



# 2023-2024



## YOUTH COMPETITIONS MANUAL



# 2023-2024 Youth Competitions Calendar

November		Deadline	Fees (+HST)
<b>4*</b>	17U Girls Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	September 24, 2023	\$850/\$425
	15U Boys Provincial Cup	September 24, 2023	\$400
<b>10-12**</b>	16U Girls Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	October 1, 2023	\$850/\$425
	18U Girls Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	October 1, 2023	\$850/\$425
	16U Boys Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	October 1, 2023	\$850/\$425
	18U Boys Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	October 1, 2023	\$850/\$425
<b>18</b>	TLS Girls Provincial Cup	October 8, 2023	\$400
	TLS Boys Provincial Cup	October 8, 2023	\$400
<b>19</b>	6v6 Girls Provincial Cup	October 8, 2023	\$400
	17U Boys Fall Classic (2-day) / Provincial Cup	October 8, 2023	\$850/\$425
<b>25*</b>	4v4 Girls Provincial Cup	October 15, 2023	\$180
	15U Girls Provincial Cup	October 15, 2023	\$400
	6v6 Boys Provincial Cup	October 15, 2023	\$400
<b>December</b>			
<b>2*</b>	17U Girls Challenge Cup	October 22, 2023	\$425
	4v4 Boys/Co-ed Provincial Cup	October 22, 2023	\$180
	15U Boys Challenge Cup	October 22, 2023	\$400
<b>9*</b>	16U Girls Challenge Cup	October 29, 2023	\$425
	16U Boys Challenge Cup	October 29, 2023	\$425
<b>16</b>	TLS Girls Challenge Cup	November 5, 2023	\$400
	18U Boys Challenge Cup	November 5, 2023	\$425
<b>17</b>	4v4 Girls Challenge Cup	November 5, 2023	\$180
	18U Girls Challenge Cup	November 5, 2023	\$425
	TLS Boys Challenge Cup	November 5, 2023	\$400
<b>January</b>			
<b>13</b>	6v6 Girls Challenge Cup	December 3, 2023	\$400
	6v6 Boys Challenge Cup	December 3, 2023	\$400
	17U Boys Challenge Cup	December 3, 2023	\$425
<b>14</b>	15U Girls Challenge Cup	December 3, 2023	\$400
<b>20</b>	18U Girls McGregor Cup	December 10, 2023	\$425
	4v4 Boys/Co-ed Challenge Cup	December 10, 2023	\$180
	16U Boys McGregor Cup	December 10, 2023	\$425
<b>21</b>	TLS Girls McGregor Cup	December 10, 2023	\$400
	18U Boys McGregor Cup	December 10, 2023	\$425
<b>27*</b>	16U Girls McGregor Cup	December 17, 2023	\$425
	15U Boys McGregor Cup	December 17, 2023	\$400



<b>February</b>		<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Fees (+HST)</b>
<b>3</b>	4v4 Girls McGregor Cup	December 24, 2023	\$180
	6v6 Girls McGregor Cup	December 24, 2023	\$400
	17U Boys McGregor Cup	December 24, 2023	\$425
<b>4</b>	17U Girls McGregor Cup	December 24, 2023	\$425
<b>9-11**</b>	15U Girls McGregor Cup	December 31, 2023	\$400
	18UG Grand Prix Qualifier (2-day) /Furlani Cup	December 31, 2023	\$775/\$425
	4v4 Boys/Co-ed McGregor Cup	December 31, 2023	\$180
	6v6 Boys McGregor Cup	December 31, 2023	\$400
	TLS Boys McGregor Cup	December 31, 2023	\$400
	18UB Grand Prix Qualifier (2-day) /Furlani Cup	December 31, 2023	\$775/\$425
<b>24</b>	TLS Girls Bugarski Cup	January 14, 2024	\$400
	16U Boys Grand Prix (2-day) / Bugarski Cup	January 14, 2024	\$775/\$425
<b>25</b>	4v4 Girls Bugarski Cup	January 14, 2024	\$180
F	16U Girls Grand Prix (2-day) / Bugarski Cup	January 14, 2024	\$775/\$425
<b>March</b>			
<b>2</b>	6v6 Girls Bugarski Cup	January 21, 2024	\$400
	17U Boys Grand Prix (2-day) /Bugarski Cup	January 21, 2024	\$775/\$425
<b>3</b>	17U Girls Grand Prix (2-day) /Bugarski Cup	January 21, 2024	\$775/\$425
	TLS Boys Bugarski Cup	January 21, 2024	\$400
<b>9</b>	15U Girls Bugarski Cup	January 28, 2024	\$400
	6v6 Boys Bugarski Cup	January 28, 2024	\$400
<b>23</b>	18U Girls Grand Prix (2-day) / Bugarski Cup (2-day)	February 11, 2024	\$775
	15U Boys Bugarski Cup	February 11, 2024	\$400
	18U Boys Grand Prix (2-day) / Bugarski Cup (2-day)	February 11, 2024	\$775
<b>24</b>	4v4 Boys/Co-ed Bugarski Cup	February 11, 2024	\$180

\*Teams will register to play during a weekend (either a Saturday or Sunday). Teams will find out which day their tournament is on once the event registration deadline closes and team splits are posted on the OVA website (3-4 weeks prior). Please note – most of these events will still be taking place on Saturday with only a few events being held on Sunday. This will affect the teams scheduled on Nov 4, Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9 & Jan 27.

\*\* Please reference the 2023/2024 Regular Season Convention Centre Events page on the OVA website located [HERE](#) as to how the EY Centre (Nov 10-12) and Niagara Falls Convention Centre (Feb 9-11) will be integrated into these regular season weekends.

