

Volleyball Canada Nationals - Stay to Play Policy



Volleyball Canada Youth Indoor National Championships are designated as Stay to Play events. This means that, to be eligible to compete, teams and athletes must book their accommodation through one of the official hotels arranged by Hudson Travel Group (HTG).

This policy has been put in place to benefit teams, event organizers, host cities and Volleyball Canada by ensuring suitable accommodations for all participants while helping to manage competition costs effectively.

For frequently asked questions about the Stay to Play Program, please refer to the FAQ document on the event webpage.

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Stay to Play Regulations

To ensure compliancy with the Stay to Play Policy, participating teams must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Teams must reserve a minimum of five (5) rooms at one of the official tournament hotels
- Each booking must cover a minimum of two (2) nights for all rooms.
- All reservations must be made exclusively through the HTG reservation portal. Teams may not book rooms directly with hotels.

It is the responsibility of each team to review and abide by the Stay to Play regulations. Volleyball Canada will cross-reference team registrations with HTG's hotel booking records to verify compliance. Non-compliant teams may face one or more of the following sanctions:

- Removal from the event
- Placed on the Volleyball Canada Not in Good Standing list
- Administrative fees or fines
- Ineligibility to register in future Nationals events (inclusive of club, coach, players)
- Team/Club may receive further sanctioning from Volleyball Canada and/or their Provincial/Territorial Association

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Exemptions from the Stay to Play Policy

Exemptions are on a first come first served basis per individual. They will not be issued to a team member if it places their team below the minimum number of rooms requirement.

Volleyball Canada offers exemptions from the Stay to Play policy under the following categories.

1. **Local Exemption:** Teams or athletes may qualify for a local exemption if they meet one of the following criteria:

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- The team is based within the specified proximity distance from the competition venue.
- Team member resides within the specified proximity distance from the competition venue.
- Team member plans to stay with family or friends who reside within the specified proximity distance from the competition venue.

Note: Proximity distances differ by city; please visit your event website for event specific details.

2. **Special Exemption:** For exemption requests that do not fall under the proximity exemption category. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be reviewed by the Stay to Play Review Committee.

Exemption Process:

Local Exemption:

1. Local Club - Volleyball Canada has created a list of pre-approved locally exempt clubs, in consultation with the Provincial and Territorial Associations. This list can be found on the event webpage within the Accommodations section. Any team affiliated with the identified clubs are automatically exempt and **do not** need to apply for a local exemption.
2. Local Friends/Family – To request an exemption to stay with friends or family located within the proximity distance, please complete an Exemption Request Form which can be found on the event webpage.

Special Exemption: All other exemption requests must be made via the online exemption form on the event webpage. Previous booking exemptions will not be considered. Volleyball Canada will review and respond to all requests, within 10 business days.