



**VOLLEYBALL BC**

**ADULT BEACH  
TOURNAMENT  
HANDBOOK 2018**

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*The following information outlines the tournament structure for the 2018 adult beach volleyball season.*

*Any questions regarding Am Tournaments should be directed at [adult@volleyballbc.org](mailto:adult@volleyballbc.org)*

*Any questions regarding Pro Tournaments should be directed at [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org)*

## 1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 1.2 Volleyball BC Pro Beach Volleyball Tour

The Volleyball BC Pro Beach Tour features pro volleyball athletes competing in five signature events from May to July in three regions of British Columbia. Featuring a cumulative points system that will award points for finishes at each event, Volleyball BC Pro Beach Tour teams will be competing for individual event titles and for a Tour Championship title. At the end of the 2018 Pro Tour Season, a Men's and Women's Tour Champion will be crowned. The Championship ceremony will take place at the completion of the final event of the Pro Tour, the Vancouver Open. To win the Pro Tour Championship, a player must have competed in all five tour events and have the highest accumulated points total based on their finishes in each of the five events. Volleyball BC Pro Beach Tour events will take place in Vancouver, Parksville, and Kelowna and will feature 64 teams in the main draw (32 Men's and 32 Women's). The events will take place over two days (Saturday and Sunday) with the exception of the Vancouver Open which will include a qualifying tournament on the Friday.

For more information, please visit <http://www.volleyballbc.org/vbc-pro-beach-volleyball-tour/>.

#### 1.2 Pro Men 2's & Women 2's Tournaments (AAA & AA Divisions)

Kits Classic	Saturday May 26 – Sunday May 27	Kitsilano Beach	\$90/team
Parksville Pro	Saturday June 9	Parksville Beach Park	\$90/team
Jim Clive Cup	Saturday June 16 – Sunday June 17	Kitsilano Beach	\$90/team
Penticton Pro	Saturday June 30 – Sunday July 1	Skaha Beach	\$90/team
Vancouver Open	Fri July 13 – Sun July 15	Kitsilano Beach	\$150/team
Provincials (Big West)	Saturday August 4 – Sunday August 5	Spanish Banks East	\$90/team

For more information, please visit <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments-outdoor/>.

#### 1.3 Amateur Men's 2's & Women's 2's Tournaments (A & B Divisions)

Kits Classic	Sunday May 27	Kitsilano Beach	\$60/team
Jim Clive Cup	Sunday June 17	Kitsilano Beach	\$60/team
Spanish Banks Amateur	Sunday July 1	Spanish Banks East	\$60/team
Provincials (Big West)	Saturday August 4	Spanish Banks East	\$60/team

For more information, please visit <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments-outdoor/>.

#### 1.4 National Championships

Senior Beach Nationals    Friday August 16 – Sunday August 19    North Bay, Ontario

For more information please visit [Senior Beach Nationals](#).

## 2. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

### 2.1 Membership

No Volleyball BC membership is required to participate in tournaments. When creating a new member account online (<http://www.volleyballbc.ca/registration.asp>), please select the "Adult Outdoor Player" option.

If a team wishes to compete at the Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships, they must be paid members in good standing with Volleyball BC.

### 2.2 Partner Change

Either two males or two females must register for a tournament. If a player does not have a partner, they may not register until their partner is confirmed. Please label the team "Last Name Partner 1/Last Name Partner 2."

Partner changes are allowed and should be completed online up until the tournament deadline. After the tournament deadline, teams will be charged \$25 for partner changes. An email must be sent to [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org) (Pro Events) [adult@volleyballbc.org](mailto:adult@volleyballbc.org) (Am) to request a partner switch with the following information:

- Reason for switch
- Original partner name (First & Last) and email
- New partner name (First & Last) and email

### 2.3 No-show/Forfeit

Teams are expected to begin all matches on time. If the tournament is running behind schedule, teams are expected to start their match 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match.

- If a team is < 10 minutes late for their best of one set match (25), they will start the match down 10-0.
- If a team is < 10 minutes late for their best of three match (21/21/15), they will lose the first set 0-21.
- If a team is > 10 minutes late for their match, they will forfeit the match but are still expected to complete their officiating duties.

### 2.4 Officiating

All players are responsible for officiating and scorekeeping matches throughout each tournament. Player referees are responsible for officiating matches according to the following guidelines:

- The officiating person must be standing. The scorekeeper may choose to sit.
- Player referees must conduct themselves in a professional manner. When intervening in a match to make a call, do so as you would want done to you.

If a team is late for their officiating duties they will be assessed a penalty of 1 point per minute which will be applied at the beginning of their next match. If a team is late for their officiating duties with no matches left to play they will be assessed a penalty of 1 participation point per minute they are late.

