



VOLLEYBALLBC

2018 Youth Indoor Club Handbook

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Organization	Website
Volleyball Canada	www.volleyball.ca
viaSPORT	www.viasport.ca
Baden Sports	www.badensports.com
Sandman Hotel Group	www.sandmanhotels.ca
Canuck Volleyball	www.canuckstuff.com
Government of British Columbia	www2.gov.bc.ca
Coaching Association of Canada (The Locker)	www.coach.ca
GLC Solutions	www.glc-solutions.ca
Investors Group	www.investorsgroup.com
Belair Direct	www.belairdirect.com
BC Sport Leadership Conference	www.bcsportconference.ca



Registration

Eligibility

- a. All club members (athletes, coaches, team staff and directors) must be current registered members with Volleyball BC (VBC). Directors may register with VBC as Individual Members.
- b. All members must provide unique personal information, including a birth date, email address, etc. upon registering. Please ensure that information for all returning members is accurate and up to date.
- c. Clubs must submit an online [Club Application](#) each season.
 - i. Any BC team competing in a Volleyball BC event must be fully registered as a club team and may utilize only eligible, registered, Volleyball BC members of that club.
 - ii. The Club Application must be completed prior to registering club members (team staff, athletes, etc.) into the VBC database.
 1. Club Applications will be processed within two weeks.
 2. Clubs will not be covered by Volleyball BC's insurance until after their Club Application is approved.
 - iii. Club Applications must be submitted by the deadline.
 1. Returning Club - November 1, 2017.
 2. New Club - March 10, 2018.
 - iv. There will be an annual fee for clubs to register with Volleyball BC.
 - v. The Club Contact must register the club prior to a Team Contact registering the athletes (team roster). A Club Contact and a Team Contact can be the same person.
 - vi. Volleyball BC must be notified, in writing, if there is a change of Club Contact.
- d. Team members must be residents of British Columbia, unless approved by Volleyball BC. Please note: Volleyball Canada may require further information.
- e. A Volleyball BC representative may request proof of registration of a club, team or individual member at any time. If proof of registration is requested a copy of the individual's birth certificate, or other requested documents, must be sent to Volleyball BC for validation.
- f. All members (coaches, team staff, athletes, and a parent/guardian) are required to sign the Volleyball BC Membership Waiver Form.
 - i. The Volleyball BC [Membership Waiver Form](#) must be kept on file by the club (hard copy or electronic copy).
 - ii. The Club Screening Contact must submit the Volleyball BC [Waiver Form Declaration](#) for all coaches to Rosalynn Campbell prior to participating in their first Volleyball BC event.
 - iii. All coaches, including all team staff must have a current, signed, Volleyball BC Membership Waiver Form, Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form.

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1. Criminal Record Checks can be requested at the [Ministry of Justice](#).
2. Screening Disclosure Forms are contained within the Membership Waiver Form.
3. Membership Waiver Forms, Criminal Record Checks, and Screening Disclosure Forms must be completed and submitted to Rosalynn Campbell prior to participating in a program.
 - a. Failure to provide a Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form will result in a sanction.
 - i. 1st offense = \$100 fine/coach.
 - ii. 2nd offense = unable to coach until CRC/SDF provided.

Regulations

- a. It is the responsibility of the club member (athletes, coaches, team staff) to know the rules of the game and abide by them.
- b. The current Volleyball Canada rule book will be utilized at all Volleyball BC events unless otherwise stated.
- c. Volleyball BC may penalize any club, team, coach or athlete by way of default, suspension, fine or other suitable penalty, for contravention of any rule or regulation.
- d. Clubs must designate a “home town” and all teams within that club will be required to compete within that region for Regional Championships (where applicable). When applicable, the club name or team name should represent the “home town”.
- e. Club/Team Naming Policy
 - i. Team names cannot include the name of another club.
 - ii. Team names must be registered with Volleyball BC in the following sequence:
 1. Age-Gender-Level-Club-Team
 - a. Example: 12U Girls “A” Air Attack Black
- f. Competing Outside a Registered Age Category
 - i. Teams are not permitted to register in a Volleyball BC event outside of their registered age category without the direct permission of the event host.
 - ii. If an event has additional space after the early registration deadline the event host will contact teams via email in the age category one-year younger to fill the open spaces. Teams will be accepted based on their current season rank. Only the top 8 teams will be notified, followed by local teams.
 - iii. Teams may only compete in one Regional Championship and one Provincial Championship per season. The Regional Championship and Provincial Championship must be in the same age category.

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- iv. Teams that register in an older age category at the start of the season are committed to competing within that age category at Regional, Provincial and National Championships.