\*\*\*Registration fees are pending Board of Directors approval.

## 2024 ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT*	DATE	VENUE	Age Group	DEADLINE
1	April 5-7, 2024	Rim Park, Waterloo ON	16UG & TLSB	January 10, 2024
2	April 11-13, 2024	Rim Park, Waterloo ON	TL5G & 6v6B	January 10, 2024
3	April 14-16, 2024	Rim Park, Waterloo ON	17UG & 16UB & 4v4 Boys/Co-ed	January 10, 2024
4	April 19-21, 2024	Rim Park, Waterloo ON	4v4G, 18UG & 18UB	January 10, 2024
5	April 26-28, 2004	Rim Park, Waterloo ON	17UB	January 10, 2024
6	April 25-27, 2024	EY Centre, Ottawa ON	15UG	January 10, 2024
7	April 28-30, 2024	EY Centre, Ottawa ON	6v6G & 15UB	January 10, 2024

## 2024 VOLLEYBALL CANADA INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
14U	May 3-5, 2024	Ottawa, ON	Carleton University
14U	May 3-5, 2024	Fredericton, NB	Grant Harvey Centre
14UG	May 9-12, 2024	Richmond, BC	Richmond Olympic Oval
14UB & 15U	May 15-18, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre
17UG & 18U	May 19-22, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre
17UB & 16U	May 23-26, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre

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# 1.0 Administrative Staff

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## 2.0 Club Administration

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### 2.1 Membership

All players, coaches, team staff and Club staff must be registered members with the OVA before they are eligible to participate in any activities associated with the OVA.

- **All athletes must register as a Tryout Player (\$0) membership prior to attending tryouts to ensure they sign off on Rowan's Law compliance as well as the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Indemnity agreement.**
- **All athletes must be registered members prior to their first Club practice. If athletes have been re-signed, they must purchase membership prior to attending their first club training session.**
- **All coaches and club staff must be registered members with the OVA prior to attending their first tryout or training session (whichever comes first) and meet the eligibility requirements as per the 2023-2024 Coach Eligibility Policy located [HERE](#).**
- All Club Board members and/or Executives must be active members of the OVA prior to the Club Registering for the current season.
- A player can only register and participate with one (1) Club and one (1) Province/Territorial Association.
- ANY person sitting on the bench at an OVA competition or participating in team practices **MUST** be a registered member of the OVA. This includes coaches. If you have a practice player that will not be attending competitions, they can be registered as a recreational member.
- OVA Memberships are non-refundable.

**\*NEW\*** In order to be fully compliant with the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent Abuse and Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and insurance requirements, Volleyball Canada now requires that all Persons-In-Authority (PIAs) be fully compliant with Safe Sport requirements before their membership status is approved. A PIA is any person who holds a position of authority over a Vulnerable individual pursuant to the role assigned to them. Persons in Authority include, but are not limited to, Club Directors and Club staff, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Referees, Chaperones and persons who manage finances.

Persons-in-Authority may not participate in volleyball activities until they have met their Safe Sport requirements. This includes background checks, annual screening, SafeSport training or any other requirements per the [OVA Coach Eligibility Policy](#), the [OVA Referee Eligibility Policy](#) or the Club Leader Eligibility Policy. This means that PIAs cannot be involved in practices, camps, games, or meetings until they have completed their PIA requirements.

For the 2023-24 season, when an individual purchases their OVA membership for a membership category requiring Person-in-Authority checks, they will be placed in a "Pending" state until their PIA requirements are verified as completed. At that point their membership status will change to "Approved" and only then will they be able to engage in volleyball activities.

All members are bound by the OVA Membership Policy. The purpose of this policy is to contribute to the growth and development of volleyball for all Ontarians in a safe sporting environment by providing clubs and paying member categories with rules and requirements, including member obligations, fees and the terms/conditions of membership.

Read the full OVA Membership Policy by clicking [HERE](#).

### 2.2 Eligibility

Any Ontario team competing in any OVA sanctioned competition or tournament must be fully registered with the OVA as a Club team and may only use registered OVA members of that Club. All team members must be registered in MRS prior to participating in their first OVA event/activity of the season – this includes Club practices.

An OVA representative in any capacity may request proof of age, OVA membership registration, OVA Screening Disclosure Form or Police Record Check from a Club, team or individual at any time.

OVA members must be residents of Ontario. Any exception to this must have the approval of the OVA, Volleyball Canada and the provincial/territorial governing body where the individual resides. Contact the OVA office for further information and details of this membership approval process.

Ontario Volleyball (OVA) is committed to encouraging diversity, inclusion, equity and access in its administration, policies, programs, and activities. This is to ensure that the OVA provides Under-Represented Groups with an equitable range of opportunities to participate in the sport. As a result, although youth competitions are organized by male/female gender categories, we will allow athletes to play on teams and in competitions as any gender role that they identify with.

Read the OVA Trans Inclusion Policy by clicking [HERE](#).

### **2.3 Tryout Window**

The OVA requires that all Clubs adhere to the current season's Tryout Window Policy. This policy outlines dates which athletes are permitted to re-sign with the Club they completed the previous season with and dates when athletes are permitted to tryout and sign for new clubs.

For a full version of the Tryout Window Policy please click [HERE](#).

### **2.4 Transfer Policy**

Athlete transfers between clubs during the competition season are permitted for various reasons however, athletes, clubs and coaches must follow the procedures outlined in the Athlete Transfer Policy.

For a full version of the Transfer Policy please click [HERE](#).

