2016 Beach Volleyball Player Handbook - Youth

2016 Youth National Championships
Ashbridges Bay - TORONTO, ON
August 18th - 21st, 2016
1. **Age Divisions**

14 & Under: Born in 2002 or later
15 & Under: Born in 2001 or later
16 & Under: Born in 2000 or later
18 & Under: Born in 1998 or later
22 & Under: Born in 1994 or later

2. **Competition Format**

- Registrations accepted on a first come, first serve basis – No reserved spots.
- Day 1: Pool Play
- Day 2: Power Pools
- Day 3: Single Elimination
- Minimum number of matches: 7 (min. 3+3+1)
  *If there are no-show teams causing a default, 7 matches may no longer be guaranteed*
- All teams are guaranteed at least 1 match on day 3.

3. **Registration**

All teams must register online at register.volleyball.ca. Registration opens Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 at 6:00 PM EDT

4. **Registration Deadline and Fees**

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- Teams who register within the Late Registration time period will be required to pay an additional $50 for their entry fee.
- Teams who register prior to the Registration Deadline will be guaranteed to receive their competition tops in their requested sizing. All registrations submitted after the Registration Deadline will receive competition tops on a first come, first serve basis.

*VC reserves the right to cancel any category in which less than 8 teams are registered.*

5. **Registration Fees**

Early Bird (June 21st – July 12th, 2016)
- Youth (14U to 22U) $235 per team.

Registration Fee (Period of July 12th – August 9th, 2016)
6. Team Check-In and Players Meeting

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that they attend the team check-in and players meeting.

Please note that all athletes must provide proof of age when checking in (birth certificate, driver's license, health card, or passport).

The Player's meeting will include the following:
- Rule clarifications
- Tournament format (start times, number of matches/day etc.)
- Tournament schedule
- Distribution of uniform
- Introduction and review of the role of the Tournament Committee
- Any new policies or regulations

Further details regarding the Team Check-In and Players meeting will be available on the Volleyball Canada Youth Beach Nationals event page.

Note: If you are not able to attend check-in or the players meeting, it is your responsibility to notify Volleyball Canada (nationals@volleyball.ca) by Monday, August 15th 2016.

7. Wait List

VC has the right to put a limit to the number of teams allowed in each category. Should one event fill, a wait list will be maintained for the extra teams. Should a registered team withdraw from the event; teams on the wait list will be contacted and given the opportunity to enter the tournament.

8. Withdrawals

- Withdrawal before registration deadline

Withdrawal before the registration deadline (July 12th, 2016) is allowed. However, there will be an administrative fee of $40.00 per team retained by VC.

- Withdrawal after registration deadline

In case of withdrawal of a team after the registration deadline (July 12th, 2016), no reimbursement will be issued.

9. Partner Changes

- An athlete may request a partner change. The new partnership must meet all Volleyball Canada Eligibility requirements and must be approved by Volleyball Canada and the replacement athlete’s PTA. The request, along with rationale must be submitted via the Partner Change Request Form found online.
The effects of the new partnership on the seeding will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. The seeding may or may not be readjusted.

10. Player Eligibility

Any player participating in the National Championships must:

- Meet Volleyball Canada’s Eligibility Requirements.
- Register with Volleyball Canada via the online registration.
- Be in good standing with Volleyball Canada.
- Abide by the Volleyball Canada Code of Conduct.

11. Seeding at National Championships

Seeding for 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U, and 22U will be done according to the following principles:

Step 1: The top four (4) teams from the 2015 Beach Nationals results in the same age category earn their province a spot.
Step 2: All PTA Gold Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials).
Step 3: All PTA Silver Medalists get one (1) spot (order determined by # of teams in provincials).
Step 4: All PTAs not yet represented will receive one (1) spot (order determined by a draw)
Repeat the order.

12. Match format

- Best of 3 to 21, 3rd set to 15, no cap, win by 2.
- Switch sides at 7, 3rd set at 5.
- Technical time-out at 21 points, no technical time-out in 3rd set.
- 1 time-out/team/set.
- 1 min between sets

Note: This format can be altered at Volleyball Canada and at the event organizer’s discretion in order to better suit the needs of the competition.

13. Schedules

- All tournament schedules will be available online after check-in has finished Thursday, August 18th 2016.
- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to the pre-assigned start time.
- Should a court run late, the next game shall start 10 minutes after the end of the previous game.

14. Refereeing

- All teams are required to referee matches each day. Refereeing assignments are indicated in brackets on the schedule.
- During elimination rounds, non-playing top seeds will be required to referee in the first round, and losing teams are required to referee one match after they are done playing. Teams must report to the control center to receive their assignments.
- It is your responsibility as a player to be informed of your refereeing duties and to be present at the court at least 10 minutes prior to the designated start time. Note that in certain cases your team may be assigned two (2) matches, in which case you and your partner will need to split up and referee both matches.