Roster Policy

- a. All team rosters must be current in the Volleyball BC database. Team rosters in Volleyball BC's database will serve as the team's official roster.
- b. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that rosters are correct prior to a team's Regional and Provincial Championship (including athletes, coaches and team staff).
- c. A registered team may include 8-15 athletes.
 - i. Only twelve athletes can be listed on a scoresheet and compete per match.
 - ii. The twelve athletes listed on the scoresheet can change each match.
 - iii. A minimum of eight athletes/team must be registered in the Volleyball BC database.
- d. A registered team may include a total of four team personnel, including one Head Coach.
 - i. Head Coach
 - ii. Assistant Coach
 - iii. Staff
 - iv. Staff
- e. Athletes may only appear on one roster in the Volleyball BC database.
- f. Roster Exemption Policy (16U, 17U & 18U "AA" Level Teams Only)
 - i. Clubs may request an exemption to move an athlete currently registered within their club to another team for a specific event by submitting a [Roster Exemption Application Form](#).
 - ii. Teams must contain at least 60% of their original roster to compete.
 - iii. Teams that fail to request an exemption to move an athlete and use an ineligible athlete at an event will be sanctioned and forfeit all results earned at the event.
 - iv. Teams may utilize athletes from the list below for their Roster Exemption:
 1. A lower ranked team within the same age category (as ranked by the RDC).
 2. A "A" Level team from within the same age category.
 3. A team registered in a younger age category.
 - v. Athletes from a "AA" Level team cannot compete for a "A" Level team at any time.
 - vi. Approved Roster Exemption Applications "disable" the athlete being replaced for the requested event. Requests can be cancelled prior to the event commencing.
 - vii. Roster Exemption Applications will be approved if the application is submitted correctly and they meet the criteria.
- g. An athlete may not compete in more than one event per weekend.
- h. An athlete may only compete for one team per weekend.

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- i. The [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized for 12U, 13U & 14U age categories.
- j. Volleyball BC requires teams to use scoresheet labels for their rosters at events.
 - i. Scoresheet labels must include all athletes, coaches, staff members and the corresponding NCCP numbers for all team personnel.
 - ii. Labels must include first and last names, as well as uniform numbers.
 - iii. The scoresheet label template is [Avery 5162](#).
 - iv. Teams that do not utilize scoresheet labels will be fined \$5 per match.
- k. All athletes and team staff must be registered in Volleyball BC's database by the event registration deadline.
- l. The registration deadline to add or delete athletes varies by age category.
 - i. Roster Lock Deadlines
 - 1. 16U, 17U & 18U Girls "AA" Level – January 15, 2018.
 - 2. 16U, 17U & 18U Girls "A" Level – prior to first Super Event, no later than March 10, 2018.
 - 3. 12U, 13U, 14U & 15U Girls "AA" & "A" Level – prior to first Super Event, no later than March 10, 2018.
 - 4. 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U Boys - prior to first Super Event, no later than March 10, 2018.
 - ii. Prior to these dates all additions to a roster must be made via the online registration system. After the deadline, rosters can only be changed with the approval of Volleyball BC and an administration fee of \$50 per change will be applied.
- m. Volleyball BC's rosters will be uploaded into Volleyball Canada's Volleyball Registration System (VRS) on a set schedule during the 2018 club season.
 - i. An administration fee of \$75 per change will be applied to all roster changes requiring an upload into the VRS by Volleyball BC after March 10, 2018.
- n. Any changes to rosters on site at Provincial Championships are subject to an additional fee of \$100/athlete or \$150/team staff, plus membership fees. All additions must have written consent from the Club Director and, if required, a current Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form prior to the changes being made.
 - i. Team staff without a current Criminal Record check and Screening Disclosure Form will not be allowed to coach.

Tryout and Training Policy

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- a. Volleyball BC's "Season of Play" is as follows:
 - i. 12U, 13U & 14U – November 19, 2017-May 31, 2018
 - ii. 15U – November 26, 2017-May 31, 2018
 - iii. 16U, 17U & 18U – December 3, 2017-May 31, 2018
- b. Tryouts may not take place prior to the start of the "Season of Play."
- c. It is recommended that all club staff participating in tryouts are current Volleyball BC members.
- d. Clubs and teams training outside of the "Season of Play" will not be covered under Volleyball BC's insurance policy.

- e. Early Signing Date - November 1, 2017-November 15, 2017
 - i. To accommodate and promote loyalty between athletes and clubs, returning athletes are permitted to sign with their previous (2017) club during the Early Signing Date.
 - ii. Athletes that choose not to sign early still can attend the tryout out as if they had not previously played for that club.
 - iii. Athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date may not be required to attend tryouts.
 - iv. Athletes that sign with their 2017 club for the 2018 season cannot attend selection camps for other clubs.
 - v. A maximum of 12 athletes per team may utilize the Early Signing Date.
 - vi. Athletes that utilized the Early Signing Date must appear on every scoresheet for which they are available to compete.
 - vii. Please note: athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date are not guaranteed:
 - 1. To be placed on a specific team.
 - 2. To be placed on a “AA” Level team vs “A” Level team.
 - 3. Playing time.

f. Signing Date

- i. All athletes can formally accept a position with a club on or after the “Signing Dates” identified below:
 - 1. 12U, 13U & 14U – November 27, 2017
 - 2. 15U – December 4, 2017
 - 3. 16U, 17U & 18U – December 11, 2017
- ii. Club/Team representatives are prohibited from contacting athletes directly during school hours (8am-4pm) on weekdays and later than 9:00PM in the evening daily.
- iii. Athletes cannot be pressured to accept a position at any time.
- iv. Clubs cannot rescind offers to athletes after they have been presented until after the Signing Date has passed.
- v. Clubs may run tryouts prior to or after the Signing Date.
- vi. Athletes may attend tryouts prior to or after the Signing Date.
- vii. The following penalties will be assessed to members found in violation of the Signing Date.
 - 1. Clubs must refund any club fees collected from the athlete (if requested).
 - 2. First Offense - \$50 fine to the club.
 - 3. Second Offense - \$100 fine to the club.
 - 4. Third Offense - \$200 fine to the club.

