



Divisional Play and Seeding

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

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

Foreign teams will be ranked as per the percentile method based on results from their country's state/provincial championship results. If the foreign team participates in a Canadian PTA Championship, they will be ranked as per the provincial seeding.

New for 2022!

- The Top 16 placement system will not be used in 2022 due to the lack of Nationals results from 2021 and 2020. Volleyball Canada will use the 2022 Nationals results to reassess the previous seeding protocol and determine if it will be adopted again in 2023 or if a new seeding tool is to be created.
- A new competition schedule will be piloted for the 14U and 16U age categories, for more information please click [here](#). The new schedule will be tier based and will not separate teams into divisions. Seeding categories will be divided in groups of 32 (similarly to divisions) to create a standardized seeding process.
 - Teams seeking a lower seed will be placed as of 33rd, 65th and 97th position rather than the top of divisions 2, 3, or 4.
- The order of seeding and ties will be determined by a draw via a random draw generator. A new draw will be completed for each seeding guideline item to ensure fairness and diversity in provincial allocations.

General Information

- For division-based schedules (15U, 17U, 18U), seeding will be broken down into divisions as per the posted schedule for each age/gender category. Division size may vary depending on total teams registered for the age/gender category and may be larger or smaller than the standard 32 teams.
- Requests to play in a lower position than the anticipated seed (based on the guidelines below) must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to Coach Check-in for the specific age/gender category. Teams may not request a higher seeded position. All requests are subject to approval by VC and the PTA.
- Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in at Nationals will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*



1.0

16U, 17U & 18U Boys and Girls

1.1 Seeding

Division 1/ Positions 1 - 32

- 1) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON
- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, and ON
- 4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: NB and NS
- 5) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC
- 6) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, ON
- 7) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: SK, MB, and QC
- 8) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 3.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 1) PTA champions from NL, NU, NT, YT and PE will be seeded at the top of Division 2 (17U, 18U) or as of the 33rd seed (16U).

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.
- 2) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

**For 17U & 18U only: If there is no Division 2, the Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded before the percentile method.*

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.



2.0

14U & 15U Boys and Girls

2.1 Seeding

Division 1/ Positions 1 - 32

- 1) The PTA Champions from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 2) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 3) The PTA Champions from NB, NS, PE, NL, YT, NT, and NU.
- 4) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following 6 provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 5) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 3.0 for details.

Division 2 or lower / Position 33 or lower

The top seeds of will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

3.0

Percentile Method

Percentile seeding is calculated by dividing the number of teams that a team finished ahead of in their PTA Championship by the total number of teams that participated in that age category.

Example: Team X finished 3rd at their Provincial Championship which had 40 teams participate in their age category.

$PTA\ 3 = 40\ (\text{teams}) - 3\ (\text{placement}) / 40\ \text{teams} * 100 = 93\text{rd}\ \text{percentile}$

- 1) For teams who participate in a combined championship:

The oldest of the age groups in a combined event will receive a “true rank” in that they will be ranked where they finish, including the younger team’s results.

The rankings for the younger teams will have the older team’s results removed for the purpose of seeding them in relativity to other teams of the same age group but will include all teams for the calculation of total teams.

Example: PTA X hosts a combined 17U & 18U event with a total of 20 teams with the following results:

- 1st - Team A (18U)
- 2nd - Team B (17U)
- 3rd – Team C (18U)

Team A will be ranked 1st and Team C will be ranked 3rd of 20 teams for 18U however Team B will be ranked 1st of 20 teams for 17U.

- 2) Teams playing up an age group will factor into the calculation.

Example: PTA X hosts a 17U event with a total of 20 teams. One 16U team participated in the event, their results will not be removed or separated and the total will remain as 20 teams.