

VOLLEYBALL BC

Youth Beach Handbook

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Resources	
Heading	Website
Volleyball BC	http://www.volleyballbc.org
Online Registration	http://www.volleyballbc.ca/registration.asp
Youth Programs (Atomic, School, Club, Beach)	http://www.volleyballbc.org/youth/
Coaching	http://www.volleyballbc.org/coaching/
Officiating	http://www.volleyballbc.org/officials/
Team BC	http://www.volleyballbc.org/youth/team-bc/
Volleyball Canada Development Model	http://www.vcdm.org/

2019 Partners	
Organization	Website
Volleyball Canada	www.volleyball.ca
viaSPORT	www.viasport.ca
Baden Sports	www.badensports.com
belairdirect	www.belairdirect.com
Canuck Volleyball	www.canuckstuff.com
Government of British Columbia	www2.gov.bc.ca



Competition Guidelines:

- I. Eligibility
 - a. Volleyball BC (VBC) membership is NOT currently required to participate in Volleyball BC beach events.
 - b. All Volleyball BC youth beach events are open events and all teams are welcome (please view eligibility requirements for Provincial and National Championships).
- II. How to Register
 - a. Teams must register online for all VBC events through the Volleyball BC website: <http://www.volleyballbc.ca/registration.asp>
 - b. Registration for Volleyball Canada's National Championships must be completed via the Volleyball Registration System www.register.volleyball.ca

III. Age Categories

Age Categories and Net Heights			
Age Category	Year of Birth	Female Net Height	Male Net Height
12 & Under	2007	2.15 meters	
13 & Under	2006	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
14 & Under	2005	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
15 & Under	2004	2.20 meters	2.35 meters
16 & Under	2003	2.20 meters	2.35 meters
17 & Under	2002	2.24 meters	2.43 meters
18 & Under	2001	2.24 meters	2.43 meters

- a. The Event Director may combine age categories if registration for the event is insufficient. ii. Volleyball BC will use the Volleyball Canada expanded age categories for their events.
 - b. Expanded Age Categories:
 - i. Athletes born September 1-December 31 of the previous year are permitted to “play down” one age category. Athletes that “play down” may only compete at one VBC Provincial Championship and National Championship.
 - ii. Athletes born in 2000 (outside of the Expanded Age Category) that are currently in their Grade 12 year of high school may apply for an exemption which will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- IV. Deadlines
- a. The deadline for all Volleyball BC events is midnight on the Wednesday preceding the event.
 - i. The High School Beach Open may have an earlier deadline in some regions.
 - b. Late entries will be accepted by the event host up until the event if space permits.
 - i. A \$25 late fee will apply for late registrations.
- V. Refunds
- a. Teams that withdraw after the registration deadline for the event will not receive a refund.
 - b. Teams that withdraw the day of the event will not receive a refund and will be sanctioned \$100.
 - c. Teams that withdraw before the registration deadline for the event will receive a refund less a \$10 administration fee.
 - i. The following information must be sent to the event host if teams wish to withdraw from an event:
 1. Full names of both partners.
 2. Tournament name and date.
 3. Name and address for the refund cheque to be made payable to.
 - d. Please note: If you do not contact the event host directly your refund will not be processed.
 - e. If an athlete withdraws during a tournament due to illness or injury a refund will not be given.

- VI. Registration Fees:
- a. High School Beach Open - \$75.00 per team
 - b. Sand Series Events - \$60.00, except for the following:
 - i. Lower Mainland Sand Series #1 (June 22-23, 2019) - \$75.00
 - ii. Fraser Valley 12U Sand Series #1 (June 23, 2019) - \$50.00
 - c. Vancouver Open - \$75.00 per team
 - d. Provincial Championships - \$90.00 per team
- VII. Competition Rules
- a. All Volleyball BC events follow FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules with the exception of the Volleyball BC Rule Variations posted on the Volleyball BC website at: <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments/>.
 - b. Please refer to Rules and Regulations below.
 - c. FIVB Tie Breaking Procedures are in effect.
 - i. Points
 1. Match Won – 2 points.
 2. Match Lost – 1 point.
 3. Match Forfeited (21-0, 21-0) – 0 points.
 - ii. Procedure
 1. In case of a tie in the total number of match points during the pool play, the following rules will apply:
 - a. Between two teams:
 - i. The team with the higher point ratios in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher.
 - b. Between three teams:
 - i. If three teams have a tie in the total number of match points, their ranking is determined by the point ratio in the matches between all teams.
 - iii. For more information, please visit: www.fivb.org