- **Teams missing refereeing assignment will be fined $100 per match.**
- If you don’t have a referee for your game, write it on the score sheet and have a court supervisor initial the note.
- VC Referees will cover as many matches at possible for the top division – scorekeepers will still be required.

When assigned to referee, teams must:
- Pick up the score sheet, clipboard, scoreboard & game ball at the Control Tent, 10-15 minutes prior to the designated start time.
- Proceed to the assigned court, making sure the teams playing are the ones indicated on the score sheet and identify Team A & Team B.
- Ensure that the game starts at the designated time.
- Referee the game, fill out the score sheet completely and flip the scorecard. Make sure you fill out the match winner at the bottom of the score sheet.
- The **winning team** must return the score sheet, clipboard, scoreboard & game ball to the control tent immediately at the end of the game for scores to be recorded. It is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure that the score is accurate.

A few notes on officiating:
- Court supervisors will identify themselves before each match.
- The referee must be standing up while refereeing a match.
- The referee needs to be a player of the designated team. Scorekeepers may be players, parents or spectators.
- Intervene in a match the way you would want referees to intervene in your match.
- If there is any debate about the rules, look for your court supervisor for clarification and/or recoin the point.
- Only athletes playing the match are allowed to discuss/debate the rules of play.

### 15. Court Supervisors

Volleyball Canada court supervisors will be monitoring all courts. Their role is to:

- Ensure matches start on time.
- Oversee matches.
- Answer questions and settle disputes.
- Intervene at any time when needed.

Protests or disputes have to be settled before resuming play. No protest will be accepted after play has resumed. If a team wishes to protest, that team must present $50 cash to the tournament committee at the time of the protest. If this team wins their protest, they will be refunded the $50.

### 16. Player Uniforms

- Players have to wear matching top and bottoms on all courts.
- Players must wear tops provided at the players meeting for all matches.
- Teams are not permitted to play shirtless.
- Teams without matching uniforms will be noted on the scores sheet and **will be fined $100 per match**.

17. **Coaching**

- Coaching is not allowed during play.
- Coaching is NOT allowed for all athletes playing at levels 18U & 22U.
- For **16U and younger only**: Coaching is allowed during time-outs and between sets.

18. **Tie breaking procedures for pool play**

1. Ratio of Matches Won/Matches Lost (matches between tied teams);
2. Ratio of Sets Won/Sets Lost (matches between tied teams);
3. Ratio of Sets Won/Sets Lost (all matches);
4. Ratio of Points for/against (matches between tied teams);
5. Ratio of Points for/against (all matches);
6. As determined by the hosting committee.

19. **Rules and Regulations**

The FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules will be used with the exception of the Volleyball Canada rule variations available here.

The full rulebook can also be found on the FIVB Website: [FIVB Rulebook](#)

20. **Anti-Doping control**

Following the guidelines of the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sports (CCES), any Canadian athlete competing at a National or International level can be testing for banned and/or illegal substances. It is the athlete’s responsibility to be aware of and comply with CCES anti-doping policies.

Consult the web site for more information: [http://www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca)

21. **Tournament Committee**

The tournament committee is composed of the tournament director, a member of the Volleyball Canada Beach Competitions Committee (BVNCC) or a Volleyball Canada Representative, the tournament referee supervisor, a Volleyball Canada referee supervisor, 1 female player and 1 male player.

Athletes interested in being on the tournament committee must contact Caitlin Devlin ([caitlin@volleyball.ca](mailto:caitlin@volleyball.ca)).

Players who have been sanctioned in the past 365 days, or who have an outstanding account with VC, will not be eligible for the tournament committee.
22. **Duties of player’s representative**

To represent the players fairly, equitably and professionally, the player representative must do the following:

- Be at the site during all of the competition.
- Be present at all meetings of the tournament committee.
- Read and understand the Beach Volleyball Player Handbook

23. **Tournament Committee Authority**

The Tournament Committee has the authority over players, game referees and spectators, on and off of the court at a tournament, where player conduct is concerned. The Committee may impose disciplinary measures against any individual(s) if deemed necessary as per the code of conduct.

The Tournament Committee has the authority to make decisions:

- In all activities in conjunction with the volleyball tournament that affect players and playing conditions.
- To change the format of the tournament if in their opinion, conditions warrant it (e.g. games reduced in length because of daylight).
- To settle any and all disputes.
- To determine appropriate actions if weather conditions warrant (suspension or cancellation of play - see inclement weather clause below).
- To deal with other conditions that may arise.
- To enforce the Code of Conduct and make recommendations to the Disciplinary committee.

24. **Official Beach Volleyball**

The official ball of Volleyball Canada is the Wilson 4310.

25. **Inclement Weather Clause**

Please see Inclement Weather policy on Volleyball Canada’s website.

26. **Concussion Policy**

All participating teams must comply with the Volleyball Canada Concussion Policy and Protocol.