Recruiting Policy

- a. Volleyball BC strongly encourages the cooperation of its membership to ensure all volleyball participants have a positive experience.
- b. Volleyball BC has a zero-tolerance recruiting policy.

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- c. Club representatives (coaches, administrators, team staff, parents/guardians, athletes, etc.) are not allowed to contact athletes from a club other than their own at any time for the purpose of recruitment.
- d. With the implementation of the Early Signing Date, athletes are no longer required to provide Proof of Release.
 - i. Club representatives must still abide by the Recruiting Policy and are not allowed to contact athletes from a club other than their own at any time for the purpose of recruitment.
- e. Once athletes have registered with a club (paid any portion of club fees or signed a contract with a club), they are committed to that club for the remainder of the season.
 - i. Tryout fees are not considered a portion of an athlete's club fees.
- f. Athletes that depart from their club prior to March 10, 2018, may compete for another club for the remainder of the 2018 season. Athletes that depart from their club after March 10, 2018 must wait until the 2019 club season to compete.
- g. All cases will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Regional Development Committee. Club representatives are encouraged to contact Volleyball BC if further clarification regarding the Recruiting Policy is needed.
- h. Violations of the Recruiting Policy can be submitted, via email, to Chris Densmore.
- i. The following penalties will be assessed to members found in violation of the Recruiting Policy.
 - i. First Offense - \$1000/violation fine to the club.
 - ii. Second Offense - 365-day suspension (served by the Head Coach) from all Volleyball BC events/programs, completion of "Making Ethical Decisions Module" and completion of "Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation".
 - iii. Third Offense - lifetime suspension (served by the Head Coach) from all Volleyball BC events/programs and forfeiture of NCCP Technical Volleyball Components.

Membership Fees

- a. Membership fees include:
 - i. Sport Accident and Liability Insurance (only during Season of Play)
 - 1. Only registered members will be covered by Volleyball BC's insurance.
 - 2. All Sport coverage details and claim forms can be found on Volleyball BC's [website](#).
 - ii. Volleyball Canada Membership
 - iii. Access to Volleyball Canada Programs and Events
 - iv. Volleyball BC Newsletter
 - v. Access to Volleyball BC Programs and Events
 - vi. Access to Referee, Coach, and Athlete Development opportunities
 - vii. Access to Letters of Good Standing for international events

- viii. Member Benefits (**Player Plus Card**): All VBC members will receive a VBC Player Plus Card that will give them benefits at a number of local businesses.
- b. Modified Membership:
 - i. A club may run additional indoor or outdoor (beach & grass) programs (development & recreation) such as Atomic, Train & Play or House League under a Modified Membership Fee.
 - ii. The Modified Membership Fee includes insurance for the above programs.
 - iii. To register Modified Members, please submit a list of all participants to Rosalynn Campbell.

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Membership Fee Schedule			
Category	Volleyball BC	Volleyball Canada	Total
Athlete (13U-18U)	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$58.00
Athlete (12U)	\$22.00	\$3.00	\$25.00
Coach & Team Staff	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$58.00
Referee	Dependent upon level of certification.		
Modified Membership	\$5.00 per participant.		

Event Information

- a. Volleyball BC Events (Season Openers, Playdays/Spike Leagues, Super Spikes, Super Volleys, Super Series, Regional Championships & Provincial Championships).
 - i. All event registrations and payments are online (Visa and MasterCard only).
 - ii. Event registration will open on the following schedule:
 1. 15U & 16U - January 3, 2018 at 10:00am.
 2. 17U & 18U - January 4, 2018 at 10:00am.
 3. 12U, 13U & 14U - January 5, 2018 at 10:00am.
 - iii. Early registration will close four weeks prior to the event. Once the early registration deadline has passed, teams may only register with the permission of the event host. Late entry registrations may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.
 - iv. Teams must have a current roster in Volleyball BC's database (8-15 athletes and a Head Coach) to register and participate in any Volleyball BC Event.
 - v. Events with more than 24 registered teams may be divided into two Divisions to allow for more meaningful competition.
- b. Provincial Championship Information
 - i. Registration for Provincial Championships will on the following schedule:
 1. 15U & 16U - January 3, 2018 at 10:00am.

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2. 17U & 18U - January 4, 2018 at 10:00am.
 3. 12U, 13U & 14U - January 5, 2018 at 10:00am.
- ii. The deadline to register for Provincial Championships is March 10, 2018. Late entries (with the permission of the event host) may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.

