



ATHLETES  
HANDBOOK  
2022

## Introduction

Welcome to the 2022 Volleyball Alberta Beach Programs.

I would like to welcome returning athletes and introduce the Volleyball Alberta Beach Program to our new members! We are pleased to present Volleyball Alberta members with another exciting summer with our Youth and Adult Tournaments & Beach Leagues. Our Tournaments are held in venues across Alberta in Edmonton, Calgary and Sylvan Lake, while our Beach Leagues take place at John Fry Park in Edmonton. In 2022 we will also continue to offer Provincial Team programming for youth in the 16U and 18U age divisions.

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## Volleyball Alberta Beach Tournament Venues

### **Locations**

*Sylvan Lake Provincial Park, Sylvan Lake, AB*

Pier at 50th St and Lakeshore Dr.

Pay Parking enforced

*John Fry Park, Edmonton, AB*

92nd St. and 28th Ave.

Free parking available on site

*Calgary Beach Volleyball Association Courts, Calgary, AB*

Valleyview Regional Park

30th Ave and 28th St S.E.

Free parking available on site

*Softball Valley Beach Courts, Lethbridge, AB (Lethbridge Beach Leagues)*

Peenaquim Park

Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4K2

Free parking available on site

### **Youth Divisions**

#### **Volleyball Alberta Age Divisions**

13U (Girls Only) (born Sept. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31 2009 or later)

14U (born Sept. 1 2007 to Dec. 31 2008 or later)

15U (born Sept. 1 2006 to Dec. 31 2007 or later)

16U (born Sept. 1 2005 to Dec. 31 2006 or later)

18U (born Sept. 1 2003 to Dec. 31 2005 or later)

Adult (open)

#### **Adult Tournament Division**

All Adult teams will be placed into one division. After pool play teams may be split into tiers based on registration numbers. This will be done at the discretion of the tournament director.

#### **Youth Tournament Divisions**

Teams must play in the same age class at provincials and national championships.

**New For 2022:** Athletes may play up a maximum of two age classes without an exemption from Volleyball Alberta. (For example: A 14U athlete can play in a 15U or 16U age class but not 18U.)

For an exemption request please contact [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca)

## Wildcards

All out-of-province teams must apply for Wildcard consideration. Wildcard applications can be submitted to [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca) and will be due 21:59 MST (23:59 EST) three Wednesdays prior to the tournament.

Wildcard spots in the main draw for any age division will be granted to teams who will increase the level of competition or to provide an opportunity for development. All applications will be reviewed by the Beach Committee. Volleyball Alberta reserves the right to decline a Wildcard. The Committee will base their decision on the following information:

- The team improves the quality of play at this event.
- The committee feels that the team can compete successfully in the event.

## Beach Committee

The Beach Committee is responsible for making final decisions in the event of a Wildcard application. This committee may be comprised of the Beach Manager, Volleyball Alberta Director of Technical Pathways, Summer Beach Coordinator, and/or other Volleyball Alberta members (see Appendix I).

## Registration

### *How to Register*

Teams must register for all tournaments via the Volleyball Registration System (VRS), a secure online registration system. Please go to: [Membership Registration Guide - Beach](#)

### *Deadline*

Youth Registration deadline for Volleyball Alberta Beach Tournaments is at 21:59 MST (23:59 EST) 10 or 11 days PRIOR to the event depending on if the tournament is on Saturday or Sunday.

Adult Registration deadline for Volleyball Alberta Beach Provincials is the Monday at 21:59 MST Prior to the event

### *Late Registration*

The Beach Tournament Coordinator will consider the impact of adding teams into the draw using factors such as facility space, timing of the request, and quality of the event. If a late entry is granted, a \$20 late fee will be charged in addition to the entry fee.

## Costs and Fees

There is an annual Volleyball Alberta membership fee to be paid prior to registering in your first Volleyball Alberta Beach Tournament of the 2022 season. The summer beach membership is valid from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> for all Volleyball Alberta Beach events in the current calendar year. If you are registered as a member for indoor, you are **NOT** automatically registered as a beach member. However, if you are registered for the Youth Competitive Player membership (2021-2022), you will not be required to pay the Youth Beach Competitive Player membership. All fees must be paid online at: <http://www.volleyballalberta.ca/content/how-register>

***Volleyball Alberta Membership Fees:***  
**[Membership Fees Participant Categories 2021 - 2022](#)**

***Volleyball Alberta Tournament Fees:***

**Adult Tournaments**

\$110.00 (tax not included) per team

**Please Note: Any late registrations that are accepted will be charged a \$20.00 late entry fee per team**

**Youth Tournaments**

\$80.00 (tax not included) per team/event

\$110.00 (tax not included) Provincial Championships

**Please Note: Any late registrations that are accepted will be charged a \$20.00 late entry fee per team**

NOTE: Should there be an event in which there are not enough teams registered in a certain age division, the team(s) may be placed in the closest appropriate older age-class at the Tournament Coordinator's discretion. Prior to placing teams in a higher division, teams will be contacted by Volleyball Alberta.

