# Stay to Play Policy



Volleyball Canada has instituted a Stay to Play policy in an effort to ensure accommodations availability for all National Championship's participants while also better managing competition costs.

The Stay to Play policy is in effect for all Volleyball Canada Indoor National Championships; all participating teams are required to book accommodations through the event's Accommodation Management Provider (AMP) in order to participate in the tournament.

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## **Stay to Play Regulations**

- Teams must book enough rooms to accommodate every player and team personnel on their tournament roster for the duration of competition.
   Example: Team of 8 Athletes = 3 Room minimum → 8 athletes = 2 rooms + coach(es)=1 room.
  - Team of 12 Athletes = 4 room minimum  $\rightarrow$  12 athletes = 3 rooms + coach(es)=1 room.
- Teams must book a minimum of two nights.
- Teams must abide by the hotel's occupancy policies.
- Team Codes obtained via the registration confirmation are required to book accommodations.
- Teams are not permitted to book accommodations prior to the opening date for registration and accommodations.
- Teams are not permitted to book directly with the hotels; all bookings must be made via the event's housing provider.
- Teams can only stay at designated hotels listed in the AMP's booking portal.

It is the responsibility of each team to review and abide by the Stay to Play policy. VC will cross-reference all participating teams prior to the event to ensure that all registered teams are in compliance with the policy.

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## **Exemption from the Stay to Play Policy**

Volleyball Canada offers exemptions from the Stay to Play policy for both teams and individuals under the following categories:

Proximity Exemption Request: If the team/athlete is based within the specified proximity
distance from the competition venue or the team/athlete plans to stay with family or friends
that resides within the proximity distance, the team/athlete may be eligible for an exemption
from the policy.

Note: Proximity distances differ by city; please visit your event website for event specific details.

2. **Special Exemption Request:** A Special Exemption Request will need to be completed for all other exemption requests. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be reviewed by the Stay to Play Review Committee.

This policy has been put in place to benefit teams, local event organizers and Volleyball Canada alike. For more information, please visit the National Championships webpage.