

Nationals FAQ

Participation

1. What is Volleyball Canada doing to ensure that top teams can attend Nationals?

Volleyball Canada 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 Volleyball Canada offer priority for competitive teams?

Volleyball Canada will focus on offering pre-registration for competitive teams. No priority will be offered during the general registration period.

3. Is there a minimum or maximum number of spots reserved for each PTA in the lottery system?

No, Volleyball Canada has not preassigned a guaranteed minimum or maximum number of spots for Nationals this year.

4. Will Volleyball Canada prioritize spots for large clubs?

As with previous years, no priority will be offered during the general registration period.

5. How many teams will be invited to attend 2025 Nationals?

Volleyball Canada has space for approximately 1464 teams to attend 2025 Nationals in Edmonton and another 328 teams to attend 14U events in Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Fredericton.

6. How do those numbers compare to 2024 participation?

2024 had a combined total of 1536 teams attending Nationals.

7. How do those numbers compare to 2023 participation?

2023 had a combined total of 1255 teams attending Nationals.

Expression of Interest

8. Who can submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)?

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 Administrator, Head Coach or Team Manager. A SportLoMo account is required to complete an EOI/Register for the Event.

9. Will teams who submit a late Expression of Interest be invited to register?

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

10. 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 Volleyball Canada may create a waitlist to ensure there are sufficient teams to expand the tournament while maintaining a competitive draw.

11. Can I change/ adjust the team name during registration from what was previously stated in the Expression of Interest?

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.

12. 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 have the opportunity to list a 2nd event should the team be willing to attend an alternate event. Teams will be automatically invited to the alternate event should they be waitlisted for their preferred event.

13. If I submit an Expression of Interest on January 4th, will I have a better chance of being selected than if I submit an Expression of Interest on December 2nd?

All teams who submit their Expression of Interest during the window of December 2nd, 2024 and January 5th @ Midnight EST, have the same chance of being selected in the draw.

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

Deposits will be deducted from the registration fee.

Waitlist

15. Why do teams get placed on the waitlist?

Volleyball Canada aims to invite all teams to attend Nationals, however facility capacity may limit Volleyball Canada's ability to invite all interested teams to attend.

16. How is the waitlist established?

The waitlist is made up of the remaining teams in the draw after the event has reached capacity. The first team of those remaining 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 Expression of Interest (Dec 2nd-Jan 5th) waitlist teams.

17. When will the waitlist be confirmed?

The waitlist will be confirmed once teams are drawn. Teams will be invited until capacity has been reached. Volleyball Canada will aim to have waitlists posted as of January 10th with updates posted weekly.

18. How will this year's waitlist be different from last year?

Volleyball Canada 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

19. 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 Nova.
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.*

20. 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. Invites are sent out after 12pm EST.

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

Volleyball Canada 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 Volleyball Canada ASAP, as Volleyball Canada 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 Volleyball Canada 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.

22. What happens if my team is invited to register, but decides they do not wish to participate?

Teams who decline their invitation to register will receive a refund on their deposit, minus service fees.

23. What happens to my deposit if my team is waitlisted after the Expression of Interest period?

Waitlisted teams will receive a refund on their deposit beginning in February. They will remain on the waitlist unless they request to be removed.

24. 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:

25. How will I know if my team will be invited to register after the Expression of Interest period?

Volleyball Canada will post a list of all teams who will receive an invitation on each event's webpage. These teams can expect to receive an invitation via email from Sportlomo.

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

For additional questions, please reach out to nationals@volleyball.ca.