**Coaching**

Coaching is only permitted at the 16U and younger age divisions.

**New For 2022:** All coaches must register with the team in the registration system. All coaches coaching during in game breaks at Volleyball Alberta tournaments will be required to complete the following [Person In Authority Checks](#):

**Sterling MyBackCheck:** <https://pages.sterlingbackcheck.ca/landing-pages/v/volleyball-alberta/>

If not affiliated with a club please select "Volleyball Alberta (Headquarters)" as the location on the landing page.

**Appendix B or C Screening or Disclosure Form:** Login to your user account after completing your registration, you will need to complete the form (direct) in your VRS – Sportlomo Qualifications

Demo Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EL8uPLsnbQM>

**Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation:**

Coaches may challenge the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation, which means they do not need to take the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Training ([Calendar](#)). However, the NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation is only free for those who complete the training and have it listed on their NCCP transcript. A fee of \$85 will apply for coaches who have not taken the training and choose to go directly to the evaluation. You will need a Locker account and NCCP number to access this module. If you have never taken an NCCP course and need a NCCP number, [you can create a free account in the Locker.](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## **Making Head Way in Sport (Generic) eLearning, <https://coach.ca/making-head-way-concussion-elearning-series>**

Safe Sport Training promotes physical, psychological, and social health, and meets Sport Canada requirements for Safe Sport education. The safe sport module is a FREE, 90-minute eLearning module that gives all participants the tools to recognize, address, and prevent maltreatment in sport. You will need a Locker account and NCCP number to access this module. If you have never taken an NCCP course and need a NCCP number, [you can create a free account in the Locker](#).

## **Safe Sport Training eLearning, <https://safesport.coach.ca/participants-training>**

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All coaches will be required to check in the morning of the tournament and if they have met all the coaching requirements will be issued a Volleyball Alberta coaching badge that must be worn throughout the tournament and returned at the end of the day.

At all Volleyball Alberta tournaments coaches must identify themselves to the participating teams, officials, and scorekeepers prior to each match, as well as include the coaches name on the scoresheet. This includes parents who choose to assume coaching duties during tournaments.

Coaches must abide by the following set of rules:

- Coaches cannot call timeouts for the athletes nor instruct them to do so.
- Coaching is only permitted at the request of the athletes within the designated coaching area (outside of the 3m free zone at the baseline of the court).
  - Each venue in Alberta has space at one end of the court for coaches during matches
- Coaches are only allowed to coach athletes prior to the match, during timeouts, and in between sets.

Coaching is **NOT** allowed in the Adult or 18U division. Coaches caught giving athletes an unfair advantage in any division may face disciplinary action from a certified official or from the tournament referee supervisor.

## **Beach Teams Composition**

Each beach team is comprised of two (2) athletes who both meet the eligibility requirements of their age division. No substitutions are allowed in any of the Beach Tournament events. Throughout the regular season, you may change partners as often as you wish. In order to seed the teams appropriately, the Beach Committee will consider each athlete's individual points. If a partner change is required after registration has closed, you must submit a written request to Volleyball Alberta via email to [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca) by Wednesday (by 12:00 PM MST) before the tournament (NOTE: the new partner must be a current Volleyball Alberta beach member):

If a team arrives at the tournament with a different partner, a doctor's note must be received the following week in order to count the "new" team's results from the event. Also, the "new" team may be seeded with no points (last) in their division at the discretion of Tournament Coordinator.

## Uniforms

All athletes participating in a Volleyball Alberta beach tournament **MUST** wear appropriate athletic attire (examples of appropriate athletic wear: spandex, bikini tops and bottoms, athletic shorts, t-shirts, tank tops). Youth men must wear tops at all Volleyball Alberta tournaments. If you have any questions, please contact the tournament coordinator prior to the tournament.

## Youth Team Check-in & Players Meeting - Mandatory

Check-in takes place prior to the age class beginning the first match. Both players and the team chaperone/coach need to check in with the VA tournament staff. The chaperone must sign the roster and understand that they need to be on site and available in case of an emergency for either athlete.

