



Volleyball Canada Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) for Beach Volleyball at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

Preliminary Information

The following is a summary of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Qualification System (QS). In the event of a discrepancy between this INP and the QS, the QS will prevail. In the event of changes by IOC to the selection and eligibility criteria, Volleyball Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.

- The Beach Volleyball Competition of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Dakar 2026) will be held from **October 31 – November 13, 2026**.
- The IOC has awarded one Dakar 2026 berth to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)
- Under the COC Team Selection policy, Volleyball Canada can qualify one women's beach team for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

Performance Objective

Volleyball Canada's objective for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games includes a Top 5 finish while providing multi-sport games experience for future Olympic hopefuls.

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Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for nomination to COC for Olympic or Pan-Am Team selection, all athletes must:

1. Be Canadian Citizens (this refers to Rule 42 of the Olympic Charter and the Regulations of the Pan American Games).
2. Have a Canadian Passport valid until May 13, 2027.
3. Be born in 2009 or later.
4. Be a member in good standing of Volleyball Canada.
5. Be in compliance with all relevant COC, FIVB and IOC requirements for eligibility.
6. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Eligibility form no later than September 14, 2026. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements

FIVB Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must fulfil the below:

1. Comply with the requirements set out in Chapter (Status of Players) of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations and Article 5 FIVB Volleyball Sports Regulations and registered in the FIVB Database.

2. Demonstrate availability of athletes to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Beach Volleyball competition; and

3. Field depth and competition strength:

International, regional and national competition results including strength of competition and consistency of performance;

Widely and regularly practicing national Beach Volleyball athletes;

Among top ranked national Beach Volleyball athletes.

Athlete & Staff Selection

Not to be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by Volleyball Canada, Sport Integrity Canada, an SDRCC Safeguarding Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the athlete's ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the Games.

Team Selection

- Volleyball Canada will nominate one female beach volleyball team.
- Volleyball Canada will assign one beach volleyball team coach to 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games (Subject to COC Approval). This coach will have the Primary Team Official Accreditation and will be the designated Team Leader at the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games. The coach must:
 1. Be a registered charter professional coach with the CAC by September 14, 2026
 2. Have a valid passport that does not expire before May 13, 2027
 3. Be in compliance with all relevant COC, IF and IOC requirements for eligibility.
 4. Sign, submit and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Eligibility form no later than September 14, 2026.
 5. Be 18 years of age or older.
 6. Be a member on good standing of Volleyball Canada.
 7. Not be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by Volleyball Canada, Sport Integrity Canada, an SDRCC Safeguarding Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the support staff's ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the Games.
- **Volleyball Canada's 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games selection**

Volleyball Canada has earned one women's berth to the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games through the IOC . The winning team of the 17U Girls division at the 2026 Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships (August 14 – 16, 2026) in Toronto, Ontario, will represent Canada at the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games.

 - a. The first place team at the Volleyball Canada 2026 17U Girls division at the 2026 Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships will be offered the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games berth.

- b. Should the first place team from point a. above decline to participate as a pair in the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games, the second place team in the 17U Girls division at the Volleyball Canada 2026 Beach National Championships will be offered the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games berth.
- c. Should the second place team from point b. above decline to participate as a pair in the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games, the third place team at the Volleyball Canada 2026 Beach National Championships will be offered the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games berth.

If the top three teams from point a., b. and c. above each decline the selection to participate in the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games then Volleyball Canada will award the berth based on international potential as determined by Volleyball Canada's Women's Next Gen Head Coach and Volleyball Canada's Beach High Performance Director.

- Deadline for Volleyball Canada to submit the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games long list of athletes and support staff to the Canadian Olympic Committee: **By July 2, 2026.**
- Deadline for Volleyball Canada to nominate the players participating in the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games and support staff to the Canadian Olympic Committee: **By September 14, 2026.**

Injury Clause:

- Each athlete from the selected team (2 females) shall designate a replacement partner should their partner suffer an injury that prevents them from taking part in the 2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games. The replacement partner has to be on the COC Long List.
- All changes after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. All changes are also subject to IOC's Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Appeals

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision from Volleyball Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for Beach Volleyball at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the appeal will be dealt with as outlined in the Volleyball Canada Appeals Policy, found on the Volleyball Canada website at the following link:

<https://www.volleyball.ca/en/about/governance/policies>

If both parties are in agreement, the Volleyball Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

Language

Where discrepancies occur, the language this Agreement was written in shall take precedence.

Funding

There will be a registration fee charged for each team competing at Nationals to be eligible for selection for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

The athletes competing in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games may have to pay a portion of the costs associated with competing in the Games.

INP Publication

This INP and any amendments will be available on Volleyball Canada's website: <https://volleyball.ca/en/beach-teams>

Timelines Summary

May 1, 2026: Pre-Registration Opens for Beach Nationals

May 15, 2026: General Registration Opens for Beach Nationals

June 30, 2026: Early Bird Deadline for Beach Nationals

June 18, 2026: Games Portal opens for Long List participants to submit their information

June 30, 2026: Final INP Published

July 2, 2026: Submit Long List in the Games Portal

July 14, 2026: Deadline for Long List participants to complete their information in the Games Portal

August 2026: Registration Requirements open

August 14-16, 2026: VC Beach National Championships 17U Girls Division Tournament

Early September 2026: Deadline to complete Registration Requirements

September 14, 2026: Team Nomination deadline

Oct. 31 – Nov. 13, 2026: Dakar Youth Olympic Games