

2022 Volleyball Canada Youth Beach Nationals Competition Guide



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2022 Beach Nationals Overview

Volleyball Canada (VC) will host two events with 14U-16U categories in order to provide regional access to teams. The 17U-19U age categories will be held together with the Senior competition in Toronto, ON.

| Date | City | Age/Gender | Venue |
|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| August 18 - 21 | Toronto | 14U-19U B&G, Senior M/W | Ashbridges Bay |
| August 25 - 28 | Vancouver | 14U-16U B&G | Spanish Banks East |

**Competition dates include team check-in*

Beach Nationals' COVID-19 Considerations

The health and safety of Volleyball Canada's athletes, staff, and community is our top priority. VC supports the use of Health Canada approved vaccines as a key tool in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and its associated health impacts.

In requiring proof of vaccine status, VC will follow the guidance of local authorities as well as our partner facilities, which may be more stringent than regional guidelines. We understand that this may vary across the country, and we ask our participants to be respectful of COVID mitigation strategies in their respective regions and facilities, and when travelling outside their local area.

As has been the case during the pandemic, Volleyball Canada will continue to evaluate its guidelines on a regular basis.

How to keep informed

Official COVID-19 notices will be posted on our website and relayed via our Nationals newsletter. Team contacts, coaches, players, and parents are also encouraged to follow our social media platforms for related updates.

The Nationals newsletter provides relevant information directly to your inbox. [Sign up here](#)

Event Hosting Considerations

In an effort to successfully host Beach Nationals amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, VC may be required to make adjustments to the hosting cities and locations. Teams will be notified of any changes made to the hosting schedule.

Competition Considerations

VC may be required to alter the regulations throughout this document to meet the local/provincial/federal government health policies. Changes may include but are not limited to:

- Match operations
- Spectator participation
- Check-In

Should any changes be implemented, all registered teams will be notified directly.

Travel Planning considerations



Whereas there will be many unknowns leading up to Beach Nationals, teams are encouraged to book all travel via a certified travel agent to ensure proper support may be provided in case of cancellations or changes to events.

Please keep the following in mind when planning travel for Beach Nationals:

- Ensure you fully understand the cancellation policy on all travel bookings
- Book via our preferred partner, Absolute Travel Specialists
 - They have a strong understanding of plans for air carriers accessing various cities
 - They have the ability to negotiate better cancellation policies should Beach Nationals be cancelled
 - They will contact air carriers directly regarding any major changes which in turn saves teams time and effort

Refund Policy

Should Beach Nationals be cancelled by VC for COVID-19 reasons, teams will receive a full refund for registration minus an administration fee. Further details will be provided at a later date.



Eligibility & Registration

This section deals with the registration, certification, and eligibility requirements for all Beach Nationals events. These requirements are in place to ensure an equal competitive structure.

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Team Registration

1.1 Players: A team in any age category must have two (2) players on the team roster.

In order to be eligible to participate in Beach Nationals, each athlete on the official roster must be registered as a Youth Competitive Player with their respective PTA and with VC. Players can only appear on one roster (one age category) per event.

1.2 Team Personnel/Person(s) in Authority (PIA): These are the individuals responsible for the coaching and/or management of the team; teams will be required to list their team personnel during the registration process.

- **Coach:** The person who is primarily responsible for coaching the team. This individual must be certified in accordance with VC's Safe Sport requirements (*See Section 3*). If the team does not have a coach traveling with them for Beach Nationals, they may leave this section blank.
 - **Important:** Only those coaches/PIA identified on the team roster, who have met the required Safe Sport coaching requirements will be permitted to provide coaching onsite at Beach Nationals. Please refer to *Section 3.1, Coaching Guidelines*, for details on what types of coaching are permissible.
- **Person in Authority:** This is the individual/parent responsible for the on-site management of the team at Beach Nationals.
- **Team Contact:** Each team must list a team contact during the registration process. This person will be responsible for ensuring communication between the team and VC. The Team Contact will not be listed on the Official Roster unless they have a dual role as a coach.

1.3 Annual Membership: All participants (athletes and team personnel) must complete their membership registration process with their respective PTA. By registering with their PTA, these participants will automatically become registered members with VC. Only individuals that are properly registered and in good standing are eligible to take part in competitions sanctioned or hosted by a PTA or VC.

