



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 to offer the best competition experience to participating teams.

New for 2023!

VC will be piloting a new point based seeding process for 18U. This method will test the capacity to deliver a more accurate seeding for each participating team. See section 1.0 for full details.

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18U Seeding Pilot

The following method will be used to determine seeding at 18U Nationals in 2023.

- **Individual Ranking Points** will be assigned for each registered athlete at Beach Nationals. These ranking points will be based on the athlete's Provincial's Seed (40% of final points) and their final Provincial's Result (60% of final points). *Please refer to Fig. 1 to see the points allocations by result and PTA.*
- A Team's **Final Ranking Total** is then calculated using the following formula:
 - (Athlete 1 Individual Ranking Points + Athlete 2 Individual Ranking Points) = Team Final Ranking Total
- Once every team's **Final Ranking Total** has been calculated, teams will be ranked in order of highest to lowest points
- Final rankings will determine the seeding for the event

Fig. 1 Points Allocations by Result and PTA

RANK	ON DIV 1	BC/QC DIV 1	AB DIV 1	MB/SK DIV 1	ATL DIV 1	TERR DIV 1	ON DIV 2	BC/QC DIV 2	AB DIV 2	ON DIV 3
1	1000	975	960	960	900	845	900	850	840	800
2	975	950	935	930	875	830	875	825	815	785
3	960	935	920	900	860	815	860	810	800	770
4	945	920	905	870	845	800	845	795	785	755
5	930	905	890	840	830	785	830	780	770	740
6	915	890	875	810	815	770	815	765	755	725
7	900	875	860	780	800	755	800	750	740	710
8	885	860	845	750	785	740	785	735	725	695
9	870	845	830	720	770	725	770	720	710	680
10	855	830	815	690	755	710	755	705	695	665



11	840	815	800	660	740	695	740	690	680	650
12	825	800	785	630	725	680	725	675	665	635
13	810	785	770	600	710	665	710	660	650	620
14	795	770	755	570	695	650	695	645	635	605
15	780	755	740	540	680	635	680	630	620	590
16	765	740	725	510	665	620	665	615	605	575
17	750	725	710	480	650	605	650	600	590	560
18	735	710	695	450	635	590	635	585	575	545
19	720	695	680	420	620	575	620	570	560	530
20	705	680	665	390	605	560	605	555	545	515
21	690	665	650	360	590	545	590	540	530	500
22	675	650	635	330	575	530	575	525	515	485
23	660	635	620		560	515	560	510	500	470
24	645	620	605		545	500	545	495	485	455
25	630	605	590		530	485	530	480	470	440
26	615	590	575		515	470	515	465	455	425
27	600	575	560		500	455	500	450	440	410
28	585	560	545		485	395	485	435	425	395
29	570	545	530		470	380	470	420	380	380
30	555	530	515		455	365	455	405	365	365

Example of seeding method application:

	Athlete 1	Provincial Championship (PC) Seed			Provincials Result			Athlete 2	Provincial Championship (PC) Seed			Provincials Result			Team Final Ranking Points	Final Rank
		PC Seed	Points	40%	PC Final Result	Athlete Ranking Points	60%		PC Seed	Points	40%	PC Final Result	Athlete Ranking Points	60%		
Team A/B	Player A (ON)	1st	1000	400	2nd	975	585	Player B (ON)	1st	1000	400	2nd	975	585	985	1st
Team C/D	Player C (BC)	2nd	950	380	5th	905	543	Player D (BC)	3rd	935	374	1st	975	585	941	2nd



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All Other Youth Age-Groups

Seeding of all other 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:

Order of 2022 Final Placement and Top 4 Seeding for 2023

	2022 Women's Results	2022 Men's Results
U20	No U19 event. U20W will skip this step and move to Step 2	ON, ON, QC, ON
U19	QC, ON, AB, AB	ON, ON, QC, BC
U18	ON, ON, QC, AB	AB, ON, ON, ON
U17	ON, ON, QC, ON	ON, ON, ON, ON
U16	Toronto: QC, ON, ON, ON Vancouver: ON, MB, BC, AB	Toronto: ON, ON, ON, ON Vancouver: BC, BC, BC, BC
U15	Toronto: ON, ON, ON, QC VAN: AB, BC, BC, AB	Toronto: ON, QC, QC, ON Vancouver: BC, BC, BC, BC
U14	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 3 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 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 placed at the bottom of their PTA ranking list.

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Tie-Breaking Procedure

In the event of a tie, the order of seeding will be determined by draw. A new draw will be completed for each seeding guideline item to ensure fairness and diversity in provincial allocations.