

Divisional Play and Seeding

The following document summarizes the methods used to seed participating teams in the Volleyball Canada National Championships. Rankings are provided by Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs) based on final placings at Provincial Championships.

Volleyball Canada reserves the right to adjust the seeding in an effort to offer the best competition experience to participating teams.

Foreign teams will be ranked as per the percentile method based on results from their country's state/provincial championship results. If the foreign team participates in a Canadian PTA Championship, they will be ranked as per the provincial seeding.

New for 2023!

- The Top 8 Placement system will be replacing the Top 16 system. This will distribute more fairly who starts in the top half of the draw, and how many teams from each province make the top Division/Tier.
- The Tier based competition schedule piloted in 2022 at 14U and 16U, will be returning for 14U and 15U in addition to 16UG and 17UG. The schedule does not separate teams into divisions, rather seeding categories will be dividing in groups of 32 or 24 (similar to divisions) but teams can move freely between their starting groups based on match outcomes.
- The order of PTA medalists and provincial breakdown for 15-18U is based on the number of Top 10 finishes over the last 6 years of Nationals. Each age and gender now has a different breakdown.
- 15UB will be piloting a new point based seeding process. This new process will test the capacity to deliver a more accurate seeding for each participating team. Teams will be responsible for providing one regular season result to VC. See section 7.0 for full details.
 - 15UB teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in at Nationals (playing up an age category) will receive a score of 0 for both provincial championship requirements. (similar to teams being placed after percentile times in all other age categories)
- The seeding allocations for PE, NT, NU, YT have been amended from previous years

General Information

- For Division based schedules (16UB, 17UB, 18U), seeding will be broken down into divisions as per the schedule for each age/gender category. Division size may vary depending on total teams registered for the age/gender category and may be larger or smaller than the standard 32 teams.
- Requests to play in a lower division than the anticipated seed (based on the guidelines below) must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to Coach Check-in for the specific age/gender category. Teams may not request a higher seeded position. All requests are subject to approval by VC and the PTA.
- Teams who do not have a ranking from a PTA Championships for the same age category in which they are participating in at Nationals will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams. *For example, a 14U team only competes in their 14U PTA Championships, if they chose to participate in the 15U VC National Championships, they will be seeded after the percentile ranked teams.*
- The 14U PTA medalist order will be determined via a one-time random draw.
- Draft seeding will be shared with coaches to ensure accuracy in rankings

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18U Boys

Division 1/ Positions 1 - 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 17U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	AB	5	AB
2	ON	6	ON
3	MB	7	BC
4	ON	8	ON

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK and QC
- 5) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 6) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: SK and QC
- 7) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: NL, NB and NS
- 8) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 9) PTA champions from NU, NT, YT and PE will be seeded at the top of Division 2.

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.

- 10) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

If there is no Division 2, the Champions from NL, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded before the percentile method.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

2.0 18U Girls

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 17U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	ON	5	AB
2	BC	6	MB
3	ON	7	ON
4	ON	8	ON

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, NS and QC
- 5) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, BC and MB
- 6) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: SK and QC
- 7) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: NL and NB
- 8) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 9) PTA champions from PE will be seeded at the top of Division 2

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.

- 10) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

If there is no Division 2, the Champions from NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded before the percentile method.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

PTA champions from NU, NT, YT will be seeded in the lower 50 percent of the draw.

3.0 17U Boys

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 16U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	ON	5	AB
2	ON	6	AB
3	BC	7	ON
4	BC	8	MB

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 4) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 5) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, NS and QC
- 6) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 7) PTA champions from NL, NB, NU, NT, YT and PE will be seeded at the top of Division or as of the 33rd seed (16U).

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.

- 8) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

If there is no Division 2, the Champions from NL, NB, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded before the percentile method.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

4.0 17U Girls

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 16U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	ON	5	ON
2	ON	6	BC
3	SK	7	AB
4	BC	8	ON

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 4) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB, MB and BC
- 5) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK, NS and QC
- 6) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 7) PTA champions from NL, NB and PE will be seeded at the top of Division or as of the 33rd seed.

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.

- 8) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

If there is no Division 2, the Champions from NL, NB, NU, NT, YT, and PE will be seeded before the percentile method.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

PTA champions from NU, NT, YT will be seeded in the lower 50 percent of the draw.

