



Coach Information Package

Welcome to the 2025 Volleyball Canada Nationals! We're very excited to host over 1300 teams, 16,000+ athletes and coaches, and all the families and friends taking part across Canada!

General Information

- The facility will open at 6:00am each morning, access to courts as of 6:30am for warm-up.
- The Volleyball Canada Information Booth will be open throughout the tournament to answer any questions relating to the event.
- Event Crew will be in blue shirts and will be happy to assist you with questions or concerns you may have.
- Nationals merchandise will be available throughout the tournament. Pre-purchased merchandise can be picked up at the merchandise booth in the vendor hall.
- The vendor hall hours are as follows
 - Check-In day- 2pm -8pm
 - Day 1 & Day 2- 10am-6pm
 - Day 3- 10am – 3pm
- **Coaches, remember that you are responsible for your athletes at all times.** Please ensure they are supervised at all times during the tournament both in the venue and in the hotels.
- Team and individual photography services will be available on site via Infinite Eye photography.

Competition Information

- In an effort to reduce injuries during Nationals, coaches are encouraged to adopt the new warm-up protocol. Detailed information on the protocol can be found on the Volleyball Canada website.
- Whenever possible, teams are asked to conduct their hitting warmup towards the walls. This will help avoid spectator injury and stray balls from interrupting competition on other courts.
- No warming up with balls in the main hallways of the facility.
- No coolers with food should be brought into the facility.
- Teams are required to provide 1 athlete linesperson for each match, and 1 parent scorer.
- A team can consist of up to 15 players. All 15 players may be in uniform, may participate in the warm-up and may sit on the bench, and participate in any given match.
- Coaches must provide their approved roster on the score table at each match.
- Lost rosters can be replaced at the Competition Headquarters for \$20

Event Vest and Shirt Colours

- Black Vests- VC Representatives and VC Event Staff- can assist you with questions regarding any competition information.
- Grey Vests- Referee mentors –role is to support the referees
- Red Vests – Referee Supervisors - role is to oversee referee operations
- Blue Tshirts- Event Crew- Supporting various competition roles, can assist or direct questions as needed

Medical/Concussion

Free medical services and taping will be available for all athletes. There will be stations with athletic therapists set up in each hall.

The therapists will conduct all concussion assessments (SCAT-6). Should an athlete not pass the concussion assessment they will not be permitted to continue playing however athletes will have a chance to be re-assessed in on site. We ask that all teams promote the motto, “when in doubt, sit them out”.

Code of Conduct

All participants, team personnel, spectators and staff are expected to adhere to the VC code of conduct and the VC Nationals Zero Tolerance Policy throughout the event.

Cameras and Tripods

For the safety of our athletes, we ask that each team limit the number of cameras placed around the court. Where possible, cameras should be located in the spectator seating area or to the corners of the court, at least one meter away from the playing area. Cameras are not permitted to be on the Sport Court at any time. For the safety of all participants, and to comply with local emergency procedures and codes, team personnel and spectators must be aware that there will be areas where cameras and spectators will not be permitted. Event staff may move a camera or spectators to ensure athlete safety and compliance. See section 6.4 of the Competition Guide for further information.

Livestreaming

All matches will be accessible via pay-per-view, giving fans, families, and scouts the ultimate front-row seat to Canada's top youth volleyball talent.

Net Heights:

	Girls/Women	Boys/Men
15U	2.20m	2.35m
16U	2.24m	2.35m
17U	2.24m	2.43m
18U	2.24m	2.43m

Protest & Appeal Process

The following types of issues can be protested or appealed:

- An improper decision by the referee who did not apply the rules or regulations.
- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score. - Please note that judgement calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (ie. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested.
- The protest will be accepted or rejected prior to the resumption of play by the tournament jury.

To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged. A fee of **\$100** must be provided in **cash** immediately in order to assemble the Competition Jury to assess the protest. The funds will be returned if the protest is upheld; however, if it is overturned, the funds will go towards referee development.

In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, before play resumes. Please remember that **NO** match will be replayed, as protests have to be placed at the moment of the incident.

Event Passes

- Rostered team staff and athletes will receive accreditation to attend Nationals
- Spectators must purchase an event pass, this can be done on site or via Showpass
- Youth aged 18 or younger may enter for free but must collect an event pass
- All event passes must be worn on the wrist, they cannot be attached to bags/purses

Facility Information

- Please visit the Edmonton nationals website for full parking details.
- Parking cost is \$16.50 per day.
- Food services including a buffet, pre-order meals, food trucks and the food court will be available on site throughout Nationals

RESPECT THE FACILITIES – please have your athletes clean up their bench area when they leave the court **after each match**. There are a large number of athletes at the event and our facility staff cannot keep up to the mess that is created.

Good luck to all teams!