

Registration FAQ

Participation

1. What is VC doing to ensure that top teams can attend Nationals?
VC offers a pre-registration opportunity which guarantees registration for the Championship Tier medalists of the previous year Nationals and the PTA champions of the previous year.
2. Will VC offer priority for competitive teams?
VC will focus on offering pre-registration for competitive teams. No priority will be offered during the general registration period.
3. Why doesn't VC offer nationals registration to provincial medalists?
Beginning this year, VC has extended pre-registration to Provincial and Territory Provincial Champions.
4. Is there a minimum or maximum number of spots reserved for each PTA in the lottery system?
No, VC has not preassigned a guaranteed minimum or maximum number of spots for Nationals this year.
5. Will VC prioritize spots for large clubs?
As with previous years, no priority will be offered during the general registration period.
6. How many teams will be invited to attend 2024 Nationals?
VC has space for approximately 1250 teams to attend 2024 Nationals in Edmonton and another 360 teams to attend 14U events in Ottawa, Richmond, and Fredericton.
7. How do those numbers compare to 2023 participation?
2023 had a combined total of 1255 teams attending Nationals.
8. How do those numbers compare to 2022 participation?
2022 had a combined total of 1031 teams attending Nationals.

Expression of Interest

9. Who can submit an expression of interest?
Anyone representing a team can submit an expression of interest. We ask that each team only submit one (1) EOI, and thus recommend it is done by the Club



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Administrator, Head Coach or Team Manager. Please ensure this person has a Sportlomo account for registering the team from their lottery invite.

10. Will teams who submit a late expression of interest be invited to register?

Teams who submit the late expression of interest will be invited to register if the tournament has not reached capacity following the lottery draw. If a tournament is at capacity, they may be invited if there is additional space or if teams withdraw.

11. What happens if there is more space available than there are teams who express interest/are invited to register?

If an age/gender category has not reached capacity VC may create a waitlist to ensure there are sufficient teams to expand the tournament while maintaining a competitive draw.

12. Can I change/adjust the team name that is submitted in the expression of interest to the registration submission?

Yes, the team name can change from the EOI to the registration. Please note that the team name submitted on the EOI will be used on the waitlist.

13. What should I do if I want to Express interest for multiple 14U events, to make sure we get in?

The Expression of Interest will allow a priority to be set, 1st, 2nd or 3rd. VC will use this when doing the draw, and if the team's first priority is drawn, they will receive an invitation. If another priority is drawn, and the team's first priority is on the waitlist, we will send the invite that is available, and inform the team they are waitlisted for their primary choice. It is up to the team to decide to accept or decline the invitation.

14. If I submit an Expression of Interest on January 10th, will I have a better chance of being selected than if I submit an Expression of Interest on December 11th?

All teams who submit their Expression of Interest in the window of December 11th, 2023 and January 7th @ Midnight EST, have the same chance of being selected in the draw.

15. How do I pay the Expression of Interest deposit online?

The Expression of Interest deposit is paid using PayPal. A PayPal account is not required and Debit/Credit Cards will work with the PayPal system.

16. Will my Expression of Interest deposit be deducted from my registration fee?

Deposits will be deducted from the registration fee paid on Sportlomo.

Waitlist

17. Why do teams get placed on the waitlist?
VC aims to invite all teams to attend Nationals, however facility capacity may limit VC's ability to invite all interested teams to attend.
18. How is the waitlist established?
The waitlist is made up from the remaining teams in the lottery draw after the event has reached capacity. The first team of those remaining in the lottery draw will be the first team on the waitlist. Teams who fill out a late expression of interest form will be added to the waitlist in the order they express interest, after the lottery drawn waitlist teams.
19. When will the waitlist be confirmed?
The waitlist will be confirmed once the lottery is drawn. Teams will be invited from the lottery until capacity has been reached. VC will aim to have waitlists posted as of January 12th with updates posted weekly.
20. How will this year's waitlist be different from last year?
*Whereas VC will have a greater understanding on the demand for each age/gender category via the expression of interest, most events will invite up to capacity, meaning little to no waitlist (based on current anticipated participation and facility capacity).
Waitlisted teams will be notified if their tournament has not reached capacity and may expand based on sufficient interest.*

Completing Registration

21. What is the proper format for the team name?
*Please include your Club and Team name without additional age and gender identifiers. Ex. Scarborough Falcons.
Club/Team name needs to be unique enough that it stands apart from another team, and we do not discard it as a duplicate entry.*
22. Can a team be prioritized within a club?
This may be done at the Club's discretion. In the event that a Club's B and C teams are selected in the lottery, but the Club prefers to send team A and B. Team C can inform VC of the Clubs decision and VC will re-direct the invite to the appropriate team contact.
23. How much time do I have to complete my registration for Nationals once I receive an invite?
Invites will be sent out with 24–36-hour windows to accept before they expire.

24. What happens if I miss my invitation to register and it has expired?

VC recommends teams check their junk mail for invites as expired invitations are viewed as rejected invitations. Teams who miss their invitation are encouraged to contact VC asap, as VC will forward invitations to the next available team immediately following the invitation time frame.

In the event that a team's invite expires, and contacts VC before the new invite is sent out, teams can receive a FINAL invitation.

In the event the new invite has been sent out, the team with the expired invitation will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist.

25. What happens if my team is selected from the lottery, but decides they do not wish to participate?

Teams who wish to withdraw after the lottery will receive a refund on their deposit.

26. What happens to my deposit if my team is waitlisted after the lottery?

Waitlisted teams will receive a refund on their deposit upon request but will lose their spot on the waitlist. Exceptions may apply.

27. Am I able to pay for my registration with my Credit Card?

Yes, Sportlomo accepts all major Credit Cards. There are no taxes on your registration fees, but some service fees will apply at checkout.

Additional Questions:

28. How will I know if my team was drawn from the lottery?

VC will post a list of all teams drawn via the lottery and who will receive an invitation. These teams can expect to receive an invitation via email from Sportlomo.

Teams being invited after the initial invite window from the lottery will not be updated on the initial lottery list but will receive an invitation via email from Sportlomo.