Event Registration Fee Schedule	
Event	Fee
12/13U & 14U Super Spike	\$300
15U Super Volley	\$325
16U Super Series	\$325
17U & 18U Super Series	\$375
Regional Championships	\$225-\$300
Provincial Championships	\$425-\$525

Withdrawals

- a. If a team needs to withdraw from an event after registering, they must contact the event host prior to the early registration deadline (four weeks prior to the event). There will be a \$25 administration fee for all withdrawals.
- b. Withdrawals requested after the early registration deadline and before the late registration deadline (three weeks prior to the event) will be subject to a \$50 fine.
- c. Withdrawals after the late registration deadline (less than three weeks prior to the event), will forfeit 100% of the entry fee and a warning will be recorded. Two warnings in one season will prohibit the team from participating in Volleyball BC's Provincial Championship events.
- d. Withdrawals within one week of the event will forfeit the entire registration fee, will be subject to a \$100 fine and a warning will be recorded. Two warnings in one season will prohibit the team from participating in Volleyball BC's Provincial Championship.
- e. [Inclement Weather Policy](#)

Performance Bonds

- a. All clubs must pay Volleyball BC a performance bond and provide an [Electronic Funds Transfer Form \(EFT\)](#) to Rosalynn Campbell for end of season reimbursement.
- b. The performance bond must be paid [online](#) via credit card at the time of the club's registration.
 - i. 2018 Club Performance Bond for large clubs (THREE or more teams) - \$500
 - ii. 2018 Club Performance Bond for medium clubs (TWO teams) - \$400
 - iii. 2018 Club Performance Bond for small clubs (ONE team) - \$200

- c. The performance bond will not be carried over to the 2019 club season. Performance bonds minus outstanding sanctions will be returned to clubs by June 30, 2018.
- d. If any portion of the performance bond is claimed during the season, it must be replaced before any team in that club can compete in a Volleyball BC event.
- e. Performance bonds may be claimed for, but are not limited to, the following infractions:
 - i. Damage to accommodations or facilities - varies.
 - ii. Violation of the coach or athlete code of conduct.
 - 1. Red Card.
 - a. First Offense - warning from Volleyball BC.
 - b. Second Offense - \$50 fine.
 - c. Third Offense - \$100 fine and suspension from all Volleyball BC events/programs for the remainder of the 2018 club season.
 - 2. Red & Yellow Card (simultaneously).
 - a. First Offense - \$100 fine.
 - b. Second Offense - \$200 fine and suspension from all Volleyball BC events/programs for the remainder of the 2018 season.
 - iii. Violation of the uniform rule at Provincials or Nationals - \$50/match.
 - iv. Withdrawal from an event after the deadline - \$25-\$100 + registration fee.
 - v. Failure to play a match- \$100/match.
 - vi. Violation of the Recruiting Policy - \$1000/athlete.
 - vii. Violation of the roster (invalid roster, ineligible player, etc.) - \$25/match.
 - viii. Violation of the Fair Play Rule - \$100/match.
 - ix. Violation of the Signing Date - \$200/violation.
 - x. Failure to provide Minor Officials - \$50/team (\$200 /team for 15U Girls Super Volley)
 - xi. Failure to provide Roster Labels - \$5/match.
 - xii. Failure to meet Coach Certification requirements - varies.

Event Draws

- a. Event draws will be posted on Volleyball BC's [website](#) as soon as they are finalized or by the Wednesday prior to the event. If the draw is not posted, it has not been finalized.
- b. All revisions will be posted online, up to 5:00pm the day prior to the event.
- c. It is the responsibility of the coach or team contact to ensure that they have the most recent version of the event draw.
- d. Teams will be contacted directly, via email, if any revisions are made after 5:00pm the day prior to the event. It is imperative that coach and club contact information in the Volleyball BC database is current. It is the

responsibility of the club to ensure that all contact information is correct and current.

Medals, Prizing and All Stars

- a. Super Events: Prizing will be given to the top three finishers in Tier 1 in each Division with an elimination playoff format.
- b. 13U Girls Super Spike: Prizing will be given to each participant at the event.
- c. Provincial Championships: Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will be given to the top three finishers in each Division.
- d. 16U, 17U & 18U Awards:
 - i. 12 Season All Stars per age category (16U, 17U & 18U) will be recognized for their performance throughout the 2018 club season. Coaches are required to submit an [All Star Nomination Form](#) for both their team as well as their opponents. The top 8 coaches from each age category will rank the top 12 athletes that have been nominated.
 - ii. 1 Provincial Championship MVP per age category (16U, 17U & 18U) will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
 - iii. Athletes will be recognized in the age category for which they are competing.
- e. 15U Awards:
 - i. 6 Provincial Championship All Stars will be selected for their performance at the 2018 Provincial Championships (as selected by the Championship Committee).
 - ii. 1 Provincial Championship MVP will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
- f. 12U, 13U & 14U Awards:
 - i. Most Inspirational Award - Coaches will nominate one athlete from their own team to be recognized.
 1. Nominations must be submitted at Regional Championships.

