



2019 Beach Nationals Handbook – Senior

Ashbridges Bay | Toronto, Ontario

August 15-18, 2019

Beach Nationals is an open event, hosted in two major categories, Youth and Senior. The event focuses on providing a competitive environment for athletes and allows them to compete against elite players from across the country for the title of National Champion! This year, the city of Toronto is honoured to host the 2019 Beach Nationals at Ashbridges Bay.

In addition, the 2019 event will be attended by Steve Anderson, Volleyball Canada's National Team Head Coach, Adriana Bento, Volleyball Canada's Assistant National Team Coach and Dana Cooke, Volleyball Canada's Next Gen National Team Assistant Coach. Steve, Adriana and Dana will be available throughout the weekend to discuss the National Team programs.

Eligibility

All athletes wishing to participate in Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) 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. Canada Cup
 - c. Provincial Team programs
 - d. Canada Games
 - e. Member of the National Team
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 the 2019 Beach Nationals Exemption Form [Exemption Form](#) with their request by **Tuesday, August 6th**. Please refer to the last page of this document for a summary of important dates to remember.

Registration

All teams must register at register.volleyball.ca. Registration dates and fees can be found below:

Registration Opens: Tuesday, June 18th at 12:00 NOON ET

Early Bird Deadline: Tuesday, July 9th at 5:00 PM ET

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 6th at 5:00 PM ET

*Teams may register late between Tuesday, August 6th at 5:01 PM ET – Friday, August 9th at 5:00 PM ET for an additional administration fee of \$75. Teams will **not** be permitted to register after August 9th at 5:01 PM ET.

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

Early Bird Price	June 18 – July 9 th	\$255
Regular Price	July 10 – August 6 th	\$305
Late Price	August 6 th – August 9 th	\$380

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

Note: Teams should register according to the above stated deadlines. You can register for Nationals prior to participating in your Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) championship.



Team Jerseys

All teams registered for the event will receive a team uniform that must be worn for all matches. Athletes will need to indicate their player number (1 or 2), and shirt size at the time of registration.

Female teams will be able to choose between a lululemon sport bra or lululemon tank top.

Male teams will receive a lululemon tank top.

Wait 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. If a registered team withdraws 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 6th) will be refunded their registration fee, less a \$50 admin fee.

Withdrawal after registration deadline:

If a team withdraws from the event after the registration deadline (Tuesday, August 6th), 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. Please note that late withdrawals may affect the schedule.

Competition Format

The competition will run with two days of pool play followed by one day of playoff matches. The schedule will vary based on the number of teams registered. All teams are guaranteed their pool rounds and at least one playoff match.

Day 1 August 16th Pool Play
Day 2 August 17th Power Pools
Day 3 August 18th Playoffs

Practice Opportunity

Teams are welcome to practice on the courts from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 15th on a first come, first serve basis. The courts will NOT be available for practice in the evening due to the local league. Please refer to the control tent to collect volleyballs, and to return volleyballs upon completion of practice.

Team Check In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 from 1:00PM until 8:00PM. The team check-in location will be posted on the [2019 Beach Nationals webpage](#) closer to the event date.

Please note that all athletes must provide photo identification when checking in (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 and assume responsibility for player uniforms. Both athletes do not need to be present in order to check in.



Players' Meeting

There will be **no** meeting for the Senior division at Nationals.

Each team will be required to sign Volleyball Canada Rules Acknowledgment Form outlining the tournament rules and policies upon check-in. The team representative may sign this form on behalf of the team.

If you are unable to attend team check-in, please let us know by Tuesday, August 6th at nationals@volleyball.ca.

Protests

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.

- The captain must lodge the protest immediately to the first referee and present \$50 cash.
- Scorekeeper must note on the scoresheet that a protest has been lodged.
- The protest is then referred to the appropriate higher authority (tournament committee and ground jury) for acceptance or refusal.
- Refusal means that the game or match result stands as played.
- Acceptance involves replaying of the event in whole or in part depending on the judgment and in the next available space as allocated by the ground jury.
- If the protest is accepted, the \$50 will be refunded.

For more information on protests, please [Click Here](#).

Seeding

Seeding for the Senior Beach Nationals will be based on the Volleyball Canada Points system.

Volleyball Canada will track the points of all senior players throughout the summer and will email the point rankings to each team once registration has closed. It is the responsibility of each team to contact Volleyball Canada within the allotted timeline to correct any errors.

Schedules

A draft event schedule will be posted online closer to the event. All FINAL tournament schedules will be available online after all teams have checked-in on Thursday, August 15th, 2019.

Schedules can be found on the [2019 Beach Nationals website](#).

Results

Match times and results can be found on [ISET Sports](#).

You can follow your team on ISET for team-specific updates:

- Step 1 – Go to the 'Teams' tab of the event page (once available)
- Step 2 – Click on your team name to open your team profile
- Step 3 – Click on 'Get Updates' and subscribe to get email updates, including competition scores for your team

2019 – Live scoring and live results will once again be available.



Player Referees

Volleyball Canada does its best to schedule referees for Senior Nationals matches, however, a player referee schedule will be made to ensure all matches are refereed. Should a Volleyball Canada referee not be available for a match, the assigned team will be responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. If a referee is available, players will still be responsible for score-keeping the match.

Failure to show up to your refereeing assignment will result in a \$50 fine to the team.

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.

Tie Breakers

Tie-breaking procedures after pool play has been completed will be as follows::

- **Tie between two teams:**
 - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool is ranked higher.
 - If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
- **Tie between three teams:**
 - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
 - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool.
 - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding.

Coaching

Coaching is NOT permitted during matches 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 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 website for more information: www.cces.ca

Volleyball Canada Policies

Please refer to [Volleyball Canada Policies](#) and to the [Beach Nationals Webpage](#) for beach volleyball specific policies on Extreme Heat and Suspended Play.

Tournament Committee

Tournament Director
Volleyball Canada Representative
Tournament Referee Supervisor

General Inquiries nationals@volleyball.ca



Safe Sport

Volleyball Canada is committed to providing a safe sport environment for all our participants.

If you are a victim or witness of criminal behavior, please contact your local law enforcement agency or dial 911 in emergencies.

The Government of Canada has also provided a designated contact line to report abuse in sport:

CANADIAN SPORT
HELPline

8 am - 8 pm (ET)
7 days a week

1-888-83SPORT (77678)

info@abuse-free-sport.ca

www.abuse-free-sport.ca

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Good Luck to All Participants!



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Important Dates

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Late Registration	Friday, August 9 th By 5:00PM ET	
Practice Opportunity	Thursday August 15 th 1:00PM – 5:00PM ET	No Practice available after 5:00PM
Team Check-in	Thursday, August 15 th 1:00PM – 8:00PM ET	
Final Tournament Schedules	Thursday, August 15 th	Beach Nationals Website
Mandatory Meeting	Friday August 16 th	Refer to Beach Nationals Website for time and location