### **2.5 Club Requirements**

Club Contacts will be responsible for filling out a Returning Club Information Form in MRS in order for the Club to register for the current season. Club Registration must be completed prior to any Club activities commencing (e.g. tryouts). Club staff must be entered on the form prior to their participation in an OVA event/activity.

The following information will be collected on the Club Form via the Membership Registration System (MRS):

- General Club Information (Club Name, Address, Club Contact, Phone Number, Email).
- Club Executive Information (Name, Position, Address, Email, Phone Number, Confirmation of Screening Disclosure Form completion).
- Club Staff Information (Staff name, Position, NCCP #, PRC/VSS Date, Confirmation of Screening Disclosure Form completion).
- Club Representative in charge of police/volunteer screening within the club (Name, Email, Phone number).
- House League/Recreational Programs (Program name, age & gender offered, program length, number of participants).
- Declaration that the Club will follow the current version of the OVA Screening Policy and that any adult individual intending to participate in the Club or its programs and activities will have a valid enhanced police record check completed within the last three (3) years.
- Declaration that a representative from the Club has read and been informed about the content, requirements, and expectations of the OVA Return to Play Protocols ("Protocols") and agrees to abide by the Protocols as a condition of organizing volleyball activities in the Province of Ontario (if required).
- Declaration that the club will adhere to all OVA policies and procedures.

- Declaration that the Club will ensure that all Coaches meet the VC and OVA Coaching Eligibility Requirements.
- Declaration that the Club will keep the information on this form updated throughout the season including the addition of any new Club Executive, Staff or coaches.
- These Declarations must be agreed to by the individual filling out the Returning Club Form (usually the Club contact). Club Executives will also be required to sign a document containing similar declarations and attestations confirming that the Club is following OVA Policies and Procedures.
- **REMINDER:** Each Club executive, administrator and staff must be registered members of the OVA and meet the requirements of the [Club Leader Eligibility Policy](#) prior to the commencement of Club Activities.
- **Proof of Age for Registered Players:** Clubs must collect and maintain current proof of age records for Youth players (i.e. a copy of players' birth certificates). The records are to be retained by the Club throughout the duration of the 2023-2024 season (until August 31, 2023). When proof of age has been requested by the OVA, each requested player's birth certificate must be sent to the OVA office for validation. The OVA can request copies of athletes' proof of age at any time and the Clubs must supply this documentation within two (2) days of this request.

### Do Not Use Age Identifiers in Team Names

- Although teams are often comprised of athletes of a certain age, their age should not be the determining factor of their skill level
- Teams are encouraged to participate in the tournaments that meet their skill level and challenge them to improve and develop
- Clubs with multiple teams in one age category (including teams playing up) must identify their teams with distinct names, reducing the chance of clerical errors when seeding tournaments
- Age identifiers will be removed by the Youth Competitions Coordinator if a team registers for an event with an age identifier in their team's name. If there are multiple teams with the same name in an event, the coaches name will be added to the team name to differentiate the teams (i.e. "Jays – Chad" and "Jays – Kate")

**All Clubs Must List a Technical Director contact in MRS:** To help share best practices in athlete and coach development, all clubs will be required to designate a Technical Director in MRS whether they have a formal Technical Director position or not. The person listed will be the club's contact point for the OVA and will receive communications from the OVA's technical staff, receive invitations to webinars and the contact point for any of Volleyball Canada and OVA's decisions on athlete and coach development programs.

### 2.6 Club Team Organization

**For registration in MRS:** a club team must consist of a minimum 8 registered OVA athletes and a maximum of 15 registered OVA athletes for our 6v6 to 18U divisions (Minimum of 4 for 4v4 Rallyball events). Each team can list the following team staff:

- One (1) head coach (**REQUIRED**)
- Four (4) assistant coaches
- Four (4) team trainers
- One (1) club contact
- One (1) team contact
- One (1) secondary team contact

Members of a Club who are directly involved in the operation/administration of their Club but not registered with a team, such as executive personnel, directors, volunteers, and team contacts must also be registered members of the OVA.

**For tournament play:** a team may participate in OVA events with a minimum of 6 players, and a maximum of 14 permitted on the score sheet. The score sheet permits the following team staff to be on the bench:

- One (1) head coach **(REQUIRED)**
- Two (2) assistant coaches
- One (1) trainer
- One (1) medical staff

\* Important Reminder! An individual is not permitted to be designated as Head Coach for two teams in the same tournament. The same individual may be designated as a Head Coach for one team and a different team personnel role for another in the same tournament.

**NOTE:** For VC Nationals Competitions, teams are only permitted to list 12 athletes on a scoresheet.

## 2.7 Insurance

The Ontario Volleyball Association Insurance Program is available to fully registered members of the OVA. The OVA Insurance Program provides general liability and sport accident coverage. To find out about coverage details please view the Ontario Volleyball Insurance Program documents on the OVA website.

**Note:** Certificates of Insurance are supplied for programs that are offered to fully registered members of the OVA. If your Club is hosting a non-OVA tournament or special event or camp, event sanctioning or the purchase of additional insurance is required to be covered by the OVA insurance policy. If non-OVA members attend an event not sanctioned by the OVA, **they are not covered** under the OVA insurance policy. Please email [insurance@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:insurance@ontariovolleyball.org) for additional information.

All players and team staff must be registered through the MRS prior to participating in their tryout or first Club Practice (whichever happens first). This is to ensure that all athletes and team staff have signed off on Rowan's Law compliance as well as the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, and Indemnity agreement. Additionally, if athletes or team staff are not registered members, they are not covered by the insurance policy during practices and OVA run tournaments. Clubs will be held liable for any injuries sustained to that player or team staff member while they are not registered members of the OVA.