If only one partner is on time and the other is not, a forfeit of 1<sup>st</sup> round match may occur (see Forfeit rules below). The beach tournament director will communicate when check in and the players meeting will take place. Teams playing the first match of the day are required to assist in setting up the lines on the court where their match will be played.

## Adult Team Check-in

Adult teams must check in with the tournament coordinator 30 minutes prior to their first match starting.

Teams playing the first match of the day are required to assist in setting up the lines on the court where their match will be played.

## Players Meeting

The Players Meeting for Youth Tournaments begins prior to each age class or division beginning, after the check-in has closed. The time of the meeting will be communicated prior to the tournament. It is at this meeting where the Tournament Coordinator and Tournament Officials will brief the participants regarding the tournament schedule with new and relevant information. Please see **Appendix II** for a sample of Players Meeting Notes. Please be advised that it is the responsibility of all athletes to:

- Listen for any new and relevant information on the day of the event.
- Listen to what is said and to question anything that is not understood.
- Understand the sanctions that will be levied to teams who do not follow the format and the basic rules of the tournament.

## Forfeits

A team is considered to have 'defaulted' on their commitment to play if they were entered into the draw and do not arrive on time for their first match. Teams are expected to begin their match 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match or at the scheduled match time. **For a best 2/3 match if a team has not identified themselves 10 minutes after the game start time, the first set of the first game will be forfeited. After 20 minutes, the second set of the first game will be forfeited, resulting in the match being awarded to their opponent. If the match is a one set to 25 points after 10 minutes the match will be forfeited.** Teams that default from the tournament without notifying the beach director will incur a **\$50.00 forfeit penalty**, to be paid before competing in the next Volleyball Alberta event. It is always the athletes responsibility to know the draw and when they play.



## Withdrawals

Teams may withdraw from the tournament before the registration deadline and receive a full refund, less a \$35 administration fee (please email [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca)). If you wish to withdraw from the tournament after the withdrawal date, please notify the Beach Coordinator at [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca) or consequently the Forfeit rules and penalties (\$50.00 forfeit penalty) will apply. No refund will be given to withdrawals after the tournament deadline unless a doctor's note is provided.

## New for 2022

Teams withdrawing after the Wednesday prior to the tournament at 4:00pm will be issued a \$50.00 late withdrawal fee, unless a doctor's note is provided. This must be paid prior to either athlete participating in a VA tournament.

## Officials

### Peer Officiating

Peer officiating was implemented with great success and will continue to be used throughout the ENTIRE 2022 youth beach season. Teams officiating will be required to officiate as well as track the score of the match. Officiating teams are required to pick up the game ball as well as the score sheet prior to each match. During the match one member of the team MUST BE STANDING to officiate the match. The second member of the team may be seated while keeping score with the score sheet as well as with the flip cards. Chairs and umbrellas are not permitted for the officials as these pose a safety hazard. Only the officiating teams may be sitting/standing at the court.

Teams failing to adhere to officiating duties will be sanctioned \$50/match missed. PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AND KNOW WHEN YOUR TEAM HAS OFFICIATING DUTIES.

Example: A1-A4 (A3) Teams A1 and A4 play while team A3 will officiate the match

***Please let Volleyball Alberta Staff know immediately if a team is missing their officiating assignment***

## Certified Officials

Games are peer-officiated but there will be Volleyball Alberta certified officials on site that will answer any questions and address any concerns the players may have about rules, regulations, etc. They will supervise the courts throughout pool play and will officiate some matches throughout the tournament.

## Rules

Volleyball Alberta events will follow the rules and regulations as per the Volleyball Canada Official Beach Volleyball Rules, with two exceptions:

### **1- Volleyball Alberta First Contact Youth Rule (14U/16U/18U):**

Receiving service or free balls with an overhead motion using the fingers is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact. The official will indicate a "double contact" signal for this infraction.