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Host Hotel Program: The Sandman Hotel Group

- a. Volleyball BC has paired with The Sandman Hotel Group, to offer great rates to Volleyball BC members during the club volleyball season (4% commission to club).
- b. A complete list of host hotels, reservation procedures and rebate information can be found on Volleyball BC's [website](#).

Community Programs

- a. Volleyball BC has partnered with local food banks to continue to make a positive impact on our community. In lieu of admission at all Super Events and Regional Championships, Volleyball BC would like to encourage parents, spectators, coaches and athletes to make a donation to their local food bank.

Outstanding Fees

- a. Any individual or club (athlete, coach, team, club) that has outstanding debts with Volleyball BC prior to the start of the 2018 season will be “members not in good standing” and will be ineligible for all Volleyball BC programs until such debts are reconciled.

Competition Guidelines

Competition Rules

- a. Volleyball Canada rules are in effect for all Volleyball BC events, unless otherwise stated.
- b. Recent rules modifications, and clarification on new rules, can be found on Volleyball BC's website ([Competition Guidelines & Resources Tab](#)).
 - o [Field of Play](#)
 - o [Fair Play Rule](#)
 - o [Tripleball Rule](#)
 - o [2016 Net Rule](#)
 - o [Volleyball Canada Expanded Age Category Policy](#)
 - o Head Coaches will be responsible for signing the scoresheet upon completion of the match.

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Foreign Teams

- a. Only teams fully registered with Volleyball BC will be permitted to compete in Volleyball BC events.
 - i. Any team not registered with Volleyball BC is a foreign team.
- b. Foreign teams must apply to the event host to enter an event and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Regional Development Committee.
 - i. Foreign teams will only be considered after the early deadline has passed.
 - ii. Foreign teams will only be considered if there are open spaces in the event.
 - iii. Foreign teams will be subject to an additional \$25 administrative fee.
 - iv. Foreign teams must pay via credit card.
 - v. Foreign teams must provide a Letter of Good Standing from their Association for all members appearing on their roster.

Age Categories and Net Heights

Age Categories and Net Heights			
Age Category	Year of Birth	Female Net Height	Male Net Height
12 & Under	2006	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
13 & Under	2005	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
14 & Under	2004	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
15 & Under	2003	2.20 meters	2.35 meters
16 & Under	2002	2.24 meters	2.35 meters
17 & Under	2001	2.24 meters	2.43 meters
18 & Under	2000	2.24 meters	2.43 meters

- o Expanded Age Categories:
 1. 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 Regional Championship, Provincial Championship, and National Championship (all in the same age category).
 2. Athletes born in 1999 (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.
- o There is no limit to the number of overaged athletes that can compete on a team.
- o Please contact your Regional Representative to register athletes that are born in 1999 or are “playing down”.
- o For full details, please refer to Volleyball Canada’s 2018 Championship Age Categories.

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Uniform Policy

- a. Athlete’s uniforms must be numbered between 1-99.
- b. The uniform number must be at least 15cm high on the front and 20cm high on the back. The width of the stripe forming the number must be at least 2cm.
- c. The number must be located in the center of the uniform on the front and back.
- d. The colour and brightness of the uniform must contrast the colour and the brightness of the number.
 - i. To avoid a potential uniform violation, it is strongly recommended that uniform numbers are not included in any artwork/logo. The numbers must be clearly visible and should stand alone.
- e. The libero must wear a uniform of a contrasting colour to the other members of the team.
 - i. The libero uniform must have a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team.
 - ii. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.
 - iii. Uniforms that have a sublimated design are not considered to be contrasting.

- iv. The libero uniform does not have to be the same design, but it must be numbered. If a different libero is used for each set, the uniform number must correspond to the number registered on the official scoresheet.
- f. Shorts must be similar in design and colour, except the libero.
- g. Sponsorship logos and artwork may only be placed on the bottom 1/3 of the back of the uniform and on the sleeves. The top 1/3 of the back of the uniform is reserved for team names or athlete names.
 - i. Sponsorship logos and artwork that represents alcohol, tobacco and/or gambling will not be permitted.
- h. Please contact Adrian Goodmurphy if you have any questions on acceptable uniforms or would like approval on a uniform design/colour.

Substitution and Libero Regulations

- a. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- b. All teams competing in the “A” Level will be allowed to utilize 12 Unlimited Substitutions.
- c. Each Provincial Championship will feature their own substitution rules, based on age & division.

