

**2027**  
**Volleyball Canada**  
**National Championships**



**Volleyball**  
**Canada**

**Request for Letter of**  
**Interest**

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## National Championships Introduction

Volleyball Canada (VC) is proud to have hosted successful National Championships since 1953 building a tradition of excellence in competitive volleyball. With the introduction of the Open format 20 years ago, teams nationwide now compete for the national title across multiple age categories, ranging from 14U to 35+. Over 1500 teams participate in the VC Championship events annually.

The VC National Championships have evolved to include a robust experience for all attendees on and off the court. This includes designated zones for athletes, coaches and parents as well as photography studio, merchandise store, 18U social, partner/vendor booths, and a vibrant food truck zone.

### Event Growth (15U - 18U events)

	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024
Number of host cities	1	3	1	3	1
Teams	720	731	782	967	1,260
Participants	8,640	8,772	9,384	11,604	15,120
Staff	200	200	215	230	250
Referees	450	475	500	550	500
Spectators	15,500	17,300	18,500	22,500	27,600
Courts	54	52	54	71	56
Room Nights	17,280	26,316	28,152	34,812	45,360

### General Event Information

- 2024 economic impact for the province of Alberta was over \$48million
- Each athlete travels with approximately 1.5 supporters/family members
- 85% of teams stay in a hotel, on average
- Teams book an average of 11 hotel rooms per night for 3 nights

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## National Championships Objectives

The objectives of the Volleyball Canada National Championships are to:

1. Provide the opportunity to become a champion for all age categories and both genders
2. Offer a unique participation opportunity
3. To create a competitive environment with meaningful competition
4. To support development and high-performance programs
5. To promote the game of volleyball



## National Championship Hosting Opportunities

Volleyball Canada is seeking host cities with a capacity for hosting large scale events. Interested host cities are invited to submit detailed information on their maximum event space capabilities as well as date availability for their respective venue(s) and accommodations. Hosts may propose any combination of hosting format with event capacity, Volleyball Canada will allocate events to selected hosts that best meets the requirements of the National Championships, preference will be given to submissions which offer multiple, large events.

### Hosting Formats:

- Single Tournament (4-Day Event)
  - Check-in/practice day plus three competition days.
- Multiple Tournaments (Two or more 4-Day Events)
  - Check-in/practice day plus three competition days immediately followed by the next 4-Day Event
- Multiple Tournaments (Back-to-Back weekends)
  - Two or more 4-Day Events on back-to-back weekends
  - Ideally, courts remain set up in between tournaments

### Event Capacity

Priority will be given to facilities who can host many courts under one roof, though proposals involving multiple facilities within one host city will also be considered. General event space for off court activations will also be required.

- Small Event
  - Minimum requirement of 20 courts  
\*A tournament with 20 courts will host an average of 160 teams
- Large Event
  - Minimum requirement of 45 courts
  - Preferred court number of 54 or more courts  
\* A tournament with 54 courts will host an average of 432 teams

### Dates:

VC National Championships are to be held within the month of May:

- Events preferred to start no earlier than the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in the month
- Single Tournaments (4-Day Event) are preferred to be held on a Thursday – Sunday model.
- Multiple Tournaments may extend throughout the week, it is preferable is to have access to at least one day of the weekend per tournament (including the long weekend).
- A minimum of two set-up days and two tear-down days are required per event. For events with 20+ courts, three to four set up days are preferred.



# Hosting Requirements

## Venue Requirements - Competition

The following items outline the competition requirements for hosting Volleyball Canada Nationals.

- Minimum court space requirements
  - 9m x 18m Playing Surface
  - 3m Serving Space (Each End)
  - 2m Free Space (Each Side)
  - 2m-3m Between Courts
  - Space for spectator seating at each court
  - Safe walking space to access all courts
- A single venue with one large space or a combination of multiple smaller sized spaces within one venue would be acceptable. These spaces could include gymnasiums, hockey rinks, field houses, etc.
- A column free space is preferable however a limited number of columns is acceptable
- A minimum ceiling height of 9 meters. This clearance distance is to be measured from the playing service to the lowest impairment or overhanging obstruction of the ceiling.

## Venue Requirements - Non-Competition

The following items outline the non-court requirements for hosting Volleyball Canada Nationals. These requirements will vary depending on the overall size of the event.

- Competition management office space(s)
- Referee Lounge
- Staff Lounge
- Medical Room
- Merchandiser area – minimum of 24' x 24'
- Salons for partner activations
- Food Court or food sales area
- Ticket sales area
- Storage for event equipment including storage of sport court crates

## Accommodations Requirements

Adequate hotel capacity to host a large-scale event is required within the host city.

- Hotel rooms for event staff
- Hotel rooms for referees
- Hotel rooms for teams
  - Each team requires, on average, 11 rooms over 3 nights
  - Each court accommodates 8 teams



## Funding Requirements

Volleyball Canada is seeking the following funding from the host:

- It is expected that the host city will cover the cost of the base rent of the competition venue
- Minimum hosting fee:
  - \$500,000.00 for an event of 50+ courts
- VIK sponsorship of event expenses

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# Host City Selection

VC will review all submissions to determine the ideal hosting plan based on facility availability.

VC will request additional hosting information to confirm the capacity to host the designated events once potential host cities are identified.

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# Submission of Interest

A Letter of Interest can be submitted by a Provincial/Territorial Volleyball Association, a local volleyball club, a tourism agency, municipality and/or event promoter. Interested hosts are welcome to offer a multi-year bid.

At the time of submission, a hold must be placed on the competition venue as well as on hotel rooms.

Submissions must include the following:

- Facility name & location
- Dates of availability
- Approximate number of courts / court diagram
- Confirmation of hotel capacity to support an event of this size
  - Including information regarding any conflicting events which may reduce access to hotel rooms
- Funding contribution details
- Letters of Support
  - From the Regional Referee Chairperson (RRC)
  - From the Local, Regional, and/or Provincial Tourism Bureau
  - From the Provincial Volleyball Association
  - From the local hotel organization

Questions and submission of interest can be directed to

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Deadline for submissions is **January 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**, follow-up on each submission will be provided by **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.



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# Court Layout