### Certificate of Insurance

In order for a registered OVA Club or recreational league to obtain a certificate of insurance, all requests must be processed through the OVA office. Please fill out one (1) Insurance Request Form for each event/facility and submit to [insurance@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:insurance@ontariovolleyball.org) a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the event date.

The Form can be found on the OVA website: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/insurance>

### Injury Claim Forms

In order to make a claim under the OVA's Sport Accident Policy, the OVA must first receive a copy of the OVA Accident Report form. This is not a claim form, but this form must be completed prior to a claim form being provided by the OVA. If you have any questions regarding the OVA Insurance Program, please contact [insurance@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:insurance@ontariovolleyball.org). Please do not contact the insurance company. You can access the OVA Accident Report Form on the OVA website by clicking [HERE](#).

## 2.8 Letters of Good Standing

A Letter of Good Standing is required when a team wants to play in a tournament outside of Canada. The other country's volleyball federation requires that all teams be in good standing with their own federation, which is Volleyball Canada.

Volleyball Canada has created a fillable electronic form to facilitate the process of requesting a Letter of Good Standing. All teams needing a letter must follow the process outlined in the Letter of Good Standing Request Form. Please click



[HERE](#) to access the Letter of Good Standing request. **Note: Please allow for a minimum of two (2) business days to receive your letter of good standing.**

OVA teams travelling to the US to participate in a tournament with a Letter of Good Standing are covered by OVA General Liability Insurance. However, while travelling outside of Canada, OVA insurance does not cover medical expenses. We highly recommend that your teams arrange for Out of Country Medical Insurance.

Please note: Volleyball Canada's stance on issuing Letters of Good Standing may change due to COVID-19 and the inherent risks associated with Travel. Please be sure to check with Volleyball Canada prior to registering for out of province events.

For more information about the Letter of Good Standing, please contact the OVA's Membership Services Coordinator at [info@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org).

# Registration

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## 3.1 How to Register

Each season, teams, players and coaches must register through the OVA **Membership Registration System (MRS – <http://mrs.ontariovolleyball.org>)** with payment by credit card (VISA or MasterCard).

## 3.2 Individual Membership Fees

- 4v4 Athletes should purchase a Recreational membership which is \$12.91 and includes a \$5.00 Volleyball Canada membership fee and HST. Any athletes wishing to participate in a competition stream outside 4v4 Rallyball MUST upgrade to a competitive level membership.
- For the 2023-24 season, membership fees with Volleyball Canada will increase from \$33 to \$35 and OVA fees for competitive athletes, coaches and club personnel will increase from \$52 to \$55. There will be no increase in membership fees for recreational athletes or referees. The total membership fee including HST is \$97.15 (OVA fee \$55 + \$7.15 HST + VC fee \$35)

## OVA MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Any individual, team and/or Club having outstanding debts with either a Region or the OVA will be deemed members in bad standing and will be ineligible to obtain an OVA membership or participate in OVA programs, until such debts are paid. Please contact an OVA Program Coordinator to settle outstanding fees.

## 3.3 Club Fee

Clubs will be responsible for paying a \$350+HST annual fee. This fee will be charged when the Club Contact registers the Club in MRS by filling out the Returning Club Form.

## 3.4 Respect in Sport Parent Module

Respect in Sport is an accessible, online resource in the prevention of bullying, abuse, harassment, and discrimination (BAHD). The program's mission is to empower participants to recognize signs of BAHD and eliminate it from the game, through a global culture of respect.

- One parent or guardian of an athlete must complete the mandatory online Respect in Sport course
- RIS compliance for each club will be tracked and verified by the OVA
- The \$12 cost of the course is the responsibility of the parent or guardian
- The parent course is transferable between sports (i.e. if completed for Ontario Soccer Association, the parent can record that number in their OVA Respect in Sport profile and/or in MRS in their child's profile)
- Only one certificate number is required per household (i.e. if multiple siblings play within the OVA the course only needs to be completed once)
- Any parent/guardian who has not completed a RIS course, must do so prior to their child's participating in the OVA competitions
- The program is available in English and French. If there is a language barrier, a parent or a Club contact (on behalf of the parent) can ask for an extension or exemption if there are extenuating circumstances. An email must be sent to Carrie Campbell at [ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org) to ask for an extension/exemption, prior to the November 28 deadline or the child's first event in the OVA.
- Additional information on Respect in Sport can be found by [clicking here](#).
- [Please click here](#) to register in Respect in Sport and complete the online module.

### 3.5 Tournament Entry Fees & Deadlines\*

4v4 Rallyball	\$180 + HST
6v6 Rallyball, TLS, 15U	\$400 + HST
16U-18U	\$425 + HST
2-Day - Grand Prix/Grand Prix Qualifier/18U Bugarski Cup	\$775 + HST
2-Day - Fall Classic (16U-18U)	\$850 + HST

*\*\*Registration fees are pending Board of Directors approval.*

The registration deadline for all regular season events for all age divisions will be **6 weeks prior to the tournament.**

Teams/Clubs are responsible for ensuring that tournament entry fees are submitted by the deadline(s). **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will a team be granted late entry into a regular season tournament if it creates uneven pools (i.e. a 10 team on 3 courts). Teams who wish to register after the deadline has passed (even if team splits have not been posted) will be placed on a waiting list. If a spot becomes available, the team will be notified and will then pay the registration fee +\$100 late fee to participate.

### 3.6 Ontario Championships Entry Fees & Deadlines\*\*

4v4 Rallyball Ontario Championships:	\$995 + HST (2-day event)
6v6 Rallyball – 15U Ontario Championships:	\$1,480 + HST (3-day event)
16U – 18U Ontario Championships	\$1,605 + HST (3-day event)

*\*\*Registration fees are pending Board of Director approval.*

Please refer to the Ontario Championship Section of the website for all up-to-date information located [HERE](#).

