



2024 Youth Beach Nationals Toronto - Technical Sheet

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1. Tournament Committee

- Competition Director – Lia Diffin
- VC Staff & Representatives – James Battiston, Cherie Campbell, Lynn Boudreau
- Head Referee Supervisor – Kelvin Yee

2. Team Personnel Requirements

- Person in Authority (PIA)
 - All U14-U18 teams MUST have a Person in Authority listed on their team roster to be eligible to compete at Beach Nationals. This person is expected to be the on-site contact responsible for the team while at the venue.
 - PIAs must meet all Safesport requirements as outlined [on the event webpage](#).
 - If your team PIA has yet to submit their Safesport details, or if your PIA has changed since registration, you will need to complete the [PIA/Coach Submission Form](#) prior to August 11th.
 - Any team who does not comply with the PIA requirements will be removed from the tournament.

- Coaches
 - Individuals wishing to coach onsite must meet the [Coaching Requirements](#) for Beach Nationals.
 - Only those individuals who have been verified by VC will be permitted to coach during the event.
 - If you/your team needs to update the coaching details, please complete the [PIA/Coach Submission Form](#) prior to August 11th.
 - Coaches must check-in with VC HQ prior to their first match to receive accreditation.
- If you have any questions about the Safesport requirements for PIAs or Coaches, or if you need to submit background information, please contact Julie Young at jyoung@volleyball.ca

3. Tournament Format

The youth format will be as follows:

- Day 1 is Pool Play,
- Day 2 is Power Pools
- Day 3 is Playoffs

Teams will play all three days of the event. Day 1 and 2 will have at least three (3) games (4 in event of a Pool of 5). All teams advance to Day 3 and will play a minimum of one (1) match and a maximum of four (4).

Match Format

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

4. Seeding, Schedules & Results

Seeding:

- Seeding for all teams will be completed as per the [Youth Seeding Policy](#).

Schedules

- All schedules will be available on the event's Results Management System, [ISET](#)
- VC will strive to release the Seeding within 48 hours of the last Provincial Championship. Please note, draft schedules cannot be released until the Seeding has been completed and confirmed.

- Schedules will be deemed final as of Thursday, August 17th after the first check-in window has closed.
- Once final schedules are posted, a withdrawal will be noted as a forfeit. No changes will be made to the schedules after this time.
- 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 Youth HQ tent immediately.

5. 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.

6. Team Scorekeeping Duties

- Team Referee Duties
 - All registered teams will be assigned team officiating duties throughout the course of tournament play. This includes one assignment following a team's final match on Day 3.
 - Teams are required to complete all referee 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/Bracket Play**

- For the first round of playoffs, teams will be assigned referee duties. After this round, the losing team will officiate the next game on that court.
- Teams should acknowledge which player is the first referee. The other player would be considered second referee and scorer for all assigned matches (unless an assigned match has a certified VC official as first referee). If a match is assigned a VC official, then the officiating team should both work as second referee and assist with scoring.
- Teams choosing not to play a match are still required to fulfill the officiating assignments that come from forfeiting/losing a match.
- Submitting Scores (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.
 - If you realize that there has been a mistake in the results, immediately head to the VC HQ tent to inform someone from Volleyball Canada.

7. Check-In (Team & Coach)

Team

- 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 located at the VC Youth HQ tent.
- Check-in is **mandatory** for all teams.
- Anyone listed on the official roster may check-in for the team (athlete, PIA, coach). The team representative will be responsible for signing off on the event policies and picking up the team competition tops.
- Athlete proof of age checks will not be completed during the Check-In process; however, VC reserves the right to verify the age of any players on the official roster at any time during the event. Therefore, teams must carry proof of age throughout the entirety of the event.

Coach

- All coaches listed on an official team roster, who wish to participate at Beach Nationals, must check-in at the youth competition tent prior to their team's first match.
- Only coaches who have checked in, and been provided with an official badge, will be allowed to coach on-site.

8. Mandatory Youth Player Meeting

- A mandatory Youth players' meeting is scheduled for the morning of August 16th at 9am EST by the VC Youth HQ tent.
- All youth players are required to be in attendance. It is strongly recommended that the PIA or coach is also in attendance.

9. 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.

10. Match Protocols

10.1 Warm-ups

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

10.2 Coaching

- 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 of the Competition Guide, to coach at Beach Nationals and must wear their approved accreditation while on-court.

17U -18U

- 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.

10.3 Game Ball Process

- **Days 1 & 2 (Pool Play)**
 - The first officiating team of the day is responsible for picking up the game ball at the start of the day.
 - The officiating team should pick up the ball marked with the same number as their competition court.
 - The game ball should remain on the court throughout the day and is to be returned upon completion of the final Pool Play match that day.
- **Day 3 (Playoffs)**

- The officiating team is responsible for picking up the game ball before each match.
- The game ball is to be returned at the completion of each match.
- The Youth ball will be the Mikasa VLS300

10.4 Uniforms

- All teams registered for Beach Nationals will receive a competition top that must be worn for all matches.
- In addition to the competition tops provided by VC, teams are permitted to wear LOF or Jumplete tops received from 2023 Beach Nationals, or those purchased on-site at the Merchandise Tent.
- Bottoms for both men and women should be consistent in style and appearance.

10.5 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

10.6 Medical Time-Outs

- 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.

11. 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

12. VC Youth Beach Rules

- Beach Nationals events follow the [FIVB Beach Rule Book](#) as well as the VC Youth [Beach Volleyball Rule Variations](#).
- It is strongly recommended that teams review and familiarize themselves with the rules prior to the event.