Teams that miss an officiating assignment, will receive 0 participation points for the tournament.

Referee Supervisors will be on site each day to referee select matches and in the case of disputes. Certified playoff referees will be brought in for semi-finals & finals. Referee Supervisors will monitor warm-up times to keep tournaments running smoothly and on time.

Interested in becoming a beach volleyball referee? Please contact Brian Hiebert at [brianhiebert@hotmail.com](mailto:brianhiebert@hotmail.com).

## 2.5 Coaching

No coaching is allowed at the senior level. Coaching is only allowed at the 13U-16U age categories.

## 2.6 Medical Services

Volleyball BC Tournament Staff will be equipped with a medical kit, including band aids and ice packs; however, no Athletic Trainers or Therapists will be on site (with the exception of the Vancouver Open and Big West Volleyfest).

# 3. COMPETITION REGULATION

## 3.1 Eligibility and Entry Qualification

*Kits Classic (Pro & Amateur), Jim Clive Cup (Pro & Amateur), Parksville Pro, Penticton Pro, Spanish Banks Amateur, and Provincial Championships (Pro & Amateur)*

- Open events. All teams are welcome, space permitting.

### *Vancouver Open*

- Top 4 teams from 2017 Vancouver Open – If teams split up they will need to qualify by another process.
- 2 FIVB teams \* (Min 50 points)
- 2 USA team.\* (determined by VBC, not points)
- 1 BC Youth (21U) team.\*
- 10 VBC teams (Based on current points).
- 5 Wild Card teams (Determined by VBC Player's Committee).
- 8 Qualifier Berths (Top 8 teams based on results of the qualifying tournament).

\*\* If more than 32 teams register the bottom 8 teams will be placed into a qualifier event

\* Berths not assigned to categories above will be added to the wild card team entries.

### *Volleyball Canada National Championships*

- Team must participate in the 2018 Provincial Championships to be eligible. If unable to fulfill this requirement, teams must contact Volleyball Canada to request an exemption.

## 3.2 Guidelines

Pro Tournaments events will consist of AAA & AA divisions and Amateur Tournaments events will consist of A & B divisions. Placement into each division will be based on total participation points from the 2017 and current 2018 season. Once in a division teams will be re-ranked based on average finish from the 2017 and current 2018 season. See 3.4 and 3.5 below.

All regular events will start with pool play.

- Pools of 3 – Best of three series (21, 21, 15) with no cap, switch sides on 7s.
- Pools of 4 – One game to 25 points with no cap, switch sides on 10s.
- Pools of 5 – One game to 21 points with no cap, switch sides on 7s.

1 Crossover match will be played to determine bottom 4 of Tier 1 and top 4 of Tier 2.

Once Teams are divided into Tier 1 & Tier 2 (from crossover games) playoffs will begin.

- Teams will play best of three series (21, 21, 15) with no cap, switch sides on 7s.

- After a team's first loss in playoffs, they will play one game to 25 points with no cap, switch on 10s.

The Vancouver Open Main Draw is a 32 team pool play (FIVB format), single elimination tournament.

#### *Vancouver Open*

- Wildcard applications will be accepted and approved throughout the tournament registration process. Please email your Wildcard application to [agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org](mailto:agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org). The VBC Player's Committee will discuss all applications and approve deserving Wild Cards as needed.
- **Wildcard Deadline is June 25th, 2018 at Midnight.**
- Vancouver Open Registration Deadline is Sunday July 8th, 2018 at Midnight.
- Vancouver Open - 150\$/Team (No Partial Refund if you don't advance from qualifier event).
- Tournament seeding will be completed by committee on the Monday prior to the tournament. Seeding will not be released until the Main Draw Player's Meeting on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Partner changes must be approved by the committee prior to the schedule being released. Failure to contact Volleyball BC for approval may result in your team being withdrawn from the tournament.

*Official Ball* – Wilson Gold

*Court Dimensions* – 16m x 8m

*Net Heights* – Women: 2.24m; Men: 2.43m

*Uniforms* – In the regular Tournament Series, VBC allows players to play in whatever they are comfortable wearing. For the Vancouver Open, teams must be wearing matching tops and bottoms. Tops are provided.

### **3.3 Rules**

All Volleyball BC events follow current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules with the exception of Volleyball Canada Rule Variations.

For more information please visit <http://www.volleyball.ca/content/beach-rules-playing-surface> and [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org).

### **3.4 Entry Points & Eligibility**

Each Pro tournament has the capacity for 32 Men's and 32 Women's teams (except Penticton that has 24). Should more than 32 teams register, the sum of a team's entry points from the 2017 and current 2018 season is used to determine eligibility. The teams with the lowest entry points will be moved to the Amateur Tournament on the Sunday (if applicable).