VIII. Teams / Partners

 - a. Teams are comprised of two athletes of the same gender who both meet the eligibility requirements of the age category.
 - b. Players are allowed to change partners from event to event, throughout the beach season; however, partnerships must remain the same for Provincial and National Championships.
 - c. Partnerships must remain the same for the duration of each event.
 - i. No substitutions are allowed once an event has commenced.
 - d. Participation in the High School Open Championships requires both athletes currently be attending the same school.
 - i. Athletes must be students that are currently attending the same school (enrolled in at least one course) or currently eligible with BCSS to qualify to compete for a school.
 - ii. Elementary or middle school athletes who are currently attending different schools, but will be attending the same High School are not considered to be attending the same school.
 - iii. Both partners must show their student ID at check in. Failure to provide appropriate identification will result in expulsion from the event.
 1. Appropriate Identification:
 - a. Student Identification Card
 - b. Letter from the Principal
 - c. Proof of Enrollment
 - e. Once registration is completed, if you need to request a change in partner please email the event host with the following information:
 - i. Original partner name (first and last).
 - ii. New partner name (first and last).
 - iii. New partner date of birth.

- IX. “Playing Up” in Older Categories
- a. Players are encouraged to “play up” in an older age category where appropriate for stronger competition opportunities. If a team “plays up” an age category, points will be awarded based on the finish in the older age category.

X. Points and Rankings

- a. Ranking points are obtained based on the following:
 - i. Finish
 - ii. Age Category (i.e. 14U, 16U, etc.)
- b. Teams are awarded points based on the below grid for events within their region.
- c. Each team’s ranking will be based on the average of both players’ accumulated points from the current beach season as well as the previous season.
- d. Volleyball BC Youth Beach Series Point System

Finish	17U & 18U	15U & 16U	13U & 14U
1 st	800	700	600
2 nd	760	660	560
3 rd	730	630	530
4 th	715	615	515
5 th	690	590	490
6 th	670	570	470
7 th	650	550	450
8 th	630	530	430
9 th	610	510	410
10 th	600	500	400

Teams finishing below 10th place will receive 25 points less than the previous placing. For example 11th place in 18U will receive 575 points, 12th place will receive 550 points and so forth until there are no points left to be awarded.

- e. The following formula will be used to determine the points awarded based on the number of registered teams:
 - i. 10+ teams – 100% of points.
 - ii. 8-9 teams – 90% of points.
 - iii. 6-7 teams – 80% of points.
 - iv. 4-5 teams – 70% of points.
- f. Youth athletes competing in adult pro events will receive the following points based on their finish (athletes must contact Erinne Babcock at adult@volleyballbc.org to receive points):
 - i. Top 3rd of event – 1000 points.
 - ii. Middle 3rd of event – 800 points.
 - iii. Bottom 3rd of event – 600 points.
- g. Athletes competing for indoor High Performance programs (Team BC, Zone Program, BC Summer Games) will be awarded the following points:
 - i. 17U & 18U athletes Team BC – 800 points.
 - ii. 15U & 16U athletes Team BC – 700 points.
 - iii. 15U Zone Program & BC Summer Games – 500 points.
- h. Athletes competing in multiple events on the same weekend will only receive points for one event (highest point finish).
- i. Provincial Championship Points
 - i. Points will increase an additional 50% at Provincial Championships.
- j. Season Point Leader Award
 - i. The top point leader(s) in each age category and gender will be recognized.
 - ii. Season Point Leaders will be announced on the National Championship weekend.

