



Beach Nationals Youth Seeding Policy

The following document summarizes the methods used to seed participating teams in the Volleyball Canada Youth Beach National Championships. Rankings are provided by Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) based on final placings at Provincial Championships. PTAs are required to break any ties in placement.

Volleyball Canada reserves the right to adjust the seeding in an effort to offer the best competition experience to participating teams.

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Seeding

Seeding of all youth divisions will be done according to the following principles:

Step 1: The top four (4) placements of all age-categories will be determined by the standings of the previous year's Beach Nationals, from the age-group directly preceding it. The following provides a break down for each age group:

- U20 will be determined by the previous year's U18 results.
- U18 will be determined by the previous year's U17 results.
- U17 will be determined by the previous year's U16 results.
- U16 will be determined by the previous year's U15 results.
- U15 will be determined by the previous year's U14 results.
- U14 age-categories will skip this step, and move directly to Step 2 for seeding.

* To be eligible for this PTA berth, and to receive the seed, teams from these provinces will need to meet the following requirements.

- Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 8 of their PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 4 at the VC Beach National Championships.
- All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 4 at the VC Beach National Championships.

Provincial allocations in the top four (4) will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

Step 2: The remaining teams, not seeded in Step 1, will then be seeded in the following sequence. In the event of a tie, i.e. multiple teams qualify in each substep, the order will be determined via the tiebreaking procedure as per section *1.1 Tie-Breaking Procedure*.

1. The PTA Champions from the following 4 provinces: AB, BC, ON, QC
2. The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 4 provinces: AB, BC, ON, QC
3. The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 4 provinces: AB, BC, ON, QC
4. The PTA Champions from the following 6 provinces: MB, NS, NB, NL, PEI, SK



5. The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 6 provinces: MB, NS, NB, NL, PEI, SK

Step 3: Any PTAs or territories not yet represented through the first two (2) steps will receive one (1) placement.

Step 4: The first three (3) steps will provide the order of provincial (PTA) seeds to be used for the remainder of the seeding process. This order will be repeated, as necessary, until all registered teams are seeded.

Note 1: If an age category is newly added, i.e. doesn't have results from the previous year, Step 1 is removed and seeding will begin with Step 2.

Note 2: Teams who have received an exemption from their PTA Provincial Championships, and therefore do not hold a PTA ranking, will be assigned one to assure a balanced tournament. The ranking will be decided based on previous tournament performances with input from the team's PTA.

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Tie-Breaking Procedure

Ties will be broken by the following criteria:

- 1) Order of highest final standing of the PTA at the previous year's VC Beach National Championships.
- 2) Greater number of teams from the PTA in Tier 1 of that age-group at the previous year's VC Beach National Championships.
- 3) Greater number of teams from the PTA in all tiers of that age-group at the previous year's VC Beach National Championships.
- 4) If still tied, a draw will determine the seed.