

Stay to Play Policy



Volleyball Canada (VC) has instituted a Stay to Play policy in an effort to ensure accommodations availability for all National Championship participants while also better managing competition costs.

Stay to Play is the Volleyball Canada accommodations policy for youth Indoor National Championships. Participating travelling teams are required to book hotel rooms through their event's Accommodation Management Provider (AMP) in order to be accepted into the tournament.

This policy has been put in place to benefit teams, local event organizers, host cities and Volleyball Canada alike.

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Stay to Play Regulations

- Teams must book enough rooms to accommodate every player and team personnel on their tournament roster for the duration of competition.
*Example: Team of 8 Athletes = 3 Room minimum → 8 athletes = 2 rooms + coach(es)=1 room.
Team of 12 Athletes = 4 room minimum → 12 athletes = 3 rooms + coach(es)=1 room.*
- Teams must book a minimum of two nights for all rooms
- Teams must abide by the hotel's occupancy policies.
- Team Codes obtained via the registration confirmation may be required to book or confirm accommodations.
- Teams are not permitted to book accommodations prior to the registration and accommodations opening date.
- Teams are not permitted to book directly with the hotels; all bookings must be made via the event's AMP.
- Teams can only stay at designated hotels listed in the AMP's booking portal.

It is the responsibility of each team to review and abide by the Stay to Play policy. VC will cross-reference all participating teams prior to the event to ensure that all registered teams are in compliance with the policy.

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Exemption from the Stay to Play Policy

Volleyball Canada offers exemptions from the Stay to Play policy for both teams and individuals under the following categories:

1. **Local Exemption:** If the team/athlete is based within the specified proximity distance from the competition venue or the team/athlete plans to stay with family or friends that reside within the proximity distance.

Note: Proximity distances differ by city; please visit your event website for event specific details.

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2. **Special Exemption:** For exemption requests that do not fall under the proximity exemption category. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be reviewed by the Stay to Play Review Committee.

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Exemption Process:

Local Exemption:

1. Local Club - Volleyball Canada has created a list of pre-approved locally exempt clubs, in consultation with the PTAs. This list can be found on the event webpage within the Accommodations section. Any team affiliated with the identified clubs are automatically exempt and **do not** need to apply for a local exemption.
2. Local Friends/Family – To request an exemption to stay with friends or family located within the proximity distance, please complete an Exemption Request Form which can be found on the event website.

Special Exemption: All other exemption requests must be made via the online exemption form on the event website. Previous booking exemptions will not be considered. Volleyball Canada will review and notify all requests, within 10 business days.