- xi. Rankings
- a. Beach Events (High School Beach Open, Sand Series, Beachfest) rankings will be based on the following:
 - i. Teams entering their first event of the season will be ranked on their total points from the previous season, including Provincial Championships.
 - ii. Teams will be ranked on their total points from the current and previous year for all subsequent events.
 - iii. Final rankings are determined with Regional Development Committee recommendations.
 - b. Provincial Championship rankings will be based on the following:
 - i. The total points from the top three finishes for each athlete within the 2019 beach season.
 - ii. Athletes that are unable to compete prior to the Provincial Championship due to injury/illness, will be ranked by the previous season's Provincial Championship result.
 - iii. RDC Recommendations.
 1. Pools may be modified to allow for regional representation.
- XII. Check In and Players' Meetings
- a. Check In will take place at the following times:
 - i. Lower Mainland – 8:30am
 - ii. Fraser Valley - 8:30am
 - iii. Okanagan – 9:00am
 - iv. Vancouver Island – 9:30am
 - b. Both partners (NOT PARENTS) must check in together.
 - c. A Players' Meeting will commence immediately following check in. The draw will be released at the end of the Players' Meeting. Any teams that have not checked in by the end of the Players' Meeting will be removed from the draw.
 - d. All games will begin 10 minutes after the completion of the Players' Meeting.
 - e. Please be advised that it is the responsibility of all athletes to:
 - i. Listen for any new and relevant information on the day of the event.
 - ii. Listen to what is said and question anything that needs further clarification.
 - iii. Understand the sanctions that will be levied to teams that do not follow the format and basic rules of the event.
- XIII. Schedule
- a. Draws will be announced at the end of the Players' Meeting.
 - b. All events will start with pool play and end with playoffs.
 - i. Matches will be one set to 25 or two sets to 21 or best 2 of 3 (21-21-15).
 - c. Teams are guaranteed a minimum 4 matches in a 1-day event or 5 matches in a 2-day event.
 - d. It is the winning team's responsibility to bring the score sheet back to the Volleyball BC tent immediately following EVERY match.
- XIV. Warm Up
- a. There is a 5-minute warm up time allowed between matches. Teams that exceed that time will be given a 1 minute warning to begin their match.
 - i. Teams that receive more than one warning may be sanctioned by the Event Director.
 - ii. Teams are expected to begin all matches on time. If the event is running behind schedule teams are expected to start their matches 5 minutes after the completion of the previous match.
 - iii. If teams do not begin their match on time they will be sanctioned by the Event Director.
 - iv. Warm up time is 5 minutes of shared court. We recommend that teams conduct their warm ups simultaneously, rather than alternating with their opponent.

XV. Forfeit or No-Show

- i. If a team has not identified themselves up to 10 minutes after the previous match has finished, they will begin the match down 10-0. Teams arriving late to their court will not be granted additional warm-up time.
- ii. If a team has not identified themselves 10 minutes after the previous match has finished, the first set of their game will be forfeited. (If matches are one set to 25 then the match is forfeited and awarded to their opponent).
- iii. After 20 minutes, the second set will be forfeited, resulting in the match being awarded to their opponent.
 1. Teams that forfeit or default from the event without permission from the Event Director will be sanctioned \$50, which must be paid before competing in the next Volleyball BC beach event.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Rules

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- b. For more information, please visit: www.fivb.org

2. Exceptions:

- a. Serve Receive (13U-16U only):
 - i. Athletes must serve receive from the right side of the court when they are done serving.
- b. Second Contact Rule (12U-16U only)
 - i. 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 (i.e. the player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.
- c. 12U & 13U Age Categories (VBC Events Only)
 - i. 12U & 13U Age Categories will utilize a 2 on 2 format on a 7m by 7m court.
- d. Uniforms
 - i. There is no official uniform for the following events:
 1. High School Beach Open
 2. Sand Series Events
 3. Beachfest Events
 4. Volleybash Events
 - ii. At Provincial Championships, the Vancouver Open and National Championships, teams must be wearing matching tops and bottoms. At National uniform tops will be provided as a part of the entry fee (athletes are still required to have matching bottoms).

Coaching (including parents):

1. Coaching during matches is only permitted in the 12U-18U age categories.
 - a. 17U & 18U teams attending National Championships will not be permitted to have a coach during their matches.
2. Coaches (including parents wishing to coach) must sign in at the VBC tent prior to the start of their team's first match. Only coaches who have signed in are permitted to coach during the event.
 - a. At sign-in, coaches' names will be recorded and they will receive a coaching badge.
 - b. Coaches must wear their badge for all matches they will be coaching.
 - c. The coaching badge must be returned at the end of the competition. Teams that fail to return their badge will be charged an additional \$5.00 at their next event.
 - d. Coaches must clearly identify themselves to all parties participating in the match BEFORE the match starts. This includes the opposing team, the player referees, and a VBC Referee Supervisor (if present) in the area.
 - e. Simply wearing the coaching badge is not identification to parties participating in a match.