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Substitution and Libero Regulations				
Age	Libero	12 Unlimited Subs	12 Limited Subs	6 Limited Subs
13U & 14U Male	no	no	YES (Fair Play)	no
12U, 13U & 14U Female “AA” Level	no	no	YES (Fair Play)	no
12U, 13U & 14U Female “A” Level	no	YES (Fair Play)	no	no
15U & 16U Male	no	no	YES	no
15U Female “AA” Level	no	no	YES	no
15U Female “A” Level	no	YES	no	no
16U Female “AA” Level	YES	no	no	YES
16U Female “A” Level	YES	YES	no	no
17U & 18U Male	YES	no	no	YES
17U & 18U Female “AA” Level	YES	no	no	YES
17U & 18U Female “A” Level	YES	YES	no	no

2018 Volleyball BC Coaching Education Requirements

- a. Official NCCP Transcripts can be found in [The Locker](#).
- b. ALL team staff (including those that are fully certified in the old context) appearing on the scoresheet, including Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, etc. must complete the four requirements below prior to the Coach Education Requirement deadline, regardless of the Level (“AA” or “A”) that they are coaching:
 - i. [Make Ethical Decisions MultiSport Module \(& Online Evaluation\)](#)
 - ii. [Making Head Way in Sport e-Module](#)

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- iii. [Criminal Record Check](#)
- iv. [Membership Waiver Form \(including Screening Disclosure Form\)](#)
- c. **Additional Coach Education Requirements for designated HEAD COACHES:**
 - i. "A" Level Head Coaches
 - 1. [Volleyball Canada e-Learning Modules](#)
 - 2. "A" Level teams that are attending a National Championship must complete the "AA" Level Coach Education Requirements.
 - ii. "AA" Level Head Coaches
 - 1. As per the 2018 [Volleyball BC Coach Education Requirements](#).
- d. Certification Maintenance Program
 - i. The [Certification Maintenance Program](#) requires coaches to accumulate professional development points over a 5-year span in order to ensure that their coaching certification remains active.
 - 1. 12U-16U "A" Level: Maintenance is recommended.
 - 2. 12U-16U "AA" Level & 17U-18U "A" Level: Maintenance is mandatory.

Referee Management Team (RMT)

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- a. A Referee Management Team (and/or Referee Supervisor) will be available at each event.
 - i. Additional information on the RMT can be found [here](#).
 - ii. The RMT will insert themselves into a match to assist with the development of a referee or to assist with applying sanctions for misconduct.
- b. Referee Assignments
 - i. 12U, 13U & 14U Male and Female
 - 1. Super Spike: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - 2. Provincial Championship: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - ii. 15U Male and Female
 - 1. Super Volley: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - 2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for all playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - iii. 16U Male and Female
 - 1. Super Series: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - 2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for all playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - iv. 17U & 18U Male and Female

1. Super Series: First Referee for pool play. First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to a top 3 finish.
2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First and Second Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals.

Minor Officiating Requirements

- a. All Volleyball BC Events, EXCEPT 15U Girls Super Volley Events (“AA” & “A”).
 - i. Participating teams are required to provide Minor Officials (one scorekeeper and one linesperson) for their own match.
 - ii. Minor Officials may be athletes, teammates, parents, friends, etc.
- b. 15U Girls Super Volley Events.
 - i. Participating teams are required to provide Minor Officials (one second referee, two scorekeepers and two linespersons) for their opponent’s match.
 - ii. Minor Officials must be athletes or coaches of the assigned team.
 - iii. The second referee must be a coach registered on the minor officiating team’s roster or an athlete supervised by a coach that is registered on the minor officiating team’s roster.
 - iv. Minor Officials can change between sets.
 - v. Failure to provide minor officials will result in escalating sanctions.
 1. 1st offense - \$200 fine.
 2. 2nd offense - \$500 fine.
 3. 3rd offense - unable to participate in Provincial Championship.
- c. Minor Officials provided must be capable of fulfilling their duties to the satisfaction of the First Referee. Failure to meet the satisfaction of the First Referee will result in the individual being removed from their role. The participating team will be required to replace the individual and may be assessed with a delay of game warning by the First Referee.
- d. Failure to provide minor officials will be noted on the scoresheet and sanctions will apply.
- e. It is strongly recommended that teams attend events with trained Minor Officials. For assistance with training, please refer to the following:
 - i. Scorekeeping Clinics – contact Glenn Wheatley.
 - ii. Online Scorekeeping Tutorials.
 1. [Standard Volleyball](#)
 2. [Tripleball Volleyball](#)
 - iii. Referee Clinics – contact Glenn Wheatley.
- f. Teams will be required to provide trained Minor Officials at Provincial Championships. Teams that fail to provide trained Minor Officials at Provincial Championships will be sanctioned.

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Tie Breaking Procedures

- a. Volleyball Canada's tie breaking procedures will be in effect at all Volleyball BC events.

Official Game Ball

- a. Baden provides the official game ball of Volleyball BC.
 - o 17U & 18U: Baden VCOR Volleyball.
 - o 13U, 14U, 15U & 16U: Baden Perfection 15-O Volleyball.
 - o 12U: Baden 450 or Volleyleite.

Letters in Good Standing (Travel Permits)

- a. Requests for [Letters in Good Standing](#) must be submitted to Jay Tremonti a minimum of four weeks prior to the event.
- b. Requests not submitted by the four-week deadline may not be reviewed by Volleyball Canada. A rush fee of \$25 will be applied for all requests submitted after the deadline.
- c. All requests must be received by March 10, 2018.
- d. Letters in Good Standing are required for teams, athletes, coaches, etc. that wish to compete outside of Canada. All participants must be members with Volleyball BC.
- e. Volleyball BC's insurance does not include international competitions or events. It is recommended that members purchase their own additional insurance.