### **2- Volleyball Alberta will NOT use the 2018 Volleyball Canada Beach Hand Setting Rule:**

- ***A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips***

## Competition Regulations

### Competition Schedule

The most current list of Volleyball Alberta Sanctioned Tournaments can be found on the [Volleyball Alberta Website](#)

See Appendix III for a table outlining general competition information. **2022 Seeding System**

#### **Seeding for the 2022 Season will be:**

1<sup>st</sup> Tournament: Total team points from 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament: Total team points from 2022 Tournament #1 or Total Team Points from 2021 divided by the number of events played in 2021 - total points will be calculated from within the same age class

3<sup>rd</sup> Tournament: Total Team Points from 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Tournament: Total Team Points from 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Tournament: Total Points from Best 3 finishes in 2022

Provincials: Total Points from Best 3 finishes in 2022

***All final seeding is completed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.***

#### **Provincials Qualifications**

***New For 2022: Athletes are required to participate in one Volleyball Tournament to be eligible for Provincials. If an athlete is unable to participate in one event they may request an exemption. Please email any exemption requests to [beach@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:beach@volleyballalberta.ca)***

#### **National Qualifications**

To be eligible for the 2022 National Beach Championships, *each partner must participate in the 2022 Provincial Championships*. Teams must participate in the same age class at Provincials as Nationals.

If an athlete/team is unable to participate in Provincials, an exemption request must be submitted to the Volleyball Alberta Beach Committee. The deadline to appeal for exceptional access into Beach Nationals must be submitted before August 1st. The team must pay the cost of Provincials to Volleyball Alberta before the National Championships.



**2022 Youth Beach Individual Tournament Points**

Finish	Individual Points	Team Points
1	250	500
2	240	480
3	230	460
4	220	440
5	210	420
6	200	400
7	190	380
8	180	360
9	150	300
10	145	290
11	140	280
12	135	270
13	130	260
14	125	250
15	120	240
16	115	230
17	110	220
18	105	210
19	100	200
20	95	190
21	90	180
22	85	170
23	80	160
24	75	150
25	70	140
26	65	130
27	60	120
28	55	110
29	50	100
30	45	90
31	40	80
32	35	70
33	30	60
34	25	50
35	22.5	45
36	20	40
37	17.5	35
38	15	30
39	12.5	25
40	10	20
*** Teams Finishing lower than 40th will be awarded 10 points each		

In 2022 points will be awarded to individual athletes and total points between partners will be used for initial tournament seeding **from within the same age class**. Seeding for provincials will be based on the top 3 individual finishes throughout the 2022 summer tournament season. Points will be tracked and posted online throughout the summer.

Youth Provincials will be double points

## **Suspended Play**

### **Weather**

If it is raining, play will not stop unless there is lightning. In the event of severe weather conditions, teams are required to remain “on-call” and “on-site” until a decision can be made as to whether the event can continue. No refunds will be given after the end of pool-play if play is suspended due to weather.

### **Safety**

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of Tournament Coordinator.

### **Suspended Play Policy**

1. Play shall be suspended if the Tournament Coordinator foresees:
  - Inclement weather - lightning
  - Safety concerns
  - Other discretionary reason to clear the venue (i.e. darkness).

An air horn will be used to notify participants of play being suspended

2. Upon notification of suspended play due to lightning:
  - All athletes must immediately evacuate the beach and go to cars or indoor facilities and NOT UNDER TREES.
  - Athletes PLAYING are responsible for recording the score and taking note of the court they are playing at.
  - Officiating teams are responsible for returning the clipboard and ball to the Tournament Coordinator.
3. Notification to resume play will be given by the Tournament Coordinator:
  - Athletes are responsible for being at the courts to resume play.
  - Following a 10-minute warm-up, officials and athletes will finish the game.
  - Modified play may ensue at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator

### **Medical Services**

Please report all injuries to the Tournament Coordinator and Athletic Therapist as soon as they occur. If an athlete becomes injured or ill during the tournament and as a result cannot continue to compete, no refund will be issued. If the injury or illness occurs before the tournament withdrawal date, and the Beach Coordinator is notified, you will be eligible for a refund of the tournament fee if a doctor's note is provided. An athletic therapist will be on site 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled match of the day.

### **Protests**

#### **Protest Protocol During a Match**

A player may ONLY protest an error in applying a rule or rule interpretation.

THE REFEREE'S DECISIONS REGARDING BALLHANDLING FAULTS ARE NOT OPEN TO PROTEST.

- The player must lodge the protest immediately to the referee officiating the match (if applicable).
- The protest is referred to the Referee Supervisor for a decision.
- Any valid protest will be adjudicated by a jury comprised of the Referee Supervisor, Tournament Coordinator, and another Volleyball Alberta representative.

## **Volleyball Alberta Zero Tolerance Policy**

Effective February 11, 2022, the Zero Tolerance Policy will be in place at Volleyball Alberta Events. It acts to maintain a safe and positive environment that is appropriate for youth sport.

