



2025 Senior Beach Nationals - Technical Sheet

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1. Tournament Committee

- Event Director – Lia Diffin
- Competition Director – Emma Hadfield
- Volleyball Canada Staff & Representatives – Sandra de Graaff, Brad Moyer, Irene Barras
- Head Referee Supervisor – Kelvin Yee

2. Tournament Format

The senior format will be as follows:

- Day 1 – Pool Play (Modified)
- Day 2 – Playoffs (Round of 32, Round of 16, Round of 8, plus consolation rounds)
- Day 3 – Playoffs (Semis and Finals)

All teams are guaranteed min. 4 matches.

All Teams advance to playoffs from Pool Play. The lowest 8 teams based on performance in pool play will play the Round of 32 to get into Pre-Quarters (Round of 16).

Match Format

- Best of 3 sets
 - First two sets to 21
 - Third set to 15
 - No cap, must win by 2
- Switch sides
 - Every 7 points in sets 1 and 2
 - Every 5 points in set 3
- Time-Outs
 - One (1) time-out per team, per set
 - Technical time-out at 21 total points for sets 1 and 2
 - No technical time-out in the third set
- Between sets
 - One (1) minute break between sets

3. Seeding, Schedules, Results

Ranking/Seeding

- Seeding for all teams will be completed as per the [Senior Seeding Guidelines](#)

Schedules

- All schedules (draft and final) will be available, [Volleyball Life](#)
- Schedules will be posted no later than Wednesday, August 13th.
- Please note, 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 14th after the first check-in window has closed.
- Once final, 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 Life Any errors should be reported to the Volleyball Canada Senior HQ tent immediately.

4. Tiebreakers

- Tie-breaking procedures for pool play will be as follows:
 - Tie between two teams:
 - Result of head-to-head match
 - The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool
 - Tie between three teams:
 - The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between the tied teams;
 - The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool;
 - If still tied, the ranking is determined by the tournament seeding

5. Team Scorekeeping Duties

- Team Scorekeeping Duties
 - All Senior matches will be refereed by a Volleyball Canada 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.

Note: Volunteer scorekeepers will be assigned to matches whenever possible. If there are not enough volunteers to cover all courts, team scorekeeping assignments will remain in effect. These duties will be included on the posted schedule.

- 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**
 - 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 \$100 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 bracket play, teams will be assigned scorekeeping duties. After this round, the losing team will officiate the next game on that court.

- Submitting Scores (Electronic score entry)
 - Beach Nationals is a fully electronic event. This means scorekeeping teams will be required to enter scores directly into Volleyball Life, via their cell phones.
 - QR codes will be posted for teams to scan and 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 a mistake is noted in the results, immediately notify the Volleyball Canada HQ tent to inform someone from Volleyball Canada.

6. Team Check-In

- There are two check-in opportunities:
 - 1:00pm – 6:00pm on Thursday, August 14th
 - 8:00am – 8:45am on Friday, August 15th
- Check-in is mandatory for all teams.
- Check-in is located at the Volleyball Canada 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 14th 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.
- Practice balls are not provided

8. Match Protocols

Warm-Ups

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

Coaching

- Coaching is not allowed during play

Game Ball Process

- Balls will be managed by Volleyball Canada 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 competition uniforms provided.
- LOF and Jumble tops from previous 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 Volleyball Canada 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 pay \$50 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 Volleyball Canada website.

9. Medical Tent & Massage

- Medical will be available on-site Thursday through Sunday and will be located beside the Volleyball Canada Youth HQ Tent. Free taping and medical service will be available to all participants
 - Practice Day: 1:00PM to 5:00PM
 - Competition Days: 8:30AM until Last Match
- Massage therapists will be on-site Friday to 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.