### 3.7 Cancellation Policy

#### Weather Cancellation

If local weather or other circumstances prevent a team from traveling to an event unexpectedly, teams must contact the appropriate Program Coordinator via email, or call the **OVA hotline (647-467-5514)**, and the tournament host if possible.

**Each team must assess their own risk** when making the decision to travel due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. It is not possible for the OVA to assess each team's travel situation. It is recommended that weather and road conditions be checked prior to commencing travel. The Tournament Host and OVA Program Coordinator will consider local weather, road conditions and the number of teams who will not be attending when deciding if a cancellation is warranted.

Any decision to cancel an event due to weather concerns will be published by the OVA at [www.ontariovolleyball.org](http://www.ontariovolleyball.org) under "Upcoming Indoor Events" on each tournament page at approximately 2pm on the Friday prior to a competition weekend. If no cancellation notice is published, it should be assumed that the event will continue as scheduled. School boards have the authority to cancel any permit with very limited notice without consulting the permit holder or the OVA. However, these instances are out of the OVA's control and we will do our best to communicate these cancellations as soon as notification is received.

If a tournament is cancelled by the OVA, 100% of the registration fee will be refunded. If the tournament is not cancelled, any teams that withdraw due to weather concerns, will be reimbursed their entry fee, and will still be credited as having participated in the tournament. Please note that it is highly unlikely that a cancelled tournament will be rescheduled.

### **Unconfirmed Hosts and Tournament Cancellation**

Teams will be designated into their appropriate division, regardless of whether or not a host location has been confirmed within 3 weeks of an event. Teams designated in a division without a host location are responsible for finding/booking an appropriate gym space.

If hosts are not confirmed two (2) weeks prior to an OVA tournament, tournaments without hosts may be cancelled and not rescheduled. Teams that were designated into divisions that were cancelled due to the lack of a host or inclement weather will receive points (\*only if it does not lower a team's average) based on their seed for the cancelled event and the event will count towards participation for the Ontario Championships. NOTE: All other divisions with confirmed hosts will still proceed with the tournament.

### **3.8 Tournament Refund Policy**

The OVA will deduct a 10% administrative fee from all refund/cancellation requests for any OVA indoor tournaments submitted prior to the registration deadline.

There is no refund for any cancellation requests submitted after the registration deadline up until team splits have been posted.

There will be no refund or credit issued for any cancellation requests submitted from the time team splits are posted until 6 days prior to the tournament, and the team will be fined \$200.

Any cancellation requests submitted within 5 days of the tournament will result in loss of the tournament entry fee and the team is fined \$300.

Failure to pay the fine within five (5) business days will result in the Club being placed in bad standing and the Club teams will not be allowed to participate in any OVA event until the fine is paid in full.

All cancellation or refund requests must be made in writing to the OVA Program Coordinator responsible for the tournament age division:

- [jbarker@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:jbarker@ontariovolleyball.org) (4v4 to 15U) or
- [Mwiersma@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:Mwiersma@ontariovolleyball.org) (16U to 18U).

**Note:** Any cancellations initiated by the OVA will be 100% refunded.

### **Ontario Championships Refund Policy**

The OVA will deduct a 10% administrative fee from all refund/cancellation requests for any OVA indoor Ontario Championship event submitted prior to the registration deadline.

For the Ontario Championships, there will be no refund or credit issued for any cancellation requests submitted after the registration deadline up to 21 days prior to the start of the tournament.

There will be no refund or credit issued and the team will be fined \$200.00 for any cancellation requested within 20 days up to 8 days prior to the first day of the Championships.

Any cancellation within 7 days of the Championship will result in loss of the Championship entry fee and the team is fined \$300.

Failure to pay the fine within five (5) business days will result in the Club being placed in bad standing and the Club teams will not be allowed to participate in any OVA event until the fine is paid in full.



All cancellation or refund requests must be made in writing to the OVA Program Coordinator responsible for the tournament age division.

**Note:** Any cancellations initiated by the OVA will be 100% refunded.

The OVA's full Financial Policy can be found by [clicking here](#).

### **3.9 Tournament Hosting**

The OVA's competition structure is highly dependent on our Clubs' ability to put forth tournament hosting applications for the various dates in our competitions calendar. Therefore, locations of our tournaments depend on the location of facilities that our Clubs are able to secure. In addition, OVA staff work to allocate the highest quality locations to all Fall Classic, Grand Prix and Grand Prix Qualifiers.

As our sport grows, there is an increase in demand for gyms every weekend. This demand requires a level of flexibility when determining hosting duties and tournament allocations.

A full outline of our hosting application process and deadlines can be found in the club resource section of the OVA website located [HERE](#).

Clubs will be selected to host specific dates in the calendar; however, they will not know which division (Premier/Select/Championship/Trillium White/Trillium Green) they are hosting until the OVA is able to coordinate the event, which is typically 3-4 weeks prior.

It should be noted that in many cases the OVA does not have a surplus of hosting bids to select from, and we often need to solicit Clubs to host after deadlines have passed and teams are posted.

#### **Assigning Tournament Locations**

Once bids have been submitted, OVA staff assign tournaments taking into consideration the following travel guidelines while assigning teams to events:

- The Premier and Select Divisions are comprised of highly competitive teams. To provide the highest quality of competition, tournaments are typically placed anywhere in the province.
- The Championship divisions can include up to 5 locations around the province. These divisions can be identified as Championship A, Championship B, Championship C, etc. Championship A is the most western Championship location working east through the alphabet.
- The Trillium Divisions (Green and White) contain the majority of teams in an age category and can have anywhere from 2-12 locations. Locations will be identified as Trillium A, Trillium B, Trillium C, Trillium D and Trillium E, etc. Trillium A is the most western Trillium location working east through the alphabet. Our goal is to schedule these teams as locally as possible but even at the Trillium level, a team should expect to make one 4+ hr. trip (one way) per age group per season due to the geographical challenges of a large province.