[Zero Tolerance Policy Document](#)

## **Red Cards**

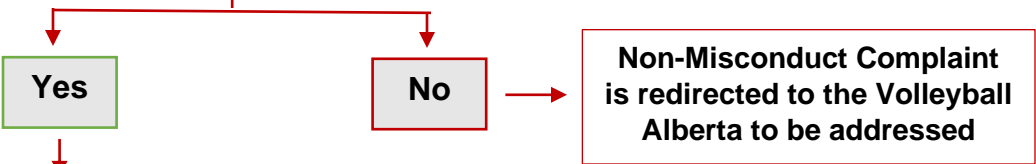
If a player is issued a red card during a Volleyball Alberta tournament, they will be subject to a \$50 fine. This amount must be paid before entering any future Volleyball Alberta event.

[Volleyball Alberta Weather Protocols](#)

**\*\*If complaint is related to bylaws, rules, policies, and/or procedures, please contact:**  
[info@volleyballalberta.ca](mailto:info@volleyballalberta.ca)

If complaint/inquiry is related to **maltreatment, misconduct, discrimination, violence, bullying or harassment**, contact the Third Party Independent Safe Sport Officer (SSO),  
**The Canadian Sport Helpline: 1-888-837-7678 – [info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca)**  
**OR**  
**Lise Maclean at: [lise@wiserworkplaces.ca](mailto:lise@wiserworkplaces.ca)**  
 to review and provide guidance on proceeding below

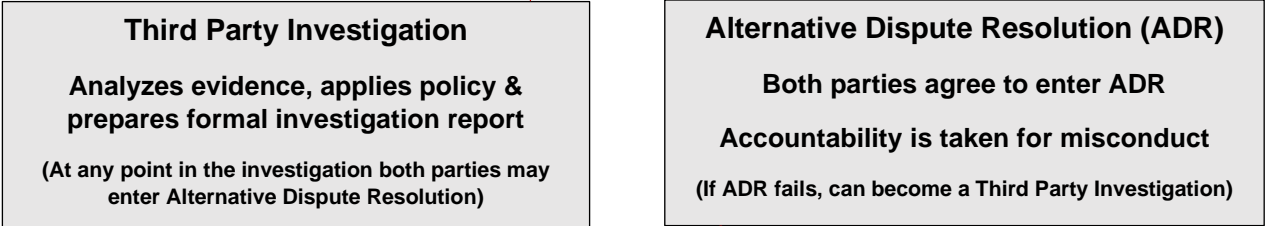
**Is the alleged misconduct covered under the [VA Discipline & Complaints Policy](#)?**



**SSO Intake Process: Preliminary Review**



**Independent Case Manager/SSO**



**Discipline Panel**  
 Hears and reviews evidence, and applies sanctions if appropriate, in accordance with [VA Discipline & Complaints Policy](#)

**DECISION**  
 (for Appeals, refer to [VA Appeals Policy](#))

## **Appendix I: Beach Volleyball Committee**

2022 Beach Committee Members:

Volleyball Alberta Beach Program Manager: Ray Sewell  
Volleyball Alberta Director of Technical Pathways: Jim Plakas  
Beach Tournament Coordinator: Robyn Bishop

## Appendix II: Players Meeting Notes

### Players Meeting Notes

1. Sponsors – We would like to recognize and thank our sponsors for their contributions to Volleyball Alberta.
2. Warm-up – Matches will start at the assigned start time. Warm up time will be dependent on the match start times. Please be aware of the court you will be playing on and warm up prior to the start time accordingly (this may require warming up off the court).  
**NOTE:** All sanctions must be paid prior to playing in another Volleyball Alberta Beach Tournament.
3. **Know your Schedule** – It is the players' responsibility to know your team's schedule for both playing and refereeing. Please check your sheets for the pool play schedule and check the posted playoff schedule. It is also the player's responsibility to pay attention to any announcements made during the tournament.
4. Coaching – Is only allowed in 16U and younger for coaches registered on the team roster wearing a Volleyball Alberta coaching badge, issued at team check in.
5. Pool Play Formats – It will vary depending on the number of teams in your pool. The number of points per game and games per match is written on your pool sheet. Please make sure you are paying attention when your divisions are being called out for the specific information.
6. Score Sheets – Once all the games are finished in your pool, this sheet along with the clipboard must be returned to the Tournament Coordinator. Please complete the pool play sheet given to you on the clipboard fully and accurately. One member per team **MUST** initial the sheet upon completion ensuring its accuracy. **If any errors are found after playoffs have begun, no changes will be made to the playoff draws.** The most important information we need is who finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. If this sheet is not filled in when it is returned to the control tent, you will be called back to the tent to fill out the pool play sheet, which may delay the start of playoffs.
7. Balls – Each court receives one game ball. This game ball must be brought back to the control tent with the clipboard at the end of pool play. If the ball is not returned, **all teams** in the pool will be held responsible for that ball.
8. Provincials Eligibility – Athletes must participate in one Volleyball Alberta beach tournament to be eligible to compete in provincials.
9. Nationals Eligibility – In order to be eligible for Nationals, each partner must play in Provincials. At Nationals, you do not have to play with the same partner you played with at Provincials. Under exceptional circumstances exemptions can be requested from Volleyball Alberta to attend nationals.
10. Garbage – Please pick up your garbage and put it in the garbage bins provided. Make sure the garbage goes into the garbage bin and is not left on the sand.
11. Swearing - Please watch your language and set a good example. (See: Volleyball Alberta Beach Code of Conduct)