1.4 Province/Territory of Residence: A player/team must purchase their annual membership(s) within the province/territory in which they reside. No player/team is allowed to register with a PTA outside their province of residence without the prior approval of VC and the two (2) PTAs involved. In addition, no player/team is permitted to register with more than one PTA at the same time; players who wish to change PTAs mid-season must receive approval from VC and the PTAs involved.

1.5 Participating at Beach Nationals with another PTA athlete (New for 2022): If two athletes, from different PTAs, wish to register as a team together at Beach Nationals the process is as follows:

1. **Submit Request to Play:** Players must submit a Request to Play form to VC. VC will then follow up with the two (2) PTAs involved for approval. Team contacts will receive an email within five to seven business days, with the results of their request.



The Request to Play form is located on the Beach Nationals event page.

2. Register for Beach Nationals: Once approval has been received from VC, teams may register for Beach Nationals.

Note: Teams may register for Beach Nationals, prior to receiving final approval from VC. However, any teams who are denied, or fail to submit their request to VC, prior to the event withdrawal deadline, will be removed from the draw and their refund will be subject to an administration fee.

1.6 Provincial Championships: All athletes wishing to participate in Beach Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) Championship. Exemptions may be granted in the following cases:

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
- f. Extenuating circumstances, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Any athlete wishing to request an exemption is required to submit an **Exemption Form** with their request by **Wednesday, August 10th**. The form can be found on the 2022 event webpage.

1.7 Minimum Age: All athletes, coaches and team personnel members that are on the official roster for Beach Nationals must be a minimum of 11 years of age.

1.8 Age Categories: Beach Nationals features six (6) age-categories for youth from U14 – U19. Athletes should participate in the age category associated to their Chronological Age Class, unless choosing to play up. See *Section 4* for full details on age categories.

1.9 Registration for teams playing up:

There are no restrictions on teams or athletes playing up an age group at Beach Nationals.

A team “playing up” is defined as a team who is registering to play in an age group that is older than the one they declared for with their PTA during the club season. For example, a team who declares and plays primarily as a 15UB team with their PTA who wants to play in the 16UB Beach Nationals.

1.10 Registration Dates:

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The registration closing date for all Beach Nationals is August 7th at 11:59pm EST. Teams may register for Beach Nationals prior to participating in their Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) championship.

| | Registration Date | Registration Time |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Registration Opens | June 14 th | 12:00 pm EST |
| Early Bird Deadline | July 5 th | 5:00 pm EST |
| Registration Deadline | August 7 th | 11:59 pm EST |



1.11 Registration Fee

Registration fees are charged on a per team basis. Taxes are not charged on the registration fee.

| | Team Fee |
|--------------|----------|
| Early Bird | \$237 |
| Regular Rate | \$287 |

Late Entries, received after the registration deadline, 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.

1.12 Minimum Entry Requirements: VC reserves the right to combine or cancel any age-groups with fewer than eight (8) teams registered. In these situations, players would be provided the opportunity to withdraw with a full refund, or play-up an age-category.

1.13 Waitlist: If an age/gender category for a Beach Nationals is full at the time of registration, it is strongly encouraged that you register your team onto the waitlist. If additional spots become available in that age/gender category or if a team cancels, waitlisted teams will be notified based on their position on the waitlist. Only those on the waitlist will have an opportunity to participate in the event.

There is no cost to register onto the waitlist for an event. You will only be charged once you accept your invitation to join the event.

1.14 Withdrawal Policy:

Teams who withdraw from Beach Nationals will be eligible for a refund as per the following timelines:

| Date | Refund |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Prior to registration closing date | Registration fee less \$50 admin fee |
| Post registration closing date – team is replaced by a waitlisted team | Registration fee less \$50 admin fee |
| Post registration closing date – team is NOT replaced by a waitlisted team | No refund |

1.15 Partner Changes: Teams can edit their team roster on SportLomo up until the Roster Lock deadline on August 7th, 2022. After this deadline, partner changes will only be accepted under extraordinary circumstances. Any change request after the deadline must be submitted via email to nationals@volleyball.ca and include the following 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
- Athletes' PTAs (*if athletes are from different PTAs, team must indicate which PTA they will be representing*)
- Division/Age-Group of new team
- Reason for Change

Note: if the new team will be comprised of athletes from different PTAs, the team will be placed in the Request to Play as Team process, as noted in *Section 1.5*. Teams do not need to fill out the Request to Play form. Once reviewed, VC will notify the team contact via email, on the success of their request.