3. Coaches must write their name on the scoresheet of every match that they coach.
4. A coach must abide by the following rules:
 - a. Coaches cannot call time outs for their teams nor instruct the team to do so.
 - b. Coaches may only coach the athletes before & after the match, during time outs, and between sets.
 - c. Coaching is only permitted within the designated coaching area.
5. Failure to abide by the above rules will result in the following consequences:
 - a. 1st offense – verbal warning.
 - b. 2nd offense – removed from match and court.
 - c. 3rd offense – removed from event and venue.
 - i. Individuals who are removed from an event for a 3rd coaching offense may be subject to additional sanctions for further such offenses within the season.
6. Misconduct leading to sanctions may be subject to additional penalties as determined by Volleyball BC. Individuals with outstanding fines may be prohibited from Volleyball BC events.

Refereeing:

1. Player Referees
 - a. All teams will be required to scorekeep and referee matches during the event.
 - b. Teams must check the draw to ensure they are covering their refereeing duties.
 - c. Failure to complete refereeing duties will result in losing all points from the event and a \$25/player sanction. All sanctions must be paid prior to the athlete's next match.
2. Roles and Responsibilities of Player Referees
 - a. Ensure that the court starts on time and keep players to a 5 minute warm-up.
 - b. The referee must be standing; the scorekeeper may sit on the opposite side of the court.
 - c. No oversized beach umbrellas are allowed in the refereeing area. Small umbrellas will be allowed to provide shade to player referees, if space permits.
 - d. Only the player referee and the scorekeeper are allowed in the refereeing area. No additional family, friends, spectators, other athletes, etc. are allowed to sit / stand with the player referee and scorekeeper.
 - e. The referee must be the assigned athlete; however, the scorekeeper may be a parent, friend, etc. The assigned athlete referee must be the individual that completes the scoresheet.
3. Certified Referees
 - a. Volleyball BC Referee Supervisors will be on site that will answer any questions and concerns players may have about rules and regulations.
 - b. Certified referees are there to supervise the beach throughout the day.
 - c. Certified referees will referee individual matches when the opportunity arises.
 - d. Referee Supervisors will not interrupt a match to overrule a player referee. Their role is to assist in the resolution of disputes.

Protests:

- I. Protest Protocol During a Match
 - a. A player may ONLY protest an error in applying a rule or rule interpretation. THE REFEREE'S DECISIONS REGARDING BALL HANDLING FAULTS ARE NOT OPEN TO PROTEST.
 - i. The player must lodge the protest immediately to the referee.
 - ii. The match referee then refers the protest to the Referee Supervisor.
 - iii. All protests will be adjudicated by a jury comprised of the Referee Supervisor, and Event Director.
 - b. A team's first overruled protest will result in a delay warning.
 - c. Subsequent protests that are overruled will result in a delay penalty (loss of point) for the protesting team.

Suspended Play:

- I. Weather
 - a. If it is raining, play will continue unless there is nearby lightning or thunder. In the event of severe weather conditions the Event Director will make a decision as soon as possible, but it is the responsibility of the athletes to remain “on-call” and “on-site” until a decision can be made as to whether the event will continue.
- II. Safety
 - a. Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the Event Director.
- III. Suspended Play Policy
 - a. Play shall be suspended if the Event Director foresees:
 - i. Inclement weather – including lightning or hail
 - ii. Safety concerns
 - iii. Other discretionary reasons to clear the venue (i.e. darkness)
 - b. Upon notification of suspended play:
 - i. All athletes must immediately evacuate to a safe place away from the beach or courts. A safe place includes inside of cars or indoor facilities.
 - ii. Athletes playing are responsible for recording the score and taking note of the court they are playing at.
 - iii. Officiating teams are responsible for returning the scorecards, score sheet and ball to the Event Director or control tent.
 - c. Notification to resume play will be given by the Event Director:
 - i. Athletes are responsible for being at the courts to resume play.
 - ii. Following a 10 minute warm up, officials and athletes will complete the game.
 - iii. Modified play may continue at the discretion of the Event Director.
 - iv. The notification to resume play will be delivered audibly throughout the competition area, such as by a whistle or PA announcement.

Volleyball BC Code of Conduct:

- I. Please view the Volleyball BC Code of Conduct. The policy can be found on the Volleyball BC website: <http://www.volleyballbc.org/event-division/tournaments/>.