Protests & Event Discipline Policy

- a. All protests must be submitted at the time of the incident. Protests that are submitted after the incident will not be considered.
- b. Captains must submit the protest to the first referee at the time of the incident.
- c. The referee's judgement (ball handling) is not open to protest. Only errors in applying a rule are open to protest.
- d. Protests will be reviewed immediately by the Protest Committee (Volleyball BC Staff and Head Referee).
- e. All decisions made by the Protest Committee are final.
- f. Protests that are denied will result in a Delay of Game Penalty and a point for the opposing team (in effect for the duration of the match).
- g. All complaints regarding referees at a Provincial Championship can be submitted directly to the Referee Management Team on site.
- h. Members are advised to follow the [Protests & Events Discipline Policy](#) if they have concerns regarding an event.

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Discipline & Complaint Policy

- a. Members with concerns about Volleyball BC programs are encouraged to follow Volleyball BC's [Discipline & Complaint Policy and Procedure](#).

Female Age Categories:

12U Girls – athletes born in 2006 or later.

- a. Clubs looking to host [12U Programs](#) are encouraged to contact Rosalynn Campbell for additional support.
- b. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- c. All 12U teams will register in the “A” Level.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.15 meters.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. [Tripleball](#) will be utilized.
 - iv. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - vi. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Jamboree Guidelines (Volleyball BC Jamborees Only)
 - i. Badminton courts or modified volleyball courts will be utilized (~6m x 13m).
 - ii. Participants register individually.
 - iii. Format:
 1. Morning Session – Development Camp.
 2. Afternoon Session – 4 on 4 competition.
 - iv. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - ii. 6 on 6 competition.
 - iii. Super Spikes may be combined with 13U “A” Level Girls if numbers require.
 - iv. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 1. Pool play - teams will be serpentine across all pools.
 2. Re-pool - Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - v. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. 12U Girls will be combined with 13U Girls if numbers require.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).

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- iii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
- iv. 6 on 6 competition.
- v. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. **Tripleball** will be utilized.
 - v. 6 on 6 competition.
 - vi. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - vii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - viii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - ix. Teams are not required to attend a Regional Championship prior to a Provincial Championship.
 - x. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - xi. Division 1 = 8-12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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13U Girls – athletes born in 2005 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 - 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 - 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 - 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = 17th in “AA” and 2nd in “A” = 21st in “AA”.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.

- v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. “AA” Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. “A” Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - i. [Tripleball](#) will be utilized.
 - ii. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - ix. Super Spikes will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - x. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 3. Pool play - teams will be serpentine across all pools.
 - 4. Re-pool - Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - xi. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - xii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - xiii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - xiv. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. [Tripleball](#) will be utilized.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.

- vi. “AA” Level teams will be ranked ahead of “A” Level teams if the “AA” & “A” Regional Championships are separate. If the “AA” & “A” Regional Championship is combined then the results stand.
- vii. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
- viii. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
- ix. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

14U Girls – athletes born in 2004 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 - 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 - 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 - 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = 17th in “AA” and 2nd in “A” = 21st in “AA”.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. “AA” Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. “A” Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - ii. “AA” Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. “A” Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - vi. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines

- i. Super Spikes will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will be serpented across all pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- e. Regional Championships
- i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. “AA” Level teams will be ranked ahead of “A” Level teams if the “AA” & “A” Regional Championships are separate. If the “AA” & “A” Regional Championship is combined then the results stand.
 - vi. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vii. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
 - viii. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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15U Girls – athletes born in 2003 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.

- iii. After the team's first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 - 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 - 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an "A" Level event will be eligible to switch into the "AA" Level.
 - 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from "AA" to "A": 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from "A" to "AA": 1st in "A" = 17th in "AA" and 2nd in "A" = 21st in "AA".
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the "A" Level to the "AA" Level or the "AA" Level to the "A" Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. "AA" Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. "A" Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Volley Guidelines
 - i. Super Volleys will feature "AA" Level events and "A" Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will be serpentine across all pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Volley results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Teams will be responsible for providing minor officials for the matches they are assigned. Additional details can be found in the Minor Officiating section.
 - vii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - viii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Volley (two-day event).
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships

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- i. Format: Open, no power pools. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
- ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
- iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
- iv. Super Volley results may be considered, but will not be the sole determining factor when ranking regions into Divisions at Provincial Championships.
- v. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
- vi. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
- vii. “AA” Level teams will be ranked ahead of “A” Level teams if the “AA” & “A” Regional Championships are separate. If the “AA” & “A” Regional Championship is combined then the results stand.
- viii. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
- ix. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
- x. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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16U Girls – athletes born in 2002 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = 17th in “AA” and 2nd in “A” = 21st in “AA”.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines

- i. “AA” Level: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. “A” Level: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Series Guidelines
- i. Super Series will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second and third events: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Fourth event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - iii. First event: Teams will be serpentine across all pools. Second and third events: Teams will be serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools. Fourth event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2017 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams are serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team’s top 3 Super Series results.
 - vi. “AA” Level teams will be ranked ahead of “A” Level teams.
 - vii. Teams must compete in at least 3 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 at their Provincial Championship.