5.0 16U Boys

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 15U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	ON	5	ON
2	ON	6	MB
3	ON	7	AB
4	BC	8	BC

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON and AB
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON and AB
- 4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC, QC and SK
- 5) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: MB and NS
- 6) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON and AB

The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 - 64

- 7) PTA champions from NL, NB, NU, NT, YT and PE will be seeded at the top of Division 2 (17U, 18U) or as of the 33rd seed (16U).

The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.

- 8) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

6.0 16U Girls

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 8 seeds will be determined from the 15U standings of the 2022 VC National Championships. For example, the final PTA positions from 1-8 of 16U girls in 2022 will be held for the corresponding PTAs of 17U girls in 2023.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 8 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	ON	5	ON
2	ON	6	BC
3	ON	7	ON
4	AB	8	ON

- 2) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: ON, AB and MB
- 3) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB and MB
- 4) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC
- 5) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: ON, AB and MB
- 6) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: SK
- 7) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC
- 8) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2/ Positions 33 – 64

- 9) PTA champions from NL, NB, QC, NS, and PE will be seeded at the top of Division 2.
 - a. The above listed PTA Champions will be placed in Division 2/as of 33rd position regardless of percentile rank. Any other participating teams from these PTAs will be ranked after the Champions should their percentile rank them in a higher position.
- 10) Teams requesting to play in a lower position than their original rank will be seeded after the above-mentioned Champions.

Division 3 or lower / Position 65 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

PTA champions from NU, NT, YT will be seeded in the lower 50 percent of the draw.

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15U Boys

New for 2023!

Teams will collect points based on their results from the 2022-2023 season: One regular season event (10%), Provincials seeding (40%), and their Provincials final ranking (50%).

90% of a team's points will be collected by VC from the PTA after each Provincial championship. The remaining 10% will be collected directly from the teams via a live form submission. If a team does not submit a result, they will be given a score of 0 for their regular season event.

10% of Total Points based on Highest finish at a sanctioned event (BOW, PTA event, etc).

40% of Total Points based on Seeding heading into Provincial Championships

50% of Total Points based on Final Ranking from Provincial Championships.

For each result, points will be calculated and totaled to produce a final ranking. Teams will be seeded based on point total in decreasing order, with the highest point total being ranked 1st.

See Appendix A for further details regarding point allocations per province.

8.0 15U Girls

Division 1/ Positions 1 – 32

- 1) The distribution of the top 9 seeds will be determined from the top three finishing PTAs from each 2022 14U VC National Championships. Teams have been ranked into the top 9 based via a random draw.

Teams from ON must have finished in the Top 9 of their 2023 PTA Championship to be seeded in the pre allocated top 8 in the VC National Championships. All other provinces must have placed in the top 5 of their 2023 PTA Championships. Provinces will be required to break ties as required.

Provincial allocations in the top 9 will be removed if there are not sufficient teams from that PTA who meet the above listed requirements participating in the event.

1	AB	4	QC	7	ON
2	ON	5	NS	8	ON
3	ON	6	SK	9	PEI

- 2) The PTA Champions, Silver Medalists and Bronze Medalists from the province: ON
- 3) The PTA Champions from: AB and MB
- 4) The PTA Silver Medalists from: AB and MB
- 5) The PTA Champions from the following Provinces: QC, BC and SK.
- 6) The PTA Bronze Medalists from: AB and MB
- 7) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC, SK and QC.
- 8) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: BC, SK, and QC.
- 9) The PTA Champions from NB, NS, PE and NL.
- 10) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2 or lower / Position 33 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into a higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

Special considerations

PTA champions from NU, NT, YT will be seeded in the lower 50 percent of the draw.

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14U Boys and Girls

Division 1/ Positions 1 - 32

- 1) The PTA Champions from the following provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 2) The PTA Silver Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 3) The PTA Champions from NB, NS, PE and NL.
- 4) The PTA Bronze Medalists from the following provinces: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON and QC.
- 5) The remaining teams will be seeded using the percentile ranking method, see section 10.0 for details.

