



2025 University & College Beach Nationals- Technical Sheet

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1. Tournament Committee

- Competition Director – Emma Hadfield
- Volleyball Canada Staff & Representatives – Lia Diffin, Ian MacIntosh, Aidan Wilkie
- Head Referee Supervisor – Kelvin Yee

2. Team Personnel Requirements

- Coaches
 - Individuals wishing to coach on-site must meet all [Coaching Requirements](#) for Beach Nationals.
 - Only coaches who have been verified by Volleyball Canada will be permitted to coach during the event.
 - Coaches are required to check-in at the Volleyball Canada HQ tent before their first match to receive their accreditation.

If you have any questions regarding Safe Sport requirements for PIAs or Coaches, or if you need to submit background information, please contact Casey Turner at cturner@volleyball.ca

3. Tournament Format

The youth format will be as follows:

- Day 1: Pool Play + Round 16
- Day 2: Playoffs (QF, SF, F)

Day 1 –

- Each team will play a minimum of three (3) matches and up to four (4) matches.

Day 2 –

- All teams advance to Day 2
- Each team will play a minimum of one (1) match, and up to four (4) matches

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

4. Seeding, Schedules & Results

Seeding:

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

Schedules

- All schedules will be available on, [Volleyball Life](#)
- Schedules will be deemed final as of Wednesday, August 27th. Any withdrawals after this time will be noted as a forfeit.
- 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 HQ tent immediately.

5. 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

6. Team Referee 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 2.
 - 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.
 - Teams who choose not to play a match are still required to fulfill the officiating assignments that come from forfeiting/losing a match.
 - - **Pool Play**
 - All team referee duties will be indicated on the tournament schedule. Teams must fulfill all their scheduled officiating assignments. Teams who miss their official referee 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 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 Volleyball Canada official as first referee). If a match is assigned a Volleyball Canada official, then the officiating team should both work as second referee and assist with scoring.
- 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.
 - Volleyball Life [Entering Scores Tutorial](#)

7. Check-In (Team & Coach)

Team

- Team Check-in will occur the morning of Day 1:
 - 8:00am – 8:30am on Friday, August 30th
- Check-in is located at the Volleyball Canada HQ tent.
- Check-in is **mandatory** for all teams.
- Anyone listed on the official roster may check-in for the team (athlete, team manager, coach).

Coach

- All registered coaches who wish to participate at Beach Nationals, must check-in at the competition tent prior to their team's first match.
- Only coaches who have checked in and been provided with accreditation will be allowed to coach on-site.
- Check-in is located at the Volleyball Canada HQ tent.

8. Mandatory Player Meeting

- A mandatory players' meeting is scheduled for the morning of August 30th at 8:30am ET at the HQ tent.
- All players are required to be in attendance.

9. Match Protocols

Warm-ups

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

Coaching

- Coaching during play is not allowed at Beach Nationals.
- Coaching during breaks-in-play is permissible.
- 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.

Game Ball Process

- 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 match that day.

Uniforms

- Tops and bottoms for both men and women should be consistent in style and appearance.
- 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 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 Volleyball Canada website.

10. Medical Tent & Massage

- Medical will be available on-site Saturday through Sunday and will be located beside the Volleyball Canada HQ Tent. Free taping and medical service will be available to all participants
 - Competition Days: 8:30AM until Last Match
- Massage therapists will be on-site and will offer services free of charge.

11. Volleyball Canada Beach Rules

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

12. Awards

- Medals and championship banners will be awarded to the men's and women's Tier 1 winners.
- The medal ceremonies will take place at the conclusion of each gender's bronze and gold medal matches.