### Appendix III: Competition Information

**Competition Format**  
*(May change at discretion of Volleyball Alberta)*

**Adult**  
Pool Play  
Pools of 3-5  
Playoffs

**Youth**  
Pool Play  
Playoffs

- *Playoff format will be at the discretion of the tournament coordinator*

**Match format for pool play**  
*(May change at discretion of Volleyball Alberta)*

depend on  
number of  
each age

**Adult**  
Pool play- best 2/3 first 2  
games to 21 pts., third game  
pts., third game to 15  
pts. (no cap)

to 15 pts. (no cap)

**Youth**  
Pool Play- will  
the venue and  
registered teams in  
class

**Minimum number of matches**

**Adult**

**Youth**

4 matches

4 matches

**Minimum number of matches may not be met if there are late withdrawals or forfeits**

**Registration Fee**

**Adult**  
\$110

**Youth**  
\$80 (youth tournaments)  
\$110 (youth provincials)

**Prize Money**

**Adult**  
Yes

**Youth**  
No

**Official Mikasa Ball**

**Adult**

**Youth**

VLS 300

VLS 300

**Court Dimensions**

**Adult**  
16mx8m

**Youth**  
16mx8m

**Net Heights (meters)**

**Adult/18U**  
Men: 2.43m  
Women -2.24

**Youth**  
14U Boys: 2.20m  
14U Girls: 2.15m  
15U Boys: 2.35m  
15U Girls: 2.20m  
16U Boys: 2.35m  
16U Girls: 2.20m

## Tie-Breaking Procedures

- **Two-way Tie:**
  - “Head-to-Head”: The team who won the match played between the tied teams will be ranked higher.
  
- **Three-way (or more) Tie:**
  - The results from **ALL TEAMS INVOLVED** in the tie are used for the **ENTIRE** process until **ALL** rankings are determined.
    - If there is a tie among teams X, Y and Z and criteria “b” can determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken.
    - However, if criteria “b” determines the seeding/ranking of any of the tied teams, then the remaining teams, which are still tied, will use criteria “c” and so on to determine their seeding/ranking. Do not start at “a” again. Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams X, Y and Z for criteria “d”.
  - Criteria
    - a. **Matches won/lost between the Tied Teams**: The team having the best **ratio**<sup>1</sup> of won/lost matches will be ranked higher;
    - b. **Sets won/lost between the Tied Teams**: The team having the best **ratio**<sup>1</sup> of won/lost sets will be ranked higher;
    - c. **Sets won/lost considering all matches played**: The team having the best **ratio**<sup>1</sup> of won/lost sets will be ranked higher;
    - d. **Points for/against between all the originally Tied Teams**: The team having the best **ratio**<sup>2</sup> of points for/against will be ranked higher;
    - e. **Points for/against considering all matches played**: The team having the best **ratio**<sup>2</sup> of points, for/against will be ranked higher;
    - f. As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g., extra set, toss of coin, etc.).

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<sup>1</sup> A Ratio is calculated as follows: Team A is  $3/2 = 1.5$ , Team B is  $2/2 = 1.0$ . Therefore, Team A is ranked higher.

<sup>2</sup> A Ratio is calculated as follows: Team A is  $160/137 = 1.17$ , Team B is  $135/125 = 1.08$ . Therefore, Team A is ranked higher.

**Note:** A plus/minus is **NOT** equivalent to a Ratio and should not be used.

Pool Play with 3 Teams: If a match has ended due to a time limit, only completed sets will be used for tie breaking procedures.