



Volleyball Canada Suspended Play and Lightning Policy

Beach Nationals

Suspended Play Procedures

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and final decisions fall to the tournament director. Teams are required to remain “on-call” or “onsite” , unless otherwise instructed, and are responsible for following event communications. Teams that miss their rescheduled match may be subject to forfeit.

Play shall be suspended if the Tournament Director and Committee foresee:

- Inclement weather
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Safety concerns
- Other discretionary reason to clear the beach (i.e. darkness).

Notification of suspended play:

- **Horn:** a horn will sound, notifying a suspended play,
- **Announcement:** following the horn, an announcement will be made over the speakers notifying the participants of the suspended play,
- **Social Media:** the announcement and instructions may also be communicated through Volleyball Canada’s National social media platform; Twitter,
- **Text Message (if available):** the announcement and instructions may be communicated through the tournament text messaging system – sent to all participants that signed up for the service through registration.

*Additional communications may be sent to registered email addresses and posted to the tournament website.

Suspended Play Procedures:

The following procedures may be communicated through previously mentioned tools and platforms.

- OFFICIATING teams are responsible for recording the score on the scoresheet and taking the clipboard and ball with them.



- Athletes PLAYING are responsible for ensuring the score is recorded properly.

Resuming Play:

- **Horn:** a horn will sound, notifying teams that play is permitted to resume,
- **Announcement:** following the horn, an announcement will be made over the speakers notifying the participants of the resuming play with specific instructions,
- **Social Media:** the announcement and instructions may be communicated through Volleyball Canada's National social media platform; Twitter,
- **Text Message (if available):** the announcement and instructions may be communicated through the tournament text messaging system – sent to all participants that signed up for the service upon registration.

*Additional communications may be sent to registered email addresses and posted to the tournament website.

Resumption of Play Procedures:

- Teams will be notified of a match start time, at which time teams will have 10 minutes to warm-up and resume their matches.
- If play is to be resumed on the same day:
 - **Less than 4-hour delay:** The interrupted set shall continue normally with the same score, players and positions.
 - **Delay exceeds 4-hours:** The whole match shall be replayed.
- If play is to be resumed the following day, the whole match shall be replayed.
- Schedules and match formats may need to be adjusted to allow for all matches to be played. Updated schedules will be posted to the tournament website.
- The tournament director reserves the right to adjust the above listed procedures based on weather and/or other restrictions. Any further details or changes made by the tournament director and committee will be communicated to event participants.

Lightning Protocol:

Please follow above procedures for all circumstances, including lightning and inclement weather.

- All participants, team staff, spectators, staff and volunteers must immediately evacuate the beach and go to cars or indoor facilities and **DO NOT SEEK SHELTER UNDER TREES**,
- In the case of lightning, the area must be **lightning free for 30 minutes** (as per Environment Canada) before play resumes,
- Following the 30 minutes, the resuming play procedures will be put into place as per above.



Cancellation Procedures:

Cancellations will be communicated through the previously mentioned platforms.

If unforeseen circumstances interrupt the match, the tournament committee has the right to cancel matches due to unsafe circumstances and/or scheduling obligations.

- **Scheduling:** Cancelled matches may be re-scheduled to the following day. Updated schedules will be posted on the tournament website.
- **Rankings:** If the event gets cancelled midway through playoffs (Day 3), all teams remaining in each tournament age category (that have not yet been eliminated) will tie for ranking.
- **Prizing:** If a tournament is cancelled, the following procedures shall be used when dispersing monies after the first match has been completed:
 - Divide money equally between remaining teams.
 - If cancelled prior to completion of pool play, all teams with the ability to advance will receive an equal share of the money.
- **Refund:** There will be no refunds offered due to conditions outside of the control of Volleyball Canada.