Division 2 or lower / Position 33 or lower

The top seeds will be allocated to teams who have earned a seed into higher position but have requested a lower seed in order to play at an appropriate level of competition.

Special considerations

PTA champions from NU, NT, YT will be seeded in the lower 50 percent of the draw.

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Percentile Method

Percentile seeding is calculated by dividing the number of teams that a team finished ahead of in their PTA Championship by the total number of teams that participated in that age category.

Example: Team X finished 3rd at their Provincial Championship which had 40 teams participate in their age category.

$$\text{PTA } 3 = 40 \text{ (teams)} - 3 \text{ (placement)} / 40 \text{ teams} * 100 = 93\text{rd percentile}$$

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Rankings for Combined Championships

For teams who participate in a combined provincial championship (two age categories playing in the same draw).

The oldest of the age groups in a combined event will receive a “true rank” in that they will be ranked where they finish, including the younger team’s results.

The rankings for the younger teams will have the older team’s results removed for the purpose of ranking them in relativity to other teams of the same age group.

The total number of teams for each age group will include to total of both age categories.

Example: PTA X hosts a combined 17U & 18U event with a total of 20 teams with the following results:

1st - Team A (18U)
2nd - Team B (17U)
3rd – Team C (18U)

Team A will be ranked 1st and Team C will be ranked 3rd of 20 teams for 18U however Team B will be ranked 1st of 20 teams for 17U.

*Teams playing up an age group will factor into the calculation.

Example: PTA X hosts a 17U event with a total of 20 teams. One 16U team participated in the event, their results will not be removed or separated, and the total will remain as 20 teams.

Appendix A – 15UB Point Summary

Columns B, C, D, E, F, G and H are used for points pertaining to Provincial Championships (Final rank and initial Seed).

Columns B, C, D, E, F, G and H are also used for Premier level events (Grand Prix, Premier, Best of the West, etc) when calculating the 10% number.

Columns I, J and K are used for calculating Non-Premier Events (Championship or initial tournaments before teams are split into Divisions).

Ex:

Pakmen (OVA) came into Provincials ranked 3rd and finished second. They won a Premier Tournament.

Dinos (AB) came into Provincials ranked 6, and won. They finished 2nd at a non-premier event.

	Regular Season Event			Provincials Seed			Provincials Rank			Total	Ranking
	Result	Pts	10%	Result	Pts	40%	Result	Pts	50%		
Pakmen (ON)	1st	1000	100	3rd	960	384	2nd	975	487.5	971.5	1
Dinos (AB)	2nd	825	82.5	6th	890	356	1st	975	487.5	843.5	2

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	ON	AB	BC	MB	SK/QC	ATL	TERR	ON DIV 2	AB DIV 2	BC DIV 2
1	1000	975	960	960	900	845	800	900	850	840
2	975	950	935	930	875	830	785	875	825	815
3	960	935	920	900	860	815	770	860	810	800
4	945	920	905	870	845	800	755	845	795	785
5	930	905	890	840	830	785	740	830	780	770
6	915	890	875	810	815	770	725	815	765	755
7	900	875	860	780	800	755	710	800	750	740
8	885	860	845	750	785	740	695	785	735	725
9	870	845	830	720	770	725	680	770	720	710
10	855	830	815	690	755	710	665	755	705	695
11	840	815	800	660	740	695	650	740	690	680
12	825	800	785	630	725	680	635	725	675	665
13	810	785	770	600	710	665	620	710	660	650
14	795	770	755	570	695	650	605	695	645	635
15	780	755	740	540	680	635	590	680	630	620
16	765	740	725		665	620	575	665	615	605
17	750	725	710		650	605	560	650	600	590
18	735	710	695		635	590	545	635	585	575
19	720	695	680		620	575	530	620	570	530
20	705	680	665		605	560	515	605	555	515
21	690	665	650		590	545	500	590	540	500
22	675	650	635		575	530	485	575	525	485
23	660	635	620		560	515	470	560	510	470
24	645	620	605		545	500	455	545	495	455
25	630	605	590		530	485	395	530	480	440
26	615	590	575		515	470	380	515	465	425
27	600	575	560		500	455	365	500	450	410
28	585	560	545		485	395		485	435	395
29	570	545	530		470	380		470	420	380
30	555	530	515		455	365		455	405	365