

# Foreign Individual and Foreign Team Participation



## Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- 1) **Foreign Participant** - A participant who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident; OR a citizen residing in Canada affiliated with another National Volleyball Federation not being Volleyball Canada.
- 2) **Resident Foreign Participant** - A person who is not a Canadian citizen residing in Canada holding "resident" versus "visitor" status. Proof of "Resident" status includes providing documentation substantiating enrollment and attendance in an educational institution in Canada (excludes on-line courses) OR proof of employment in Canada AND a corresponding physical residence address (excludes a P.O. Box or "care of" address). A copy of a current student or work visa is required for the duration of eligibility.
- 3) **Foreign Participant Release** - Written approval by a Foreign Participant's National Volleyball Federation of origin for that person to affiliate or participate with Volleyball Canada.

## Registration Policy

- 1) Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.
- 2) A **Resident Foreign Participant**, who has competed in an international competition representing his/her country/federation of origin (i.e. Youth National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team, or other "elite" team that has represented that country in international competition) is required to have a written release from that National Volleyball Federation of origin before he/she can become a registered member of a Provincial/Territorial Volleyball Association.
- 3) Item 2 listed above does not apply to a participant who has been in continuous legal residence in Canada and unaffiliated with a foreign national volleyball federation for greater than two years.

## National Championships - Adult

- 1) The following applies to National Adult Championships:
  - a) A **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in Canada) may participate if he/she is duly registered with a Provincial Territorial Association and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
  - b) A **Foreign Participant** may participate only with conglomerate classifications (e. g. Open and age classification tournaments) on the condition that he/she has been granted a written release from his/her National Volleyball Federation of origin and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
- 2) **Foreign Team** Participation for National Adult Competitions (e.g. Volleyball Canada Open Championships) (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the National Volleyball Federation of origin grants permission for participation.
- 3) Each Foreign Participant (on a Foreign Team) and all members of a Foreign Team must purchase health and travel insurance.
- 4) Each Foreign Participant will comply with Volleyball Canada's registration protocols.

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## National Championships – Age Class

- 1) The following applies to National Age Class Championships:
  - a) A **Resident Foreign Participant** may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a Provincial Territorial Association and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
  - b) A **Foreign Participant** shall not be eligible to participate.
- 2) **Foreign Team** Participation for National Age Class Competitions (e.g. Volleyball Canada Age Class National Championships, National Invitational and all Qualifying Events), (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the National Volleyball Federation of origin grants permission for participation.
- 3) Each Foreign Participant (on a Foreign Team) and all members of a Foreign Team must purchase health and travel insurance.
- 4) Each Foreign Participant will comply with Volleyball Canada's registration protocols.

## Provincial/Territorial Association Programs and Events

- 1) A **Resident Foreign Participant** may participate if he/she is a duly registered member of a Volleyball Canada Provincial/Territorial Association.
- 2) A **Foreign Participant** shall not participate on a Provincial/Territorial Club Team.
- 3) A **Foreign Team** may participate in a Provincial/Territorial Association Program or Event if:
  - a) Accepted by the Provincial/Territorial Association in compliance with its regulations and is not representing its country in an official capacity.
  - b) The Foreign Team purchases and provides proof of travel and health insurance.
  - c) The Foreign Team complies with Volleyball Canada's and the Provincial/Territorial Association's registration protocols.

## Dual Citizenship

Volleyball Canada will review applications for exemptions related to this Policy in the case of dual citizenship. The Domestic Development Committee (DDC) will review the application after receiving all requested information below:

- 1) USAV or other National Federation letter of release stating the athlete may be released to play in Canada.
- 2) Any relevant Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) letter of release stating the athlete may be released to play in Canada.
- 3) Proof of Canadian citizenship.
- 4) Proof of health and/or travel insurance. Signed copy of the Foreign Participant Registration form and related documents.