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Volleyball Canada 2024 Beach National Championship - What's New?

Please note that this document will be updated as additional new items emerge.

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Registration Caps

IMPORTANT: This year, registration will be capped to ensure even numbers for the draw, aiming to prevent any imbalance. Should an age group reach capacity, teams are strongly encouraged to join the waitlist, as we anticipate significant expansion and potential withdrawals before the registration deadline. The waitlist will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, making it important that you sign-up to the waitlist immediately should you see the event is full.

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Making Changes to Registration

Teams looking to make changes to their roster may now do so directly in Sportlomo. Details regarding athletes, coaches, PIA's, competition tops, etc., may now be altered directly by the registrant.

For more information regarding registration please see our Registration Guide or visit our [website](#).

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Coaching Requirements

This year, all coaches must be registered members of their Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA). In addition, coaches are still required to adhere to the following requirements to be eligible to participate.

Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC)	Cost varies	CRC completed within the last 3 years	Completed by: Prior to provincial/territorial membership approval
Screening Disclosure Form	Free	Screening Disclosure Form must be 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.	

For more details regarding coach eligibility please visit our [website](#).

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Youth Beach Nationals Seeding

For 2024, Volleyball Canada will use a points-based system for seeding of all age/gender categories.

Athletes will collect points based on results from the current competition season. The following results will be collected by Volleyball Canada:

- Seeding heading into Provincial/Territorial Championships
- Final Rankings from Provincial/Territorial Championships

For all results, athletes will collect points and a team will be provided with a total score based on these points ($(\text{Athlete 1 Scores} + \text{Athlete 2 Scores}) / 2 = \text{Team's Total Score}$). Teams will then be seeded based on their Total Scores in decreasing order, with the highest point total being ranked 1st.

Please refer to the [Youth Beach Nationals Seeding Guide](#) for more details.

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Senior Beach Nationals 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.

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Inputting Scores Online

In 2024, Beach Nationals will be transitioning to a fully electronic results process. At all Beach National events, refereeing teams will be responsible for entering scores into our new scheduling and results system, Volleyball Life. This new process allows for results to be inputted faster, and prompt schedule updates.

Stay tuned for more information on our website and through direct team communications.

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18U Travel Grant



Travel grants of up to \$500 will be offered to the 18U Provincial/Territorial Champions to help offset the costs of travelling to Toronto. While initially only being offered for 18U, the goal is to eventually expand the program to include other age-group champions.

Please refer to our [website](#) for full details.

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Updates to Volleyball Canada Youth Beach Rule Variations

This year, Volleyball Canada has updated the following Youth Beach Volleyball Rule Variations:

- First Contact Rule
- Second Contact Rule
- Serve Receive Rule

Please refer to our [website](#) and [competition guide](#) for full details.