

VOLLEYBALL BC 2021 CLUB VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION
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<p>Tryouts</p>	<p>Clubs will be required to take a number of steps to minimize the number of athletes who attend tryouts in order to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19. Clubs In Good Standing for the 2021 season are listed on the website here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15 – November 15: Early Signing Period <i>(end-date adjusted to accommodate the Athlete Application Period)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can only be utilized by RETURNING clubs that ran during the 2020 season. ○ Clubs may sign up to 12 athletes per team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Signing form will be provided by Volleyball BC. ▪ Clubs may only sign athletes that were part of their club in 2020 ○ Clubs must have completed the Return to Play steps and be In Good Standing no later than November 10, 2020 in order to participate in the Early Signing Period. • November 16 – December 5: Athlete Application Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can be utilized by RETURNING AND NEW clubs. ○ Clubs will be able to accept online applications from athletes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application form will be provided by Volleyball BC. ▪ Applications may be accepted without an athlete participating in tryouts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. Athlete applies for the 12th roster spot on a team during the Athlete Application Period. The club may accept this offer and will now have 12 athletes on their roster. ○ Clubs must have completed the Return to Play steps and be In Good Standing no later than November 10, 2020 in order to participate in the Athlete Application Period. • December 6 – January 1: Club Tryout Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clubs must publish the specific positions (if applicable) and number of available roster spots available for each team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ex. If 8 athletes have been signed using the Early Signing Period, there are 4 spots remaining. ○ Clubs must have completed the Return to Play steps and be In Good Standing BEFORE they open up tryout registration. • January 2-31: Tryout Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tryouts may NOT have more than 50 people in the gym (this includes coaches and staff), no more than 12 per court, and must adhere to all Return To Play protocols as listed here. ○ At the end of tryouts, athletes may not participate in any team training until 14 days after their last tryout ○ Full contact information must be retained for every individual at the tryout ○ *Exact dates will be determined based on the availability of facilities in each region. Clubs are encouraged to communicate with their designated Regional Manager regarding facility availability.
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If a club does not have facilities secured by December 15, 2020 ALL athletes that have accepted offers from that club/team either via Early Signing or by Athlete Application must be notified by end of day December 16, 2020 and released from their commitment or the club may face sanctions.

<p>Competition Structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition will be regionally-based. • Teams will be placed into divisions (cohorts) from their own region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some regions may be expanded to ensure enough teams and developmentally appropriate competition (<i>see section below</i>) • Teams must commit to attending all events in their division (divisions will function similar to a league) • Each division will be comprised of a maximum of 8 teams. The number of divisions in a region will depend on the number of teams registered. • Competitions will be modified playday formats. • During the season, Volleyball BC may create new divisions at which point there will be a two-week break in play. During this time, teams will be able to practice but will not be permitted to play with any other teams. • There will be approximately 4 competitions for each division. Tentative schedule of 2 events before Spring Break and 2 events after Spring Break. • The format and structure of Provincial Championships will be determined at a later date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teams must have participated in the Volleyball BC competition structure to participate in the Provincial Championships • Volleyball BC will release additional information, safety rules and guidelines for competitions and return to play in the Club Handbook.
<p>17/18U Girls (Division1) & 17/18U Boys & 16U Boys</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending registration levels, Volleyball BC may expand regions in order to ensure meaningful competition in the following age categories: 17/18U girls - Division 1, 17/18U boys, 16U boys • There will be no more than a maximum of 8 teams in each of these divisions. Should registrations exceed 8 teams in one of these categories, a second division will be created. • Teams will be required to participate in their regional cohorts prior to the expanded regional competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teams may be considered for the expanded region competition based on their results in their initial regional competition. • Teams will compete in a series of games that take place over a 1-2 day period. • Volleyball BC will take account of geographic spread of the registered teams in defining and expanding regions for these age categories. • Competitions for these divisions will be organised in locations that minimise travel for the greatest number of teams. Teams in these age categories should be prepared to travel given the expanded geography of the region. • All Volleyball BC safety rules and guidelines for competitions and return to play will remain in place.

Rosters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 12 athletes per team. • Must have a minimum of 8 athletes present per event • NO roster exemptions will be permitted • Rosters will be locked • NO red-shirts, practice players, guest athletes, etc. • Coaches do not need to be counted within the roster size of 12 individuals, providing that they can maintain physical distance at all times.
<p>viaSport guidelines state that "sport organizations should restrict the participation of individuals to 1 (one) cohort in their sport" in order to reduce the number of people they are interacting with. Given this guideline, players must commit to only playing and practicing volleyball with their club team for the duration of the season (with an exception for provincial and national level high performance training, as defined by Volleyball BC).</p>	
Competition Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams will only be permitted to play or practice with teams from their cohort for the duration of the season. • Players must commit to only playing and practicing with one team for the duration of the season. • (exception for provincial and national-level high performance training as defined by Volleyball BC). • No foreign teams (out of province, country, etc.) • No food or drink (other than bottled water) • Teams are responsible for providing their own scoreperson /linesperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MUST be from the team and within the cohort • We will not have teams assigned for minor officiating (15/16U) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will return for post-COVID competition • No parents/spectators permitted at Volleyball BC events in order to keep occupancy levels under 50 people