



2018 Beach Handbook – Senior

Toronto, ON

August 17th-19th, 2018

National Team Identification Opportunity

Senior Beach National Championships will act as an identification opportunity for those wishing to participate at a higher level, and get the chance to be noticed by National Team coaching staff. The 2018 event will be attended by Steve Anderson, Volleyball Canada’s national team head coach and Adriana Bento, Volleyball Canada’s national team assistant coach. Steve and Adriana will be available throughout the weekend to discuss the program with up-and-coming athletes as well as provide feedback.

Divisions

The senior competition at beach nationals will be broken into divisions only if registration numbers allow. In this case, the same format will apply to both divisions.

Eligibility

All athletes wishing to participate in Nationals are required to participate in their respective Provincial Championship. Exemptions may be granted in the following cases:

1. If the team members are participating in a VC sanctioned event or program, which include:
 - a. NORCECA or FIVB circuit
 - b. Canada Cup
 - c. Provincial Team programs
 - d. Canada Games
2. Extenuating circumstances which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Any athlete wishing to request an exemption are required to fill out this [Exemption Request Form](#) with their request by Tuesday, August 7th.

Registration

All teams must register at register.volleyball.ca. Registration dates and fees can be found below.

Registration Opens: Tuesday, June 19th

Early Bird Deadline: Tuesday, July 10th

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 7th

Registration is open on a first come, first serve basis – there are no spots reserved.

Early Bird Price	June 19 – July 10 th	\$255
Regular Price	July 11 – August 7 th	\$305

**VC reserves the right to cancel any age category with less than 8 teams.*



Note: Teams should register according to the above stated deadlines (you can register for Nationals prior to participating in your PTA championships).

Team Jerseys

All teams registered for the event will receive a team uniform that must be worn for all matches. Athletes will need to indicate their player number (1 or 2), and shirt size at the time of registration.

Wait List

Registration is open on a first come, first serve basis – there are no spots reserved.

VC has the right to put a limit to the number of teams allowed in each category. Should one event fill, a wait list will be maintained for the extra teams. Should a registered team withdraw from the event; teams on the wait list will be contacted and given the opportunity to enter the tournament.

Withdrawals

Withdrawal before registration deadline

Teams who withdraw before the registration deadline (Tuesday, August 7th) will be refunded their registration fee less a \$40 admin fee.

Withdrawal after registration deadline

If a team withdraws from the event after the registration deadline, no reimbursement will be issued.

Note: The effects of the withdrawal of a team on the tournament schedule will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. The schedule may need to be adjusted.

Competition Format

The competition will run with pool play followed by elimination rounds. The schedule will vary based on number of teams. All teams are guaranteed their pool rounds and at least one playoff match.

Team Check In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 16th, 2017 from 12:00PM (noon) until 8:00PM. Location TBD

Please note that all athletes must provide identification when checking in (driver's license, health card, etc). It is **acceptable** for a team representative to check a team in, as long as they have a copy of their IDs and assume responsibility for player uniforms. Both athletes do not need to be present in order to check in. There will be a form to sign to acknowledge that the rules have been read (this form replaces the meeting). Whoever signs in the team is responsible for signing to acknowledge the team has read the handout.

If you are unable to attend team check-in, please contact Kurt Hewlett – nationals@volleyball.ca by Tuesday, August 7th.



Teams are welcome to practice on the courts from 12:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursday, August 16th on a first come, first serve basis. The courts will be unavailable for practice in the evening due to the local league.

Players Meeting

We will be providing a handout that athletes will be signing off that they have read at check in. There will be no meeting for the senior division at Nationals.

Tournament Committee

The tournament committee for Senior Beach Nationals will consist of a tournament director, a Volleyball Canada Representative, and a tournament referee supervisor.

Protests

Protests or disputes have to be settled before resuming play. No protest will be accepted after play has resumed. If a team wishes to protest, that team must present \$50 cash to the tournament committee at the time of the protest. If this team wins their protest, they will be refunded the \$50.

Seeding

Seeding for the Senior Beach Nationals will be based on the Volleyball Canada Points system. Once registration closes, teams will be emailed the points we have on file for them, and it is their responsibility to correct any errors before the allotted date and time (which will be indicated when emailed out).

Schedules

All FINAL tournament schedules will be available online after check in has finished Thursday, August 16th 2018. Master schedules can be found on the [Senior Beach Nationals page](#) on the VC Website. However, match-ups and game times throughout the weekend can be found on www.iset.net.

- All matches have pre-assigned start times. No match is to start prior to the pre-assigned start time.
- Should a court run late, the next match will start 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

Player Referees

Volleyball Canada does it's best to schedule referees for Senior National matches, however, a player referee schedule will be made to ensure all matches are refereed and score kept. Should a referee not be available for a match, players are responsible for refereeing the matches they are assigned. If a referee is available, players will still be responsible for score-keeping the match. Please be sure to note your team's referee schedule as teams will be penalized for not fulfilling their assignments (not on Iset – only on VC schedule).

Tie Breakers

Tie-breaking procedures for pool play will be as follows:



- Tie between two teams:
 - The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
 - If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.
- Tie between three teams:
 - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
 - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;
 - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding.

Coaching

Coaching is not permitted during matches at Senior Nationals.

Anti-Doping

Following the guidelines of the Canadian Center for Ethics in Sports (CCES), any Canadian athlete competing at a National or International level can be testing for banned and/or illegal substances. It is the athlete's responsibility to be aware of and comply with CCES anti-doping policies.

Consult the web site for more information: <http://www.cces.ca>

Suspended Play Policy

Please see [VC's Suspended Play Policy](#) (Inclement Weather Clause) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

Concussion Protocol

Please see [VC's Concussion Protocol](#) for Beach Nationals on the Volleyball Canada website.

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