NOTE: Geographic boundaries can change for each event and are highly dependent on the location of hosting bids received.

#### **Regional Representation**

As a provincial sport organization, it is our mandate to support the growth of volleyball in all communities in Ontario by providing various Regions and Clubs with the opportunity to host. By spreading hosts out across Ontario, we are meeting this mandate.

## Ideal Facility Specifications

The OVA relies on the information in hosting applications to rank the facilities to ensure that they are assigned to the appropriate age class. Upon review of the hosting applications, the OVA uses the following guidelines when assigning tournament locations:

- 16U to 18U – service line at least 2.5m away from wall or bleachers, sideline 2.5m away from wall, 4.0m in between courts, ceiling height 7.0m, lines are CLEARLY marked, bright lighting, floors are clean, nets and standards are secure and padded for safety.
- TLS to 15U - service line at least 1.5m away from wall or bleachers, sideline 1.5m away from wall, and 3.0m in between courts, ceiling height 7.0m, lines are CLEARLY marked, bright lighting, floors are clean, nets and standards are secure and padded for safety.
- 6v6 Rallyball, TLS - service line at least 1.0m away from wall or bleachers, sideline 1.0m away from wall, and 2.0m in between courts, ceiling height 6.0m, lines are CLEARLY marked, bright lighting, floors are clean, nets and standards are secure and padded for safety.
- 4v4 Rallyball – 7x14 court, or doubles badminton court, lines are CLEARLY marked, bright lighting, floors are clean, nets and standards are secure and padded for safety.

## Number of teams allowable per court:

2 courts: 6 teams, 7 teams, 8 teams (2 day or 4v4 single day)

3 courts for: 6 teams, 7 teams, 8 teams, 9 teams

4 courts for: 12 teams, 16 teams (2 days)

## Conditional vs. Non-conditional Hosting Bids

There are two types of bids that are submitted to host OVA events: conditional and non-conditional bids. *Conditional bids* are submitted with certain stipulations should the bid be accepted. *Non-conditional* bids are open and clubs are willing to host any age category and any division.

Many bids that are submitted are conditional. This can influence the location of each division and the timeliness in which teams are posted.

## Competitive Balance

Geography will continue to be the first determining factor when creating OVA tournament draws. The draws will then be adjusted to accommodate the following factors, in no particular order:

- Evenly balanced tournaments across divisions (i.e., Championship A, B, and C should have a similar average tournament rank).
- A team's previous km traveled within the age group (i.e., A team from the GTA may be required to make an 800+km round trip in 15UG and in 16UG group if they are playing up).
- Maximize exposure to as many teams as possible throughout the season.
- Prevent multiple teams from the same club at one tournament location.
- The above- mentioned are subjective criteria and the OVA staff will use its best discretion in creating tournament draws.

## 4.0 Competition Regulations

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**Unless otherwise stated, the OVA follows Volleyball Canada's Rules and Regulations.**

Although regulations are in place to govern competitions, every situation and circumstance cannot be foreseen. Interpretations as to how the regulations apply in a specific situation or circumstance can be clarified by the OVA Program Coordinator. It is the responsibility of the Program Coordinator to manage competitions efficiently and fairly and to solve any related problems. To that end, the OVA Program Coordinator may adjust and implement changes during the season if new circumstances arise.

### 4.1 Game Ball

Mikasa is the official supplier of all game balls for OVA Competition. The following models will be used for each age division:

- Mikasa VUL 500 – 4v4 Rallyball\*
- Mikasa VQ200W-OVA - 6v6 Rallyball, TLS and 15U Club
- Mikasa V200W - 16U-18U Club
- Mikasa V200W - Team Ontario / High Performance

*\*The MVA Lite no longer in production by Mikasa. The VUL 500 is set to be the official ball for the 4v4 Rallyball age group starting in the 2023-2024 season.*

### 4.2 Uniforms

Each registered team shall be appropriately dressed for competition as follows:

For OVA competition, the interpretation is: Jerseys must be uniform, clean and of the same colour, style and trim at first glance by the head official or designate. The colour for the shorts/pants must be uniform the length or fit of the shorts/pants are irrelevant and of no consequence. It is not mandatory for team members to wear matching/identical socks.

All coaches and team staff must follow the dress guidelines below during all OVA events.

- Must be dressed in coaching attire as to represent their team and club in a professional manner (e.g. no baseball caps).
- Must wear appropriate footwear. Only closed toe shoes allowed (prohibited footwear include but not limited to sandals, flip flops, crocs, etc.).

Volunteer Minor Officials: Head wear is permitted for team staff/volunteers/guardians while performing scorekeeping or lining duties at all OVA events.

Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99 inclusive, at least 15 cm high on the chest and 20 cm high on the back. The width of the stripe forming the number shall be 2 cm minimum. The numbers must be placed in the centre of the front and back of the jersey. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.

Note: To avoid any potential uniform violation problems, it is strongly recommended to Clubs that the jersey numerals not be included in any artwork or logo. The numerals are to be clearly visible and should stand alone, separated from any artwork or logo.

