



## 2024 Senior Beach Nationals - Technical Sheet

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### 1. Tournament Committee

- Competition Director – Emma Hadfield
- VC Staff & Representatives – Sandra de Graaff, Cherie Campbell, Lynn Boudreau
- Head Referee Supervisor – Brian Hiebert

### 2. Tournament Format

The senior format will be as follows:

- Day 1 – Pool Play (Modified)
- Day 2 – Power Pools (Modified Pool Play) + 1<sup>st</sup> round of Playoffs
- Day 3 – Playoffs

All teams are guaranteed their pool play matches (min. 4)

- MEN:

- The top 3 teams from Power Pools AA-DD and the winners of Power Pools EE-HH advance to Pre-Quarters
- WOMEN:
  - The top 3 teams from Power Pools AA-CC and the winners of Power Pools EE-FF advance to Pre-Quarters

#### Match Format

- Best of 3 to 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 15, no cap, win by 2
- Switch sides at 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> set at 5
- Technical time-out at 21, no technical time-out in 3<sup>rd</sup> set
- 1 time-out/team/set
- 1 min. between sets

## 3. Seeding, Schedules, Results

### Ranking/Seeding

- This year, all registered senior athletes will be required to submit their top eight (8) provincial/international for use in determining their Team Ranking Points for seeding. Submitted results must fall between August 21, 2023 – August 11, 2024 and events must be listed on the [Senior Domestic Callender](#) to be considered eligible.
- Athletes are asked to submit their results using the [Senior Beach Nationals Ranking Submission Form](#) by August 12, 2024 5:00pm EST.
- Please refer to the [Senior Points guide](#) for full details.
- For complete details on ranking and seeding, please refer to the website or Senior Competition Guide.

### Schedules

- All schedules (draft and final) will be available for viewing on [ISET](#)
- Draft schedules will be posted no later than Wednesday, August 16th.
- Please note, draft schedules cannot be made until seeding is completed which cannot be done until all provincial championships have concluded.
- Schedules will be deemed final as of Thursday, August 17th after the first check-in window has closed.
- Once final schedules are posted, no changes will be made for withdrawals.
- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to that time unless agreed upon by both teams and by the referees.
- Should a court run late, the next game will start 10 minutes after the end of the previous game

### Results

- Results can be found on Volleyball Canada's Results Management System, [ISET](#)
- Any errors should be reported to the VC Senior HQ tent immediately.

## 4. Tiebreakers

- Tie-breaking procedures for pool play will be as follows:
  - Tie between two teams:
    - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
    - If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
  - Tie between three teams:
    - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
    - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;
    - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding.

## 5. Team Scorekeeping Duties

- Team Scorekeeping Duties
  - All Senior matches will be refereed by a VC referee.
  - Scorekeeping will be the responsibility of the teams and assignments will be given to each team throughout the course of the tournament. This includes one assignment following a team's final match on Day 3.
  - Teams are required to complete all scorekeeping assignments. If you are unable to attend your assignment, you are required to find another team who will do so in your place.
    - **Pool Play & Power Pools**
      - All Team Scorekeeping Duties will be indicated on the tournament schedule. Teams must fulfill all their scheduled officiating assignments. Teams who miss their official scorekeeping duties will be issued a \$50 fine for a first offense.
      - Multiple missed assignments over the course of one event may result in additional fines and/or sanctions.
    - **Playoffs/Brack Play**
      - For the first round of bracket play, teams will be assigned scorekeeping duties. After this round, the losing team will officiate the next game on that court.
- Electronic Inputting
  - Beach Nationals is a fully electronic event. This means scorekeeping teams will be required to enter scores directly into the Results Management System, ISET, via their cell phones.
  - A QR will be posted around the venue, which teams can scan to gain access to the system. No account is needed.

- Should a scorekeeping team not have access to a cell phone to input scores, they should approach one of the playing teams to submit on their behalf.

## 6. Team Check-In

- There are two check-in windows for Beach Nationals:
  - 1:00pm – 6:00pm on Thursday, August 15th
  - 8:00am – 8:45am on Friday, August 16th
- Check-in is mandatory for all teams.
- Check-in is located at the VC Senior HQ tent, next to Centre Court.
- Anyone listed on the official roster may check-in for the team (athlete, coach). The team representative will be responsible for signing off on the event policies and picking up the team competition tops.

## 7. Practice Opportunities

- Teams will have the opportunity to practice at the venue on Thursday, August 15th between 1:00pm – 5:00pm.
- Courts are on a first come first served basis.
- Please note, local leagues will begin immediately after the practice window, so teams must leave the courts promptly to allow league play to begin.

## 8. Match Protocols

### Warm-Ups

- 10-minute warm-up allowed on-court
- Practice balls are not provided

### Coaching

- Coaching is not allowed during play

### Game Ball Process

- Balls will be managed by VC and the referees.
- Please leave all game balls on the court after your match
- The ball for the senior event is the Mikasa BV550C

### Uniforms

- Players must wear the provided competition uniforms.
- LOF and Jumplete tops from 2023 Beach Nationals, or those purchased on-site at their merchandise booths are also eligible for competition use.
- Bottoms with consistent style and appearance are also required.
- Teams are not allowed to play shirtless.
- Teams who do not abide by the uniform requirements could face penalties.

- 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.

### Protests

- Protests or disputes must be settled before resuming play
- No protest will be accepted after play has resumed
- If a team wishes to protest, that team must present \$50 cash to the tournament committee at the time of the protest.
- If the team wins their protest, they will be refunded the \$50.
- To launch a protest please notify the referee

### Medical Assistance Protocols

- Medical Assistance will be provided to athletes upon request, following the below relevant procedures:
  - Blood Timeout (BTO) - to be implemented exclusively for significant blood related injury. Its duration is a maximum of 5 minutes from the arrival on court of the official medical staff.
  - Recovery Interruption Timeout (RIT) - to be implemented for:
    - any non-blood injury (for traumatic, non-traumatic, and non-contact injuries that are not blood related)
    - illness in relation to severe weather conditions officially declared
    - use of toilets (for delay in the use of toilets during the match, outside of the set intervals and regular game interruptions)
  - RIT duration is a maximum of 5 minutes from the arrival on court of the official medical staff.
  - Before using an RIT, a player must first use its team timeout if it was not previously used in that set.
- The full [Medical Assistance Protocol](#) can be found on the VC website.

## 9. Medical Tent/Massage

- Medical will be available on-site Thursday through Sunday and will be located beside the VC Youth HQ Tent. Free taping and medical service will be available to all participants
- Massage therapists will be on-site Saturday and Sunday of the event and will offer services free of charge

## 10. Awards

- Medal presentations will be held on Centre Court after the conclusion of the bronze and gold medal matches for each gender.