

VOLLEYBALL

AGE GROUP

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Year of Birth: September 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010



ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

24 athletes per Zone (# of females 12 # of males 12)

4 coaches or chaperones per Zone* (# of females 2 # of males 2)

* At least one (1) coach/chaperone must be the same gender as the team

FILL POLICY

At least 12 people must attend Zone tryouts in order for the Zone to field a team. Following the registration deadline of December 15, 2023 Volleyball Alberta will determine if any Zone is unable to field a team.

Any fill team will be determined from participation at the Zone Tryouts as follows:

1. The first opportunity to fill is provided to the host Zone.
2. The second opportunity to fill is provided to the Zone with greatest participation at the selection camp.
3. The third opportunity to fill is to the top finisher from last Games.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 16, 2024**.*

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Athletes shall compete in the Zone in which he/she resides.
- Current provincial team members are NOT eligible.

Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games. For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca

Coaches

- **NCCP Certification** - A minimum of one (1) member per team of the staff registered as coaches must be qualified to a minimum Volleyball Development Coach Certified in the National Coaching Certification Program.
- All coaches must have cleared background checks, screening disclosure forms, and Safe Sport course completion, per the Volleyball Alberta Person in Authority Check requirements.

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

AFFILIATION

- Athletes and coaches must be registered as full members with Volleyball Alberta. The cost of affiliation can be found at: <http://www.volleyballalberta.ca/node/83>
- Athletes must represent the Alberta Games Zone in which they reside. The **Alberta Games Zone List by Community** will be used to confirm Zone of residence.
- Upon qualifying for the Zone team, players will be charged an additional fee (above the Provincial Games Registration Fee) to cover the costs associated with the team. This fee will be determined by Volleyball Alberta and will be announced with the tryout information.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- Athlete identification/tryouts
- Coaches will be selected six (6) months prior to the Alberta Winter Games
- Athletes are eligible to try out for only one (1) Zone (Alberta Games Zone of primary residence).

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.volleyballalberta.ca or www.albertawintergames.ca

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2024 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee is payable to your provincial sport organization and must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games.

Please note the registration deadline for Volleyball is **December 15, 2023**.

EVENTS

- Eight (8) Team Female Tournament
- Eight (8) Team Male Tournament

Tournament governed by 2024 Volleyball Canada Rules & the 2024 Volleyball Alberta Competition Regulations.

Competition Rules & Regulations

- Twelve (12) limited substitutions, with no libero.
- Developmental Substitution Rules will apply:
 - a. All players listed on the score sheet must start the first or second set.
 - b. In the first two sets no substitutions may take place before one team has scored 15 points. An athlete may be substituted out of a set due to injury. In the case of injury, an Exceptional Substitution may be made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set but may return to play in subsequent sets if it complies with the first Developmental Substitution rule.
 - c. If a third set is necessary, any line up can be used.

- d. Note: Coaches that do not roster athletes on the score sheet or misrepresent an athlete's playing status to avoid compliance with the Developmental Substitution rule will be subject to sanctions. Injured athletes must be noted in the remarks area prior to the coach signing the score sheet. Sanctions may include verbal warning, match forfeiture, written warning, up to \$100 fine per match, and/or submission to Volleyball Alberta Discipline and Complaints.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

Volleyball Alberta Protest Policy

A captain may only lodge a protest in the following circumstances (otherwise it is not a valid protest): an error in applying a rule or rule interpretation, an improper decision of the Scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

- The captain lodges the protest to the First Referee.
- The coach of the team lodging the protest must place a \$100.00 cash bond (or a signed cheque payable to Volleyball Alberta) on the score table as the captain lodges the protest (if the money is not on the table immediately the game will resume, and the protest will not be heard).
- The first referee will confirm with the Scorer that a protest has been lodged, and that the money is on the score table before calling the Referee Supervisor and/or Sport Chair.
- The Referee Supervisor or Sport Chair will collect the \$100.00 bond upon arrival at the court.
- The Referee Supervisor and/or Sport Chair will determine whether the request to protest is valid (they may choose to consult with the Provincial Sport Coordinator or a Referee Supervisor). If the protest is not valid, the \$100.00 bond will be forfeited in whole and the match will resume.
- If the protest is valid, the bond will be returned, and a jury will be assembled to accept or refuse the protest prior to the resumption of play.

The Alberta Winter Games – Indoor Volleyball will have a Jury in place that will decide the outcome of each protest. A Jury will consist of three individuals from the following list:

- Provincial Sport Coordinator (VA)
- Referee Supervisor
- Sport Chair
- Alternates assigned by Provincial Sport Coordinator (VA)

Important Notes:

- The protest will be handled immediately so that play can resume following the jury's decision.
- The jury may discuss the protest by phone and do not have to be present to make a ruling.
- The jury's decision is final.
- Sanctions may be put in place if a team is abusing the protest procedures.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Mikasa VQ 2000W Volleyball will be the official ball for the Alberta Winter Games.

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

The Provincial Sport Coordinator, indicated above, has been appointed by Volleyball Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the Association’s participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Volleyball in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator or visit www.volleyballalberta.ca



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