Based on where a team finishes, they will gain the following entry points for the next tournament:

- AAA (1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) 16 points
- AA (17<sup>th</sup>- 32<sup>nd</sup>) 8 points
- A (1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) 4 points
- B (17<sup>th</sup> & lower) 2 points

AAA				AA				A				B			
1	2	3	4	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	17	18	19	20
8	7	6	5	24	23	22	21	8	7	6	5	24	23	22	21
9	10	11	12	25	26	27	28	9	10	11	12	25	26	27	28
16	15	14	13	32	31	30	29	16	15	14	13	32	31	30	29



Players who finished in the AAA division in 2017 or finish in the AAA division this season are ineligible to play in Amateur Tournaments.

1st and 2nd place teams in an Amateur event will have the option to play in the next pro tournament (not including Vancouver Open) Please email [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org).

Players competing in multiple events on the same weekend (Pro and Amateur) will only receive entry points for one event (highest point finish).

Entry points will be posted online at <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments-outdoor/>.

### 3.5 Average Finish & Seeding

Average finish is calculated by adding the sum of each partner's finishes and dividing that value by the sum of the number of tournaments played by both partners.

Teams are placed in the top 32 based on entry points, then they will be seeded (or ranked) based on the following criteria:

1. Total average finish points from the last year (2017) and the current year (2018). In the case of a tie, more weight will be placed on the most recent event.
2. Subjective seeding (Volleyball BC Players Committee). Seeding will be completed on the Thursday evening before each event. Volleyball BC reserves the right to make final decisions on seeding.

Average finish will be posted online at <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments-outdoor/>.

### 3.6 Registration Deadlines

Registration Deadline: Monday before the tournament at 12:00pm (noon).

Vancouver Open: Sunday July 8th, 2018 at Midnight

Depending on space available, late registrations will be accepted until Thursday at 12:00pm (noon) based on availability and a \$25 late fee surcharge.

All registrations must be completed online at <http://www.volleyballbc.ca/registration.asp>. People who register without a partner will be fined \$25.

### 3.7 Cancellation and Refund Policy

Teams may withdraw prior to the registration deadline minus a \$15.00 administration fee. Notification of a cancellation must be sent to [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org) with the following information:

- Full name of both teammates (First & last names)
- Name for the refund cheque & mailing address

Teams that withdraw after the registration deadline will not receive a refund, unless the cancellation is due to injury/illness and a doctor's note is provided. If a team withdraws because they were bumped from a pro to an amateur tournament, they will receive a refund.

### 3.8 Maternity Policy

Athletes who have missed or will miss some portion of the VBC Tournament Series during the period of 6 months before giving birth to 6 months after giving birth will retain all points from the last event played. The points will carry over for one year and will be used to seed teams for the first event back from maternity leave. To apply for maternity leave please email [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org) with information regarding the duration of leave and anticipated return date. If the timeframe needs to be adjusted due to special circumstances, please request an alteration.

### **3.9 Severe Injury Policy**

Athletes are not penalized for severe injuries which result in a player's inability to compete for all or a substantial portion of the season. Athletes who miss some portion of the VBC Tournament Series due to severe injury will retain points for one year without competition and will be used to seed teams at the first event upon return from injury. To apply for injury leave please email [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org) with information regarding the nature of the injury, doctor's note, date of last event played and anticipated return date. If the timeframe needs to be adjusted due to special circumstances, please request an alteration.

If an athlete becomes injured or ill during a tournament, both partners must decide whether to take their participation points and average finish, or to take neither (removing them from the tournament completely). No refund will be given in this situation.

## **4. POLICY & PROCEDURES**

### **4.1 Code of Conduct:**

Volleyball BC expects a high standard of sportsmanship and fair play from their staff, athletes, coaches, parents and spectators at all events. It is expected that all participants (staff, coaches, athletes, parents, spectators, etc...) will conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner and avoid any practices which are viewed as detrimental to the sport. If you witness offensive behaviour please file a formal complaint to the Volleyball BC office to [events@volleyballbc.org](mailto:events@volleyballbc.org).

### **4.2 Fee Breakdown:**

- **Am Events - 60\$/Team**
- **Pro Events - 90\$/Team**
- **Vancouver Open - 150\$/Team (No Partial Refund if you don't advance from qualifier event).**

### **4.3 Prize Money Breakdown:**

#### **Tier 1 Men & Women Amateur**

- 1st Place - Wilson Volleyball
- 2nd Place - VBC Swag
- 3rd Place - VBC Swag

#### **Tier 2 Men & Women Amateur**

(Depending on Amount of Teams)

#### **Tier 1 Men & Women Pro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$720.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$360.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$170.00

#### **Tier 2 Men & Women Pro**

- 1st Place - Wilson Volleyball



2nd Place - VBC Swag