1.16 Participation Restrictions: For Beach Nationals, only Canadian teams are permitted to register. Foreign teams must be approved by the National Beach Committee in order to participate.

1.17 Unsanctioned Events: Any teams who participate in an unsanctioned event outside of Canada could be deemed ineligible to compete at Nationals.

1.18 Participation Eligibility: All teams (including each individual on the official roster) must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be eligible to attend Beach Nationals:

- Be a registered member, and in good standing, with their respective PTA and with VC.
- Any foreign team looking to participate in an event must be registered and in good standing with their own National Federation (See Section 2).
- Participate in a Provincial/Territorial Championship.
- Meet all additional registration requirements of their PTA and VC.

2.0

Foreign Participation

2.1 Participation Restrictions: A foreign team that wants to participate in Beach Nationals must receive approval from their National Federation in order to participate. Each foreign team must provide VC with an official letter from their National Federation that states that the team is registered and in good standing. Each Foreign Team's participants must purchase health and travel insurance and comply with VC's registration protocols.

2.2. Registration: Foreign teams will be required to register for the event in which they wish to participate via the VC website. The registration process will only be complete once VC provides final confirmation of the foreign team's acceptance into the event. Confirmation will be provided in writing within fourteen (14) days of registration.

**VC reserves the right to deny the registration of a foreign team based on the registration capacity of the competition.*

For further information regarding provincial registration for foreign teams please consult the [Foreign Team and Foreign Player guide](#).

2.3 Seeding: All foreign teams are encouraged to play in a Provincial or Territorial event the same year that they plan to participate in a Beach Nationals in order to assist with the seeding process. Final results will be used to seed the foreign team in order to ensure meaningful matches for all teams participating in the Beach Nationals.

3.0

Coach Certification Policy

New for 2022!

Volleyball Canada's Beach National Championships Coach Eligibility Requirements are to ensure that all coaches participating in a Beach Nationals have the knowledge and training necessary to provide every athlete with a safe, inclusive and responsible sport experience.

Guiding Principles:



All athletes have the right to a NCCP Certified coach.

All coaches have the responsibility to:

- Have the required training to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally and socially safe for all athletes and participants.
- Ensure that all training is current and updated as required, to be able to provide a safe and responsible sport experience for all.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for Coaches starting in 2022:

All Coaches listed on a Beach Nationals roster must complete the requirements in Section A (below) to be eligible to participate. These requirements are mandatory for all Coaches regardless of certification status. PTA's will verify requirements for all Coaches through their registration system.

DEADLINE: Beach Nationals registration deadline.

SANCTIONS: Coaches who are missing any or all of the requirements in *Section A* will be ineligible to participate with their team in a Coach capacity at a Beach Nationals for that year and will not be listed on the final team roster.

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| A | Canadian Record Check (CRC) | Cost varies | CPC completed within the last 3 years Screening Process completed annually |
| | Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Training | Free | Credit will also be given for equivalent programs recognized by Sport Canada, i.e. Respect in Sport, Activity Leader. |
| | Making Head Way in Sport eLearning | Free | The Making Head Way eLearning provides coaches with the latest information specific to Concussion Management |

3.1 Coaching Guidelines

Volleyball Canada defines coaching as advice, instruction, or external assistance of any kind to a team/player. Coaching during play is NOT allowed for any age-categories at Youth Beach Nationals.

Coaching during breaks-in-play is permissible, for certain age-categories. Please refer to the guidelines below. All coaches are required to fulfill the minimum requirements, as listed in *Section 3.0*, to coach at Beach Nationals.

18U & 19U

- Coaching is NOT allowed during any point of the match, including time-outs and between sets.

16U and Younger

- Coaching is allowed during time-outs and between sets.



4.0

Age Categories

Volleyball Canada will offer the following age categories at Youth Beach Nationals.

Toronto: 14U – 19U Boys & Girls

Vancouver: 14U – 16U Boys & Girls

| | 19U | 18U | 17U | 16U | 15U | 14U |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sept | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Oct | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Nov | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Dec | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Jan | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Feb | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Mar | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Apr | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| May | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| June | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| July | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Aug | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Sept | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Oct | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Nov | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Dec | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |

Competition Regulations & Participation Information

This section outlines the rules and regulations which govern VC National Championships beyond the Rulebook. In addition, general information and guidelines for participants and spectators is covered here.

5.0

Hosting Guidelines

5.1 For an event to be recognized as a Beach National Championship, VC requires the participation from a minimum of eight (8) teams from three (3) PTAs for 14U – 19U events.