Refer to the Volleyball Canada Rule Book for the complete definition of the uniform for the Libero player – The Libero must wear a uniform whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The

Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

The OVA logo (PMT) is available upon request from the office for Clubs who wish to display it on their uniforms. Requests for the logo must be in writing to [dbrennand@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:dbrennand@ontariovolleyball.org).

When a uniform violation occurs at a Youth or Adult competition, players with non-matching uniforms shall not be permitted onto the court unless the team has less than 6 players with matching/identical uniforms. In such a case, the team will be fined \$25.00 per player, per tournament, to a maximum of \$100.00 per tournament. The official in charge of the match is to note the violation on the score sheet and inform the Tournament Director after the match. The Tournament Director is to report all violations to the appropriate Youth Competitions staff member, along with their results.

Note: Refer to [Appendix III](#) to view the OVA Uniform Policy and [Appendix IV](#) to view the VC Uniform Policy

#### 4.3 Soft Uniforms Rule

A soft uniform rule will be in effect for the first event of the season for each age group (Provincial Cup). This means that teams will be permitted to participate in OVA Provincial Cup events without matching uniforms at first glance.

- Soft Uniform Rule will be in effect for all 4v4 Rallyball events, however a number must be present on the shirts on the front.
- Uniforms will still be required to have numbers on the back or chest.
- Liberos will still be required to wear a contrasting jersey colour.
- Jersey numbers can exceed 99.

NOTE: The 4v4 age categories will have the soft uniform rule in effect for the entire 2023-24 competition season. However, if they choose to play up in a 6v6 tournament, they are required to follow the OVA Uniform Policy.

#### 4.4 Eligible Birth Years for Early Contact Initiative (ECI)

DATE OF BIRTH	4V4 RALLYBALL	6V6 RALLYBALL	TLS
2009 = 15yo (September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2009 to December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009)	No	No	Yes
2010 = 14yo	No	Yes	Yes
2011 = 13yo	Yes	Yes	Yes
2012 = 12yo	Yes	Yes	Yes
2013 = 11yo	Yes	Yes	Yes*
2014 = 10yo	Yes	Yes*	Yes*

**\*Please note: 2014 and 2013 DOBs are permitted to participate in 6v6 Rallyball if developmentally appropriate, however, it is strongly encouraged that these athletes experience the full development spectrum as identified in the ECI.**

**\*TLS athletes who fall in the 17 – 24-month window (January 1st – August 31st) will be required to fill out an application to verify their suitability for the division and to ensure that each coach, parent and athlete are aware of their status for Volleyball Canada's Nationals. This application process is for OVA competitions only and ANY ATHLETE THAT FALLS IN THE 17 – 24-month AGE CATEGORY FOR THE TLS DIVISION WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR VOLLEYBALL CANADA'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The applications must be completed and approved prior to an athlete's registration and participation in their first event of the season. Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the on-line application.



#### 4.5 Age Categories 15U – 18U

Age Category	Chronological Age Class
15 & Under	Born 2009 or later
16 & Under	Born 2008 or later
17 & Under	Born 2007 or later
18 & Under	Born 2006 or later

Age Category	Extended Age Class
15 & Under	Born between September 1st 2008 and December 31st 2008
16 & Under	Born between September 1st 2007 and December 31st 2007
17 & Under	Born between September 1st 2006 and December 31st 2006
18 & Under	Born between January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2005 and December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2005

#### Playing Restrictions for Athletes Included in the Extended Age Categories in the 15U-18U Divisions

Athletes who are registered in an age category based on the Extended Age Class can only be registered and listed on a team roster for that single age category. They are not permitted to move up or down an age category as an individual. They are permitted to move laterally within the age category that they are registered in or they can play up an age category if their entire team is playing up.

- **Example:** Linda was born September 5, 2008. She plays for the 15U Girls Division Blue Spikers team. Linda is permitted to move laterally within the age category and play for the 15UG Division Red Spikers team. She is not permitted to play on the 16U Division Spikers or TLS Division Spikers.
- **Example:** Steve was born November 10, 2007. He plays for the 16U Division Boys Hitters. The 16U Division Boys Hitters register for the 17U McGregor Cup. Steve is permitted to play in the 17U event as part of the 16U Hitters team. Steve is not permitted to play in the 17U event as part of a 17U Hitters.

Athletes with birthdates in the Extended Age Class but who are registered with a team based on the Chronological Age Class are not permitted to move down an age category.

- **Example:** John was born November 25, 2007. He plays for the 17U Boys Vikings. John is permitted to move laterally within the age category and play for the 17UB Red Vikings and play up on the 18U Vikings. He is not permitted to play on the 16U Vikings.

#### 4.6 Recommendations for Athletes Registering on a Team Above their Chronological Age

Athletes registered in an age category above their Chronological Age Class should compete at that age group only if that category is more appropriate for their skill level.

- **Example:** Eric was born on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He plays for the 16U Boys Falcons because his skill level allows him to compete with the older players. This age group is more appropriate for his skill level so he should only play for the 16U team this year and avoid playing with the 15U team.

This recommendation from the OVA is based on the principles of the Canadian Long-Term Development model (LTD), which clearly states: *“Training, competition and recovery programs should be based on the stage of the participant’s capability, rather than chronological age.”*

In selecting athletes for their teams, coaches and clubs should look at the skill level of players rather than simply looking at chronological age and place them on teams with athletes of matching skills.

#### 4.7 19U Eligibility

Athletes born in 2005 are eligible to compete in 18U OVA tournaments including the Ontario Championships provided they are not a part of any OCAA, OUA, USports, CCAA, NCAA or NAIA Volleyball team for the 2023-2024 season. Redshirt athletes are permitted to play in the OVA if they have not been on a post-secondary school volleyball roster at any point during the season. Please note – Athletes born in 2004 are not eligible for OVA competition.

