



# **2020 Beach Nationals Handbook – Senior**

**Ashbridges Bay | Toronto, Ontario**

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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 2020 Beach Nationals at Ashbridges Bay.

In addition, the 2020 event will be attended by Steve Anderson and Adriana Bento Volleyball Canada's Next Gen Head Coaches. Steve and Adriana will be available throughout the weekend to discuss the National Team programs.

## Technical Organisation

### 01

## 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 is required to fill out the [2020 Beach Nationals Exemption Form](#) with their request by **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. *Please refer to Appendix for a summary of important dates to remember.*

### 02

## Registration

All teams must register at [register.volleyball.ca](http://register.volleyball.ca). Registration dates and fees can be found below:



## 2.1 Deadlines & Fees

**Registration Opens:** Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM ET

**Early Bird Deadline:** Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM ET

**Registration Deadline:** Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59 PM ET\*

\* Late entries are subject to a \$75 late registration fee (per team). Volleyball Canada reserves the right to accept teams after the deadline if it benefits the tournament draws and/or refuse late entry to teams if it is to the detriment of the tournament draw. Late registrations will **not** be considered after August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:01 PM ET.

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

<b>Early Bird Price</b>	June 16 <sup>th</sup> – July 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$255
<b>Regular Price</b>	July 8 <sup>th</sup> – August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$305

*\*VC reserves the right to cancel any 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.

## 2.2 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, or draws are expanded, teams on the wait list will be contacted and given the opportunity to register.

## 2.3 Withdrawals

Any team wishing to withdraw from Nationals, needs to complete the [Team Withdrawal Form](#).

Refunds will be issued based on the following timelines.

**Withdrawal before registration deadline:**

Teams who withdraw before the registration deadline (Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59PM) 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 (Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 AM), 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.



## 2.4 Partner Change Request

If a partner change is required prior to tournament check-in, players must complete the online [Partner Change Request Form](#) found on the Beach Nationals tournament page. Players/Coaches will be required to submit the below information.

- Name of person submitting change and contact info
- Original team' s full names
- Division/Age-Group of original team
- New team' s full names
- Division/Age-Group of new team
- Reason for Change

## 2.5 Team Uniforms

All teams registered for Beach Nationals will receive a team uniform that must be worn for all matches.

**Women:** players will be able to choose between a lululemon sport bra or tank top.

**Men:** players will receive a lululemon tank top.

*\*Volleyball Canada will make every attempt to fulfill size requests, however, sizing cannot be guaranteed.*

## 2.6 Other Uniform Options

In addition to the uniforms provided by Volleyball Canada, teams may wear any other matching lululemon tanks or bras. These may not contain any additional branding, aside from the lululemon or Volleyball Canada logos. If athletes are seen wearing uniforms that do not meet these requirements, they will be asked to change into their Volleyball Canada provided uniforms.

## 2.7 Cold Weather Uniforms

In cold temperatures and wet conditions, athletes are permitted to wear additional compression-style clothing under their team uniforms. These items should be consistent in style, fabric and colour for both athletes.

Approval must be granted by the referees or by the VC Tournament Committee.



## 03

# Competition Format

**Important Notice:** The competition format for Senior Nationals is currently under review. Once finalised, any changes will be noted within this handbook, as well as on the Volleyball Canada Beach Nationals webpage. The final tournament format will be released by June 2020.

### 3.1 Format of Play

Match play – best 2 out of 3, with first 2 games to 21 points. A third game (if necessary) will be to 15. This format could change at the discretion of VC.

### 3.2 Prize Money

Total prize money at Beach Nationals will be \$15,000 (\$7,500/gender) with the following prize breakdown per team:

- 1st - \$4,000
- 2nd - \$2,000
- 3rd - \$1,000
- 4th - \$500

## 04

# Competition Equipment

### 4.1 Official Ball

The official game ball supplier for Beach Nationals is Wilson.

### 4.2 Net Height

Net Heights (in meters)	Women	Men
	2.24	2.43

### 4.3 Line Width

For VC Beach Nationals width of lines is 2.5 - 8.0cm.



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## **Team Check-In & Player's Meeting**

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 1:00PM until 7:00PM. The team check-in location will be posted on the [2020 Beach Nationals webpage](#) prior to the event date.

Please note that all athletes must provide photo identification when checking in (driver's license, health card, or passport). A team representative may also 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.

### **5.1 Volleyball Canada Rules Acknowledgement Form**

Each team is required to sign the Volleyball Canada Rules Acknowledgment Form outlining the tournament rules and policies. This can be completed at check-in by either the individual players or the team representative.