5.2 If an event does not meet the format event criteria listed above, VC reserves the right to cancel or alter the event.



6.0

Rules of the Game

[FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules](#) will be used with the exception of the Volleyball Canada variations. A few notable variations for Youth are included below. Please refer to the Volleyball Canada website for a full description of all rule variations.

6.1 Beach Hand Setting Rule:

As of 2019, all 16U and younger age-categories will follow Volleyball Canada's Beach Hand Setting Rule.

A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips (ie. The player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.

6.2 Service Rules (16U and Younger)

After a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During the rally each athlete has the right to position him/herself anywhere on the court. Outcome for violation: 1. Official ends rally immediately upon contact by the server. 2. Point awarded to the serving team.

6.3 Beach First Contact Rule (16U and younger)

Volleyball Canada, 16U and younger competitions, receiving serve or a first contact with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact. The first referee will use the "double-contact" signal to indicate this infraction.

6.4 Cameras and Tripods

Teams are permitted to record matches throughout the Beach Nationals tournament, however, please note:

- Tripods are not permitted on the court
- Cameras on tripods cannot be left unattended
- VC is not responsible for any damage to the camera or related equipment
- VC reserves the right to restrict/deny the filming of any matches for safety and/or other reasons

7.0

Team & Coach Check-In

7.1. Team check-in will be held the day prior to Day 1 of competition in addition to the morning of Day 1. Please refer to the event specific check-in dates/times below:

| Toronto | Vancouver |
|---|---|
| Thursday, August 18 th = 1:00PM - 7:00PM, and Friday, August 19 th = 8:00AM - 8:45AM | Thursday, August 25 th = 1:00PM - 7:00PM |

7.2 All teams must check-in during the above listed dates/times. If a team does not check-in before check-in closes on Friday, they will be removed from the tournament.



7.3 Athletes, or their designated team representative, will be required to perform the following duties at team check-in:

- Show photo identification for all athletes, via government issued ID (birth certificate, driver's license, health card, passport, etc). Originals are not required, copies are recommended.
- Assume responsibility of player competition tops
- Provide written acknowledgement that the team understands and must compete at Beach Nationals as per the following:
 - 2022 VC Beach Nationals Competition Guide
 - FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rule Book & Volleyball Canada rule variations
 - VC Code of Conduct
 - VC Concussion Guidelines

7.4 New for 2022! Coach Check-In

Any Coach on an official team roster, who wishes to participate at Beach Nationals, must check-in at the main control tent prior to their team's first match.

Coaches will be required to perform the following duties at check-in:

- Show identification that matches the details on the official team roster
- Provide written acknowledgement that they have read and understand the following:
 - 2022 VC Beach Nationals Competition Guide
 - FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rule Book & Volleyball Canada rule variations
 - VC Code of Conduct
 - VC Concussion Guidelines
 - Safe Sport training requirements
- Collect a badge to identify them as a coach during the tournament day.
 - Coaches must wear the badge for all matches they are coaching.
 - The badge is to be returned at the end of the tournament.
 - Coaches must identify themselves to all parties participating in the match including the opposing team, the player referees and the referee supervisor in the area before the match begins. The coach's name must be included on the match score sheet.

8.0

Practice Opportunity

Teams may take advantage of practice courts at the event facility which are available from 1:00PM to 5:00PM the day prior to Day 1 of competition (the same day Check-in opens). Courts are on a first come first served basis.

9.0

Players Meeting

The players meeting for Youth Beach Nationals is **mandatory** and will occur the morning of the first day of play. It will begin shortly after check-in has closed.

At this meeting, the Tournament Director will debrief the participants with the day's schedule and any new or relevant information.



10.0

Referees

10.1 Player Referees

All teams at Beach Nationals are 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. Teams should note, this will include referee duties for one (1) match after the match you are eliminated from the tournament.

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 VC Control Tent, as soon as possible, of the change.

10.2 Court Supervisors

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

Further information on Court Supervisors will be provided during the players' meeting.

11.0

Competition Ball & Uniforms

11.1 Official Game Ball

The official ball for Beach Nationals is the Mikasa VLS300.

Game balls will be supplied for all matches. Teams are required to provide their own warm up balls.