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1. Teams from remote areas may apply for an exemption to compete in Division 1 if only 2 Super Series are attended.
 2. Teams that are granted an exemption will be ranked on their team's top 2 Super Series results.
- viii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. In the event that both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- ix. Some Divisions may include teams from both "AA" & "A" Levels.
- x. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

17/18U Girls – athletes born in 2000 (18U), 2001 (17U) or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: "Learning to Compete"; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Athletes born in 1999 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- c. "AA" & "A" Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as "AA" Level or "A" Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in "AA" Level are considered stronger than teams in "A" Level.
 - iii. After the team's first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an "A" Level event will be eligible to switch into the "AA" Level.
 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from "AA" to "A": 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from "A" to "AA": 1st in "A" = 17th in "AA" and 2nd in "A" = 21st in "AA".
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the "A" Level to the "AA" Level or the "AA" Level to the "A" Level.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. "AA" Level: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. "A" Level: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.

- e. Super Series Guidelines
- i. 17/18U age categories will be combined for Super Series. Super Series will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First & second events: Modified power pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams must have competed in one of the first 2 Super Series).
 - iii. First and second events: Teams will be serpented within the power pools, remaining teams will be serpented across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will be serpented across remaining pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2017 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- f. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams are serpented across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team’s top 2 Super Series results.
 1. Teams are ranked on their final placement results at Super Series, regardless of their age category. For example, if the highest finishing 17U team places 5th, they will receive a 5th place result for that event.
 2. “AA” Level teams will be ranked ahead of “A” Level teams.
 - vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be ranked 1-8.
 - vii. Teams that do not compete in any Super Series are ineligible for Division 1.
 - viii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied,

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results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.

- ix. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
- x. Division 1 = 12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

Male Age Categories:

12U Boys – athletes born in 2006 or later.

- a. Clubs looking to host [12U Programs](#) are encouraged to contact Rosalynn Campbell for additional support.
- b. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- c. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.20 meters.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. [Tripleball](#) will be utilized.
 - iv. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - vi. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Jamboree Guidelines (Volleyball BC Jamborees Only)
 - i. Badminton courts or modified volleyball courts will be utilized (~6mx13m).
 - ii. Participants register individually.
 - iii. Format:
 - 1. Morning Session – Development Camp.
 - 2. Afternoon Session – 4 on 4 competition.
 - iv. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require. If combined, 13U rules will be utilized.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. 6 on 6 competition.
 - iv. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 1. Pool play - teams will be serpentine across all pools.
 - 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - v. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).

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- iii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
- iv. 6 on 6 competition.
- v. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - iv. 6 on 6 competition.
 - v. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - vi. **Tripleball** will be utilized.
 - vii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - viii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - ix. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, considering, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - x. Teams are not required to attend a Regional Championship prior to a Provincial Championship.
 - xi. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - xii. Division 1 = 8-12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

13U Boys – athletes born in 2005 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iv. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. **2016 Net and Center Line Rules** are in effect.
 - vi. **Quick Sub Rule** is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will be serpented across all pools.

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- iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
- v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
- vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - iii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

14U Boys – athletes born in 2004 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. **2016 Net and Center Line Rules** are in effect.
 - iv. **Quick Sub Rule** is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.

- ii. Teams will be serpentine across all pools.
- iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
- iv. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
- v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. **Fair Play Rule** will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, considering, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

15U Boys – athletes born in 2003 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. **2016 Net and Center Line Rules** are in effect.
 - iv. **Quick Sub Rule** is in effect.
- d. Super Volley Guidelines
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Teams will be serpentine across all pools.

- iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
- iv. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Volley results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
- v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Volley (two-day event).
- vii. All Super Volley events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Super Volley results may be considered, but will not be the sole determining factor when ranking teams into Provincial Championships.
 - v. Rankings are based on Super Volley results, geographical representation and RDC recommendations.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

16U Boys – athletes born in 2002 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second event: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - ii. First event: Teams will be serpentine across all pools. Second event: Teams will be serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2017 Provincial Championship result and Regional

Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.

1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
- v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
- vii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams are serpented across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, geographic representation and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
 - vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be ranked 1-8.
 - vii. Teams that do not compete in any Super Series are ineligible for Division 1.
 - viii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. In the event that both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - ix. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

17/18U Boys – athletes born in 2000 (18U), 2001 (17U) or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Athletes born in 1999 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iii. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Super Series Guidelines

- i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second event: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
- ii. First event: Teams will be serpentine across all pools. Second event: Teams will be serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will be serpentine across remaining pools.
- iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
- iv. Rankings: For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2017 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
- v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
- vii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams are serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
 - vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be ranked 1-8.
 - vii. Teams that do not compete in any Super Series are ineligible for Division 1.
 - viii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - ix. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of registered teams allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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