



2026 Youth Olympic Games Beach Volleyball Selection Process

Objective

To identify the team that will be nominated to represent Canada at the **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games** in women's beach volleyball.

The winning team of the **17U Girls division** at the 2026 Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships will be offered the opportunity to represent Canada at the Youth Olympic Games.

Event Overview

Volleyball Canada's Beach National Championships are the premier domestic events for the Canadian beach volleyball community. Athletes from across the country compete for the title of **National Champion**.

In 2026, Beach Nationals will take place at:

- **Ashbridges Bay, Toronto** – August 14–16, 2026
- **Spanish Banks East, Vancouver** – August 21–23, 2026 (14U–16U only)

The **17U Girls division in Toronto (August 14–16, 2026)** will serve as the official selection event for the Youth Olympic Games.

Youth Olympic Games Details

- Event: Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026
- Location: Dakar, Senegal
- Dates: October 31 – November 13, 2026
- Discipline: Women's Beach Volleyball
- Entry: One team per country (nominated by Volleyball Canada)

Eligibility

- Open to all eligible athletes (born on or after January 1, 2009)
- Canadian citizens with a valid Canadian passport
- Modified eligibility rules for this event:
 - No playing up or playing down restrictions
 - No provincial championship participation requirement
 - Open to all eligible athletes nationwide

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Selection Process

- Final rankings in the 17U Girls division will determine selection
- The 1st place team will be offered nomination to represent Canada at the Youth Olympic Games
- Acceptance of nomination is subject to:
 - Meeting all Volleyball Canada requirements
 - Completion of all required documentation
 - Compliance with international federation eligibility criteria

Notes

- Athletes are responsible for all travel, accommodation, and meal costs associated with Beach Nationals
- Additional requirements (documentation, eligibility verification, etc.) will be communicated to the selected team following the event
- Participation in this event may be considered in future national team programming decisions

Contact

For questions regarding the Youth Olympic Games selection event: nationals@volleyball.ca

Additional Information

- Volleyball Canada will coordinate registration into the Youth Olympic Games following selection
- Further details regarding travel, uniforms, and event logistics will be provided to the selected team

Sincerely,

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