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC

3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON

4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: NB and NS

5) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC

6) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, ON

7) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details.

The order of seeding will be determined based on the PTAs highest final placement at the 15U 2015 VC National Championships. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be completed as per item 4.2.

Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018 but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

Division 2 *New for 2018!*

1) Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT and PE registered in the event will be seeded at the top of Division 2. The order of these teams will be based on the PTAs highest final placement in 15U VC National Championships from 2015. If the PTA does not have a result, the order will be determined by a draw and teams will be placed following the teams with a result from 2015 VC National Championships.

   The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2 regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in Division 1.

2) Teams requesting to play in a lower division than their original rank will be seeded after the above mentioned Champions.

3) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

If there is no Division 2, Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded after the Division 2 Champions of the previous year and before the percentile method.

**Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018, but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.*

Division 3-4

1) The top seeds will be allocated to teams from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE who have earned a seed into higher divisions, but have requested a lower division *(subject to approval from VC and their PTA)* in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

2) All remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details on how percentile is calculated.

3) Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in for the VC National Championships will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*

4.2 Ties

Ties in team or PTA results will be broken by the following criteria:

1) Order of highest final standing of PTA at the 2015 15U VC National Championships.

2) Highest number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 and 2 of Division 1 at the 2015 VC 15U National Championships.

3) Highest number of teams from the PTA in all of Division 1 at the 2015 15U VC National Championships.

4) Provincial Championship final result of teams within same PTA. If still tied, the teams with the highest pre-tournament seed at PTA Championships.

5) A draw will determine the order in which the tied teams will be seeded.

5.0
14U Boys and Girls

5.1 Seeding

1) The PTA Champions from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.

2) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.

3) The PTA Champions from NB, NS, PE, NL, YT, NT, and NU.

4) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.

5) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 6.0 for details.

6) Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in for the VC National Championships will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*

* Teams may request to participate in a lower division prior to May 4th 2018 but cannot request to be moved to a higher division.

5.2 Ties

Ties in team or PTA results will be broken by the following criteria:

1) Order of highest final standing of PTA at the 2015 14U VC National Championships.

2) Highest number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 and 2 of Division 1 at the 2015 VC 14U National Championships.

3) Highest number of teams from the PTA in all of Division 1 at the 2015 14U VC National Championships.

4) Provincial Championship final result of teams within same PTA. If still tied, the teams with the highest pre-tournament seed at PTA Championships.

5) A draw will determine the order in which the tied teams will be seeded.

6.0

Percentile Method

Percentile seeding is calculated by dividing the number of teams that a team finished ahead of in their PTA Championship by the total number of teams that participated of that age category.

Example: Team X finished 3rd at their Provincial Championship which had 40 teams participate in their age category.

PTA 3 = 40 (teams) – 3 (placement) / 40 teams * 100 = 93rd percentile

1) For teams who participate in a combined championship:

   The oldest of the age groups in a combined event will receive a "true rank" in that they will be ranked where they finish, including the younger team's results.

   The rankings for the younger teams will have the older team's results removed for the purpose of seeding them in relativity to other teams of the same age group but will include all teams for the calculation of total teams.

   Example: PTA X hosts a combined 17U & 18U event with a total of 20 teams with the following results:

   1st - Team A (18U)
   2nd - Team B (17U)
   3rd – Team C (18U)

   Team A will be ranked 1st and Team C will be ranked 3rd of 20 teams for 18U however Team B will be ranked 1st of 20 teams for 17U.

2) Teams playing up an age group will factor into the calculation.

   Example: PTA X hosts a 17U event with a total of 20 teams. One 16U team participated in the event, their results will not be removed or separated and the total will remain as 20 teams.