

New For 2027

All Age Classes

- [2027 Tournament Schedule](#)
- [2027 Late Fees & Fines](#)
 - All fees and fines will be issued to the Club.
- [2026-27 Official Game Balls](#)
- [2027 Age Categories](#)
- [2027 Volleyball Alberta Coaching Requirements](#)
- [2027 Season Planner & Competition Regulations](#)
 - If an ineligible athlete is found to be participating in a VA event, the athlete will be legally substituted from the match and is unable to play until their eligibility is corrected and a Late Roster Fine is paid. Completed or ongoing match results will not be changed or nullified based on the athlete's participation. Previously completed matches will not be replayed.
- **Refund Policy**
 - For tournaments with a registration deadline of December 6, teams will receive a full refund, excluding transaction fees, if they withdraw before 11:59PM MT, December 16, 2026.
- **Roster Addition Requests**
 - Changes made to official Volleyball Alberta rosters after the roster lock deadlines will only be considered under exceptional circumstances. All changes requested before **noon** the Thursday prior to the tournament are subject to a \$25 fee plus taxes and applicable service fees. Refer to the [Club General Info page](#) on the Volleyball Alberta website for further information. After **noon** the Thursday prior to the tournament OR after the season roster lock, the fee increases to \$50 plus applicable taxes and fees, and requests must be submitted via email to the Age Class staff.
- **Team Eligibility (Clarification)**
 - A team must be composed of at least 8 players unique to that age class, up to a maximum of 15 players. The same player cannot be used to meet the 8-player minimum for more than one team.
- **Tournament Registration**
 - Teams from Red Deer and north will register in the North Premier Tournaments while teams from south of Red Deer will register in the South Premier Tournaments. Please note: this division line is an approximation & Volleyball Alberta reserves the right to switch teams into the appropriate location based on registration numbers. This re-assignment reflects the capacity of the North region to host more teams.
- **Premier 1 Seeding**

14UG-16UG Teams will be seeded based on the Premier 1 seeding process.

- Initial seeding will be based on the results from the previous year's Provincials (one year younger if applicable)
- **Teams must complete the [Premier 1 Seeding Form](#)** which will be used to refine the initial seeding. Head coaches will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on their seeding. A committee will finalize Premier 1 seeding after receiving feedback from coaches.
- All teams are required to complete the Premier 1 Seeding Form.
 - 16UG will have the option to opt into the Competitive Stream or request an exemption to be seeded into the Challenger Tournament.

New from Volleyball Canada

- [2027 Uniform Guidelines & Uniform Approval Request Form](#)
- [2026-27 Volleyball Canada Rulebook](#)
- 2026-27 Volleyball Canada Rule Change Summary:
 - A double contact will be permitted on the 2nd contact, if the ball does not cross the net. Double contacts made during completed attack hits (completely crossing the plane of the net or contacting the opponent block) will be called as faults.
 - Contact with the ceiling is no longer automatically a ball-out fault. Play will continue if a first or second team contact hits the ceiling/attached infrastructure above the field of play and remains available for the same team's next contact.

12U Age Class

- Prizing will be distributed to each coach to give to one athlete from their respective teams for the following:
 - Premier #1 = Best Teammate
 - Premier #2 = Most Improved
- There will be two 12U Provincial Championships. Teams with odd seeds will be in "Tournament 1" and teams with even seeds will be in "Tournament 2". 12U Provincials seeding will be based on a 50/50 split alternating between teams that competed in the Premier 1 & 2 North & South events.

13U Girls Age Class

- Premier 1 will have four regional tournaments, teams with odd seeds will be in Tournament 1 North or Tournament 1 South and even seeds will be in Tournament 2 North or Tournament 2 South.

14U Age Class

- Substitutions are not permitted in the first or second set. In the event of an injury or **where an athlete is visibly experiencing emotional distress (NEW)**, an exceptional substitution may be made. This player may not return to play in the same set but may return in subsequent sets if it complies with the first Developmental Substitution rule.

15U/16U Age Class

Libero Pilot

15U libero will be permitted as a test/pilot for 2027 season, including the National Championships. The use of only 1 libero is permitted, and 6 limited substitutions will be used (boys & girls). However, the **Developmental Substitution** rules will apply.

18U Age Class

18U Teams are permitted to use up to two (2) Liberos per set, for VA Premiers, Provincials and VC Nationals.

- The Libero(s) may be re-designated after each set.
- The number of the Libero(s) must be on the line-up sheet for each set.
- If the coach decides to re-designate the Libero(s) between sets, the new Libero(s) may be any player registered on the scoresheet.
- The number of the uniform for the re-designated Libero(s) must be the same as that player's number recorded on the scoresheet.
- The replaced Libero(s) can now act as a regular player, providing he/she has the correct uniform.

Two-Competition Stream Pilots

The 14U Girls, 15U Girls, and 16U Girls age classes will be piloting a Two-Stream Competitive Model in the 2027 Season. For more information, please access the following resources:

- [2027 PILOT OVERVIEW](#)