11.2 Net Heights

Girls/Women

14U: 2.15m

15U: 2.20m

16U, 17U, 18U, 19U: 2.24m

Boys/Men

14U: 2.20m

15U, 16U: 2.35m

17U, 18U, 19U: 2.43m

11.3 Line Width: For VC competitions width of lines is 2.5 - 8.0cm.

11.4 Competition Uniforms

- A player's equipment consists of a jersey and shorts.
- All teams registered for Beach Nationals will receive a competition top that must be worn for all matches. Sizing and style requests can be made during the registration process.
 - Girls: players will be able to choose between a bra-style jersey or a tank top.
 - Boys: players will receive a tank top.
- It is strongly recommended, that team bottoms are of similar colour and style.



Other Uniform Options: In addition to the competition tops provided by VC in 2022, teams are permitted to wear tanks or bras acquired at a previous Beach National event or purchased at the Merchandise Tent. If athletes are seen wearing uniforms that do not meet these requirements, they will be asked to change into their VC provided clothing.

11.5 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.

12.0

Competition Management

New for 2022! All competition schedules and results will be available on AES at www.advancedeventsystems.com.

All matches will be scored via paper scoresheets.

13.0

Schedules & Seeding

13.1 Draw

Each Beach Nationals varies based on location, age category, venues, and number of courts. These variables may affect how the tournament will be organized. VC has developed a set of principles for governing how the draws will be structured.

VC strives to provide a minimum of seven (7) matches at Youth Beach Nationals. Due to unforeseen circumstances, VC may not always be able to provide seven (7) matches per team.

- All matches are best-of-three.
- Maximum of four matches per day.
- Maximum of one back-to-back match per day.

13.2 Format

The competition will run with two days of pool play followed by one day of single-elimination playoff matches. This format could vary based on the number of teams registered. All teams are guaranteed their pool rounds and at least one playoff match.

Day 1 August 19th Pool Play

Day 2 August 20st Power Pools

Day 3 August 21st Playoffs (single elimination)

13.3 Tie-Breaking Procedure

End of Pool Play Ranking



Ties between teams within pool-play are broken by the following procedures in priority order. ONLY tied teams are taken into consideration.

Tie Between 2 teams:

- The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool;
- Result of head-to-head match

Tie Between 3 or more teams:

- The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between the tied teams;
- The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool;
- If still tied, the ranking is determined by the tournament seeding.

Pre-Event Seeding

Please refer to Section 13.4.

13.4 Seeding

- The seeding for Beach Nationals events will be based on rankings provided by Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) from final placings at Provincial Championships. PTAs are required to break any ties in placement.
- Please see the 2022 VC Beach Nationals Seeding document for full details regarding the seeding process.
- Volleyball Canada reserves the right to adjust the seeding in an effort to offer the best competition experience to participating teams.

13.5 Competition Schedule

VC strives to release draft schedules no later than the Monday prior to the event start date. Draft schedules are subject to change, and are not final until check-in has closed. All final schedules will be posted on [AES](#).

It is the athlete's responsibility to verify the final schedule to ensure they are on time for matches.

13.6 Scheduled Breaks

Volleyball Canada will attempt to schedule at least one break for all teams, 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 at Ashbridges 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.

13.7 No-Show or Forfeit
Teams are expected to begin their match on-time and in accordance with the schedule provided. If a team fails to show up within 10 minutes of start-time, their first set will be automatically forfeited. After a subsequent 10 minutes, the entire match will be forfeited.

14.0

Medical



Medical services will be provided to all participating teams free of charge via certified athletic therapists. Services for athletes includes first aid response, concussion management, as well as athletic taping.

14.1 Concussion Management

All teams participating at Beach Nationals are required to follow the VC Concussion Protocol. Further details on the protocol can be found in the [Policy section](#) of the VC website.

Any athlete who has a suspected concussion is strongly encouraged to visit the onsite medical team to complete a concussion assessment via the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT 5). Should an athlete fail the assessment their team will be withdrawn from the tournament.

14.2 Medical Time-Outs

Youth athletes are allowed one (1) medical time-out, per player, per tournament day.

All medical time-outs must be supervised by one of the tournament athletic therapists. Players are not allowed to leave the playing area during a medical timeout. Players are permitted up to five (5) minutes total for a medical time-out, with the time starting from the moment the athletic therapist arrives on the court.

If an athlete becomes injured or ill during the tournament and as a result cannot continue to compete, no refund will be issued. Points will be awarded up to the point of withdrawal from the tournament. If the injury or illness occurs before the tournament you may be eligible for a refund of the tournament fee, please see the *Section 1.14* regarding withdrawals for further details.

