

VOLLEYBALL BC 2021 CLUB VOLLEYBALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are roster sizes limited to 12 athletes?

- The information we have been provided with, from viaSport, is that we are permitted to create cohorts of up to 100 people. If coaches and officials can maintain physical distancing, they are not included in this number. Therefore, we have decided to limit rosters to 12 athletes to allow for a maximum of 8 team cohorts (96 athletes).
- If coaches are unable to maintain physical distancing, fewer athletes should be assigned to the rosters to allow for the coaches to be counted as part of the 12.

If we do not have facilities by December 15th and we release our athletes, can we get them back?

- Once a club releases their athletes, they are free to attend whatever tryout they would like. However, clubs have the option of reaching out to the players they released to inform them that facilities have been secured and that the athlete may return if they choose. The athlete is NOT obligated to return to the club that released them.

How will teams be placed in to cohorts?

- Volleyball BC will use a number of factors to determine rankings for the 2021 season:
 - 2020 Athlete Rankings (opening rankings)
 - 2020 Season Results
 - Regional Development Committee Discussion
 - Coach input
- From these rankings, teams will be assigned to a cohort in their region

How many coaches can I have on a roster?

- Teams can have up to 2 coaches on a roster. Coaches must be registered with Volleyball BC and must maintain physical distancing. If they are unable to maintain physical distancing, they must be counted as 2 people in the 12 person roster (for maximum capacity in facilities).

Can I have more than 2 coaches at practice if they physically distance and are registered members?

- No. Only those registered with Volleyball BC are permitted to coach a team. This is to ensure SafeSport standards are upheld, coach education requirements met, and contact tracing is ready available.

Do coaches have to wear a mask/face covering?

- Given the latest public health directive that it is expected that masks are worn in inside public space, we highly recommend that coaches wear a mask during all practices. However, it is not mandatory, unless coaches are unable to maintain physical distance.
- When coaches are with their team in a competition environment governed by Volleyball BC, they are required to wear a mask at all times.

Can I set up a playday with another team in the club system?

- Clubs are able to set up additional playdays or training opportunities with other teams. However, the other teams **MUST** be part of their cohort as designated by Volleyball BC. The purpose of the cohort is to minimize the number of different people that athletes are interacting with, as well as ensuring that contact tracing can be made available to health authorities in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- **It is forbidden for teams to play any other teams outside of the cohort set by Volleyball BC.**

What steps do we need to take to create a safe training environment or host a safe playday?

- [Please click here for further information.](#)

What if a team does not follow Return to Play protocols?

- All participants (teams, players, coaches, officials, managers and administrators) in tournaments, meetings and activities under the authority of Volleyball BC have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. Participants must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices, which are, in the opinion of Volleyball BC, detrimental to the sport. Implementation and compliance to [The Phased Return to Volleyball Plan](#) is of the utmost importance and therefore falls within the scope of the Volleyball BC Code of Conduct policy. Violations of non-compliance of the Return to Volleyball Plan will be met with severe consequences due to the possible devastating negative impact to the entire association.
- More specific information about sanctions will be provided at a later date.

Why aren't spectators allowed at events?

- Just like everyone else in British Columbia, we are required to adhere to Provincial Health Orders. At the moment, we are not permitted to host events of more than 50 people. To ensure we have adequate space for our athletes, coaches, officials, and staff, Volleyball BC will NOT be permitting spectators at events in an attempt to keep the total number of people at an event to a minimum.

Why do we need to compete in every event in our division?

- The competition structure will see teams placed in to small cohorts of up to 8 teams. Playdays will be matches between 3-5 teams. If a team does not attend an event, this will adversely affect the other teams by taking away opportunities for them to play, and changing the cost per event per team.

What if someone on my team is demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19? What if someone tests positive for COVID-19?

- Volleyball BC recommends that all Local, Provincial, and Federal health advice is followed. If someone is demonstrating symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they should begin self-isolation and contact local health authorities for further guidance.

Officials

Are referees using whistles or e-whistles?

- Referees will be using e-whistles for the 2021 season unless otherwise directed.

How many referees are working a match?

- There will be 1 referee assigned to each match.