



2019 Beach Nationals Handbook - Youth

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 allow them to compete against elite players from across the country for the title of National Champion!

Age Divisions

The 2019 Youth Beach event will feature six age categories:

- 20U:** Athletes born September 1, 1998 or younger.
- 18U:** Athletes born September 1, 2000 or younger.
- 16U:** Athletes born September 1, 2002 or younger.
- 15U (girls only):** Athletes born September 1, 2003 or younger.
- 14U:** Athletes born September 1, 2004 or younger.

*Note: there is no 17U or 15U Boys division. Participants are able to compete up in an age category; athletes who fall in this group should refer to the [Age Categories Policy](#).

Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete at Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) 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. Canada Cup
 - 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 the 2019 Beach Nationals [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
Early Bird Deadline: Tuesday, July 9th
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 6th

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

Early Bird Price	June 18 – July 9 th	\$235
Regular Price	July 10 – August 6 th	\$285

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



Note: Teams should register according to the above stated deadlines and are encouraged to register for Nationals prior to participating in the 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 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.

Waitlist

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 6th) will be refunded their registration fee less a \$50 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

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's playoff day.

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.

It is **acceptable** for a team representative to check a team in. The representative must assume responsibility for player uniforms.



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

Players' Meeting

The players' meeting for Youth Beach Nationals is **MANDATORY** and will occur the morning of Friday, August 16th (refer to [Beach Nationals Website](#) for the events schedule and meeting time). This meeting will cover all tournament protocols, rules, and formats.

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 will be done according to the following principles:

- Step 1: The top 4 placements of each age category from 2018 Beach Nationals earn their PTA 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 20U will be based on results from last year's 18U division.

Schedules

A draft event schedule will be posted online prior to Beach Nationals. 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

Players are responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. Please be aware of this when you see your schedule, 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 referee duties each day, including the final day (including the match after they are eliminated). If a team is not able to complete their referee assignment, the team must identify another team that is able to referee on their behalf and notify the control tent as soon as possible.

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.

Note: More information on Court Supervisors will be provided during the players’ meeting.

Tie Breakers

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

- **Tie between two teams:**
 - The team with the 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 tied teams are to be ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool.
 - If still tied, then the ranking of tied teams is determined by the tournament seeding.

Coaching

- Coaching is not allowed during play.
- Coaching is not allowed during the match for all athletes playing 18U & 20U.
- Coaching is allowed during time-outs and between sets for youth athletes’ 16U and younger only.

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>



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.

Beach Hand Setting Rule

*New as of 2018 for 16U and younger. Please see the [Beach Hand Setting Rule](#) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

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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Exemption Form	Tuesday, August 6 th	Exemption Form
Unable to attend Team Check-in	Tuesday, August 6 th	nationals@volleyball.ca
Withdrawal	Tuesday, August 6 th By 5:00PM ET	\$50 administration fee
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