To view the Medical Time-Out Policy in its entirety, please refer to the Policies page on the VC website.

15.0

Awards

15.1 All Beach Nationals will distribute the following awards:

- Medals
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals for the Championship Tier
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals for all other tiers

15.2 Awards Ceremony – Championship Tier:

Teams in the Championship Tier will be presented their medals, prizes, and any additional awards associated with the Championship Tier during the awards ceremony. Award ceremonies will be held on the last day of competition following the completion of the final match or shortly thereafter. Teams should refer to the Beach Nationals webpage for ceremony times and locations.

New for 2022! All other medalist teams will collect their medals at a designated pick-up area. No formal ceremony will be held for medalists outside of the Championship Tier.

16.0

Sanctions

16.1 A team or an individual may be sanctioned, including fines, if any of the following infractions occur while the team is participating at a 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 Rulebook or 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 competition officials deem to be detrimental to the event and/or its participants.

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

- \$50.00 for withdrawal prior to the registration deadline (see *Section 1.14* for a full list of withdrawal fees);
- \$50.00 cash for assembling the Competition Jury to assess an official protest;
- \$50.00 for missing a referee assignment;

16.3 A team or club that is sanctioned in any way because of an infraction related to 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 VC. 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.

17.0

Protest & Appeal Process

17.1 Any protest or appeal at Beach Nationals will be overseen by a Competition Jury, composed of the following:

- A member of the NBC or an approved designate.
- A representative of the Host Committee.
- A member of the Referee Development Team or approved designate.

A Competition Jury member or an approved designate will be present at all venues.

17.2 The Competition Jury has the highest level of authority at Beach 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. The Competition Jury 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

17.3 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.
- A technical aspect of the match conditions (weather, light etc).
- Please note that judgement calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (ie. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested.
- The protest will be accepted or rejected prior to the resumption of play by the tournament jury.

17.4 To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged.

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

17.5 In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, before play resumes. To review the full Protest Policy, please refer to the Policies page on the VC website.

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Scouting & Recruiting

It is important to note that VC does not police recruiters onsite and that it is expected that recruiters will abide by the regulations set out by [USport](#), CCAA, or any other University or Collegiate organization. VC bears the right to ask a recruiter to leave the venue if the recruiting policies are not respected.

19.0

Code of Conduct & Competition Policies

All participants at Beach Nationals are expected to adhere to the policies and guidelines as set out by Volleyball Canada. Any breach of these policies are subject to fines and/or sanctions as outlined on in the [Volleyball Canada's Discipline and Complaints Policy](#).

Below are some of the key competition related policies for Beach Nationals:

19.1 [Code of Conduct](#)

19.2 [Suspended Play](#)

19.3 [Extreme Heat](#)



19.4 [Anti-Doping Policy](#)

For a complete list of all of Volleyball Canada's policies, please visit the [VC website](#).

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Safe Sport

VC is committed to a sport environment free from abuse that is safe for all participants. For more information, our policies, and resources, [please click here](#).

Safe Sport Reporting

VC has zero tolerance for any type of abuse. Individuals are required to report abuse or suspected abuse to VC or to a Provincial/Territorial Association so that those matters can be addressed in an expeditious manner.

For more information, please see the Safe Sport [Complaint Process Overview](#). Reports can be made to VC's Independent third-party Safe Sport Officer at lise@wiserworkplaces.ca or (519) 900-6813, or by contacting the Canadian Sport Helpline:

Education

VC is requiring that all individuals involved with the sport across the country take the new safe sport training module, available via the [Coaching Association of Canada website](#).

As of April 1, 2020, anyone associated with a Sport Canada-funded organization must be trained on conduct to prevent and address maltreatment. This includes coaches, referees, parents of youth athletes, high-performance staff and contractors, officials; and all administrative staff and volunteers whether they may have direct contact with athletes or not.

The safe sport module is a free, 90-minute eLearning module that gives all participants the tools to recognize, address, and prevent maltreatment in sport. The module aligns with the principles of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport and meets Sport Canada requirements for Safe Sport education.

Visit the safe sport training site for more info: <https://safesport.coach.ca/>

Background Screening

All coaches, staff members, volunteers, referees, team staff members and Integrated Support Team (IST) members involved in VC domestic competitions are required to have completed a criminal record/police check issued within 36 months of the activity being attended. These requirements apply to all disciplines.

To provide further clarification, we have compiled the following [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