**If for some reason you are unable to attend team check-in, please let us know by Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at [nationals@volleyball.ca](mailto:nationals@volleyball.ca).**

### **5.2 Players' Meeting**

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

### **5.3 Practice Opportunity**

Teams are welcome to practice on the courts from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first served basis. The courts will **NOT** be available for practice in the evening due to the local league.

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## **Referees**

### **6.1 Player Referees**

All teams will be required to help score and officiate matches throughout the tournament. A schedule will be issued detailing when you play and when you are expected to officiate each day. Please note, this will include duties after the match you are eliminated. For matches where a Volleyball Canada referee is present, the assigned team will only be responsible for score-keeping the match.



Failure to show up to your refereeing assignment will result in a \$50 fine to the team. If a team is not able to complete their referee assignment, they must identify another team to referee on their behalf and notify the Control Tent (as soon as possible) of the change.

## 6.2 Court Supervisors

Court Supervisors (official Volleyball Canada referees) will be present and walking around the courts throughout the competition. If there is an issue on your court, please see a court supervisor immediately before resuming play.

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### Medical Services

Medical services will be available on-site during the tournament from Thursday through Sunday. You will find the medical tent located beside the Volleyball Canada control tent. Free taping and medical service will be available to all participants.

For information on our Concussion Policy, please refer to *Section 17, VC Policies*, below.

## Competition Regulations

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### Seeding

Seeding for the Senior Beach Nationals will be based on the [Volleyball Canada Points System](#) (Appendix B). Volleyball Canada will track tournament points of all senior players throughout the course of the season. Once registration has closed, VC will combine the individual player points of each registered pair, and divide it by two (2) to calculate an average point total for the registered team. Seeds will be applied based on this point total.

**Note:** Once registration has closed, VC will email all players with their individual player points total for review. If a discrepancy is noticed, it is the responsibility of each player/team to contact Volleyball Canada within the allotted timeline to correct any errors.





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## **Schedules**

All **FINAL** tournament schedules will be available online at <http://www.iset.net> after check in has finished, on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Draft master schedules can be found on the Beach Nationals page on the VC Website.

- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to the pre-assigned start time without approval from VC.

Should a court run late, the next match will start 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

### **9.1 Scheduled Breaks**

Volleyball Canada will attempt to schedule a mid-day break on each day of the tournament. If at any time, however, play should fall behind schedule, these breaks will be played through to ensure all matches complete before 5pm when Volleyball Canada's rental agreement ends. It is each player's responsibility to ensure they are aware of the matches on court, and the order of play, to ensure they are ready for their match.

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## **Sanctions**

A team or an individual may be sanctioned, including fines, if any of the following infractions occur while the team is participating at Beach Nationals:

- The accommodation facilities or tournament facilities are deliberately damaged by a member of their team.
- The tournament equipment is deliberately damaged by any member of their team.
- The Volleyball Canada Code of Conduct is violated in any way.
- The FIVB Official Rulebook, and Volleyball Canada Rule Variations are violated in any way.
- A team does not fulfill its competitive obligations to an event. If for some reason your team is unable to attend an event that they have registered for or is unable to attend a game that they are scheduled for, it is the team's responsibility to notify a VC representative as soon as possible.
- Any other infraction that the Beach Nationals Committee deems to be detrimental to the event and/or its participants.



## 10.1 Sanctions/Payments

In addition to performance bond related sanctions listed above, Volleyball Canada also has the following sanctions/payments in place for all VC Beach Nationals:

- \$50.00 fine for missing a Referee Assignment
- \$50.00 cash to lodge an Official Protest

## 10.2 Bad Standing

A team or player that is sanctioned in any way because of an infraction related to a VC Beach Nationals will be placed in bad standing with VC and their respective PTA. The team or club will remain in bad standing until the sanction has been removed or paid in full to Volleyball Canada. While a team or club is in bad standing they will not be able to register for any events sanctioned by their PTA or VC.

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# Protests

In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, before play resumes. Please remember that NO match will be replayed, as protests have to be placed at the moment of the incident.

A fee of \$50 must be provided in cash immediately to the Tournament Desk in order for the protest to be assessed. The funds will be returned if the protest is upheld; however, if it is overturned, the funds will go towards referee development.

- The player must lodge the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged and play must stop immediately.
- The protest is then referred to the appropriate higher authority (i.e. Head Officials) for acceptance or refusal.
  - Refusal means that the game or match continues or result stands as played.
  - Acceptance involves replaying of the point/set/match in whole or in part depending on the judgment and on the next available court allocated by the ground jury.