Violations & Sanctions:

- I. Violations & sanctions include, but are not limited to the following:

Violation	Details	Sanction	Duration
Code of Conduct	Damage to Facility, Venue, Accommodation, etc.	Financial Penalty	Until Paid
Code of Conduct	Yellow Card	Delay Warning	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 1st Offense	Letter of Warning	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 2nd Offense	\$50 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 3rd Offense	\$100 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 1st Offense	\$100 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 2nd Offense	\$200 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season

Code of Conduct	Failure to Play a Match	\$50 Fine	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Failure to Complete Refereeing Duties	\$50 Fine (\$25 per player), Loss of Points for Event	Per Match
Event Withdrawal	Before Deadline	Refund less \$10 Fine	Until Paid
Event Withdrawal	After Deadline	No Refund	Current Season
Event Withdrawal	Day of Event	\$100 Fine	Current Season
Coaching Policy	1st Violation during the Match	Delay Warning (Yellow Card)	Current Event
Coaching Policy	2nd Violation during the Match	Removal from Match & Court	Current Event
Coaching Policy	3rd Violation during the Event	Removal from Event & Venue	Current Event

2019 Competition Calendar

Date	Event	Location(s)	Fee
June 1/2	High School Beach Open	Kelowna, Parksville, Vancouver	\$75
June 1/2	Volleyball Canada NORCECA Open Trials	Ashbridges Bay, Toronto, ON	\$250
June 8/9	High School Beach Open	Langley, Prince George	\$75
June 15/16	Sand Series	Parksville, Penticton	\$60
June 22/23	Sand Series	Langley, Penticton, Vancouver*	\$60 (\$75*)
June 29/30	Team BC Beach Development Camp	Lower Mainland	
July 6/7	Sand Series	Kamloops, Parksville	\$60
July 12/13/14	Vancouver & Island Open	Parksville, Vancouver	\$75
July 17-21	Beach Canada Cup	Lendrum, Edmonton, AB	\$300
July 20/21	Sand Series	Vancouver	\$60
August 3/4	VBC Beach Provincials	Vancouver	\$90
August 10	Sand Series	Parksville, Penticton	\$60
Aug. 15-18	Youth Beach Nationals	Ashbridges Bay, Toronto, ON	
Aug. 31-Sept.1	Volleybash	Parksville	\$60+

Beach National Championship:

- I. Date: August 15-18, 2019
- II. Location: Ashbridges Bay, Toronto, Ontario
- III. Age Groups
 - a. 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U, Senior (Adult)
- IV. Registration
 - a. www.volleyball.ca
- V. Event contact/email: events@volleyball.ca
- VI. Eligibility
 - a. To be eligible for the 2019 Youth Beach National Championship, each team must participate in a 2019 Provincial Championship.
 - b. Partnerships must be the same for both the Provincial and National Championships.
 - c. If an athlete/team is unable to participate in a Provincial Championship, an exemption to participate in the National Championships is required.

- i. Teams must contact Volleyball BC (agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org) to request an exemption.
- ii. The request must include the names of both partners, the name of the partner that is unable to participate, and the reason that they are unable to participate.
- iii. Please note that not all requests for exemptions will be granted.

Volleyball BC High Performance Opportunities

1. [Team BC Beach \(16U - 20U\)](#)
2. [Volleyball BC Pro Beach Tour](#)

Volleyball Canada High Performance Identification Opportunities:

1. 2019 Volleyball Canada NORCECA Open Trials
 - a. Date: June 1-2, 2019
 - b. Location: Ashbridges Bay, Toronto, ON
 - c. Age Group: Adult (open entry)
 - d. Registration: [Volleyball Canada](#)
 - e. Objective: Determine the updated Volleyball Canada NORCECA eligibility list
 - i. The 1st to 6th place teams on the eligibility list may be offered to compete in the 2019 NORCECA Beach Tour.
2. 2019 Beach Canada Cup
 - a. Date: July 17-21, 2019
 - b. Location: Lendrum Beach Courts, Edmonton, AB
 - c. Age Group: Athletes born 1999 or later
 - d. Eligibility: Athletes will be selected from the Team BC Beach 20U Program (see above)
 - e. Objective: Informal identification by National Team coaching staff; exposure to National Team systems, skills, language, & protocols; and high level interprovincial competition.
3. Volleyball Canada National Team Tryouts
 - a. Date: TBD (Fall 2019)
 - b. Location: Volleyball Canada Beach High Performance Training Centre, Toronto, ON
 - c. Eligibility: Athletes must have attended the 2019 Beach National Championships