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



## 11.1 Types of Issues

The following types of issues can be protested or appealed:

- An improper decision by the referee who did not apply the rules or regulations.
- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.
- Please note that judgement calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (i.e. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested.
- The protest will be accepted or rejected prior to the resumption of play.

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### Results

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

You can follow your team on ISET for team-specific updates by following the below steps:

- 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

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### Tie Breakers

Tie-breaking procedures after pool play has been completed will be broken by the following procedures in priority order. ONLY tied teams are taken into consideration.

- **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 the 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.



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## **Coaching**

Coaching during match play is **NOT** allowed at Senior Nationals. Volleyball Canada defines coaching as advice, instruction, or external assistance of any kind to a team/player.

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## **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](http://www.cces.ca)

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## **Rules of the Game**

The [FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2017-2020](#) will be used for the 2020 Beach Volleyball Nationals, with the exception of the Volleyball Canada variations. Please refer to the [Volleyball Canada website](#) for a full description of the rule variations.

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## **Volleyball Canada Policies**

Please refer to the links below for full descriptions of Volleyball Canada's Beach Nationals policies.

### **17.1 [Suspended Play](#)**

For information on inclement weather, extraordinary circumstances, safety concerns, and other discretionary reason to clear the beach (i.e. darkness).

### **17.2 [Extreme Heat](#)**

For information on how we respond to extreme weather conditions.



### **17.3 [Concussion Policy](#)**

For information on the measures implemented at all VC Nationals. For details on the [Concussion Management Pathway click here](#).

### **17.4 [Code of Conduct](#)**

For the official Volleyball Canada Code of Conduct Policy.

### **17.5 [Discipline & Complaints](#)**

For information on the discipline and complaints process.

### **17.6 [Protest Policy](#)**

For full details on the procedure and criteria when evaluating a protest.

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# **Tournament Committee**

The Beach Tournament Committee will consist of three (3) individuals:

- Tournament Director;
- Tournament Referee Supervisor; and a
- Volleyball Canada Representative.

### **18.1 Committee Authority**

The Tournament Committee has the highest level of authority at Nationals and its decisions take precedence and cannot be appealed. They are in place to evaluate complaints and render decisions regarding issues that arise about the event organization and all technical matters.

Tournament Committee may be called upon to make decisions on, but not limited to, any of the following matters:

- Competition Protests
- Player Eligibility
- Uniforms
- Spectators
- Playing surface/area
- Schedules and Draws



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## 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:





## Appendix A

# Important Dates

Item	Deadline Date	Additional Information
Registration Open	Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM ET	
Early Bird Deadline	Tuesday, July 7 <sup>th</sup> By 5:00PM ET	
Registration Deadline	Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 11:59PM ET	
Exemption Form	Tuesday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Exemption Form</a>
Unable to attend Team Check-in	Tuesday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="mailto:nationals@volleyball.ca">nationals@volleyball.ca</a>
Withdrawal	Sunday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> By 11:59PM ET	Less a \$50 administration fee No refund after Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 12:00AM ET
Practice Opportunity	Thursday August 13 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM – 5:00PM ET	No Practice available after 5:00PM
Team Check-in	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup> 1:00PM – 7:00PM ET	
Final Tournament Schedules	Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Beach Nationals Website</a> , ISET

**Appendix B**

**VC Senior Points System**

**Senior Beach Volleyball Points Breakdown**

Rank	FIVB Senior WC	5*	4*	3*	Con. Championship	2*	Con. Cup Final	Con. Tour Master	Recognized Multi-Sports Games	1*	Con. Tour Open/Satellite/U21 & U19 WCHs	Con. Age Group Championships	Continental Cup/Con. Zonal Tour	Senior Prize Money/Nationals	Provincials/Canada Games	Provincial Tour Event
1	800	600	400	300	300	200	200	160	120	100	100	80	60	40	20	10
2	640	540	360	270	240	180	160	128	96	90	90	64	48	36	16	8
3	480	480	320	240	180	160	120	96	72	80	80	48	36	32	12	6
4	400	420	280	210	150	140	100	80	60	70	70	40	30	28	8	4
5	320	360	240	180	120	120	80	64	48	60	60	32	24	24	4	2
9	240	300	200	150	90	100	60	48	36	50	50	24	18	20	2	1
17	160	240	160	120	60	80	40	32	24	40	40	16	12	16	1	-
25	x	180	120	90	45	60	30	24	18	-	30	12	9	12	-	-
33	150	120	80	60	30	-	20	16	12	-	20	8	6	-	-	-
37	100	-	-	-	15	-	10	8	6	-	10	4	3	-	-	-
41	32	30	20	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-