- Any athlete who has been listed on a post-secondary volleyball roster at any time (i.e., exhibition or standard match), this includes athletes who have ceased attending the post-secondary school for any reason during the current season are NOT eligible to participate in OVA competitions.
- Each 19U athlete will be responsible for signing and submitting a declaration form confirming their status as an eligible player:
  - [https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/ova\\_19u\\_declaration\\_form](https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/ova_19u_declaration_form)
- An 18U team can have an unlimited number of 19U Athletes for OVA competition.
  - \*ONLY 2 19U athletes are permitted on a 18U roster for Volleyball Canada's National Championships. Please click here for information on Volleyball Canada's Nationals Information. <https://volleyball.ca/en/competitions/>

#### 4.8 Players Moving Up an Age Category

Youth teams may use a maximum of Five (non-roster) lower age players (from that same Club) in an OVA competition. The names of the players moving up are to be bracketed on the score sheets.

An athlete CANNOT participate for more than one (1) team during the same tournament OR event. All tournaments within an age category for a specific Cup are in the same event (i.e., all tournaments that make up the 16UG Challenge Cup are in the same event). For example, an athlete is not able to play for a team on Saturday at a 16UG Trillium A tournament and then play on another team on Sunday for a Championship B 16UG tournament.

An athlete CANNOT participate in two (2) Ontario Championships if they are held on the same weekend. For example, an athlete cannot be listed on the roster of a team in both the 15U and 17U Ontario Championships if they are held on the same 3-day event weekend. In addition, an athlete may not play in back-to-back events at a 6-day Ontario Championships. For example, an athlete cannot be listed on the roster of a team on the Thursday to Saturday event and on a team roster in the Sunday to Tuesday event of the same 6-day event.

#### 4.9 Players Moving Laterally within an Age Category

Clubs may laterally move an unlimited number of athletes between teams in the same age class during regular season events. Lateral movement is defined as an unlimited number of players moving from roster A to roster B, and an unlimited number of players moving from roster B to roster A. All team rosters must be finalized and submitted by the Ontario Championship roster submission deadline. This rule applies to all age groups.

An athlete CANNOT participate for more than one (1) team during the same tournament OR event. All tournaments within an age category for a specific Cup are in same event (i.e., all tournaments that make up the 16UG Challenge Cup are in the same event). For example, an athlete is not able to play for a team on Saturday at a 16UG Trillium A tournament and then play on another team on Sunday for a Championship B 16UG tournament.

Documentation to the OVA office is not required for lateral movement for regular season events, but the names of those players moving laterally are to be bracketed on the score sheets. A player who has been moved laterally from roster A to roster B can only participate for team B at that tournament.

#### 4.10 Initial Placement Adjustment for New Clubs/Teams

- Any club may apply to adjust a team's placement in the first OVA event if they are a new team but have athletes on the roster that have a 2023-2024 end of season rank.
  - \*An existing team from the previous season can also be considered "NEW" if they have at least 6 or more new players on the roster\*
- Applications must be received prior to the Provincial Cup registration deadline to be considered.

- The Initial Placement Adjustment is only guaranteed for the first event of the season.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is determined by averaging a minimum of six (6) athlete's rank in the previous season (one year under the age category where the adjustment is requested).
- Teams with an average that places them in the top half of Trillium White, Championship or Select (as per Youth Competitions Structural Guidelines) in the first event will be granted the Initial Placement Adjustment.
- Teams who are granted the Initial Placement Adjustment will be seeded last in their respective tournament in the Trillium White, Championship or Select division.
- Fee: \$150.

#### **4.11 Initial Placement Adjustment for Teams without end of season 2022-2023 results**

- Any club may apply to adjust a team's placement in the first OVA event if they did not compete in the 2022-2023 season in a specific age category.
- Applications must be received prior to the Provincial Cup registration deadline to be considered.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is only guaranteed for the first event of the season.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is determined by using the top 6 players average finish from the 2022-2023 season.
- Teams with an average that places them in the top half of Trillium White, Championship or Select (as per Youth Competitions Structural Guidelines) in the first event will be granted the Initial Placement Adjustment.
- Teams who are granted the Initial Placement Adjustment will be seeded in their respective tournament in the Trillium White, Championship or Select division as the bottom seed.
- Fee: \$150.

#### **4.12 Initial Placement for Underaged Teams**

- If a team is competing in an older age category and has a pre-season rank in the older category, they will be placed according to that rank.
- If the team does not have a pre-season rank in the older age category, they will be automatically placed based on the percentages below by Youth Competitions staff. These percentages are only guaranteed for the Provincial Cup and will be used for placement in mid-season events ONLY IF vacancies in the draw are available.
- \* ECI Division Clarifications\*
  - 4v4 Girls Rallyball teams can play up in 6v6 Rallyball and self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2).
  - 4v4 Boys/Co-ed Rallyball teams can play up in 6v6 Rallyball and will be placed into Trillium.
  - 6v6 Girls Rallyball teams can play up in TLS and self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for the Provincial and Challenge Cups. 6v6 Girls Rallyball teams who are playing up for the first time of the season in the TLS McGregor Cup will be placed into Trillium as there will be no 6v6 Girl's division rankings yet to apply the below chart to. The below chart will apply to the 6v6 Girls Rallyball teams plying up for the first time in the TLS Bugarski Cup if vacancies in the draw are available.
  - 6v6 Boys Rallyball teams can play up in TLS and self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for the Provincial and Challenge Cup. Teams playing up for the first time in the McGregor Cup or Bugarski Cup will automatically be placed into Championship as there will no longer be a Trillium division at this point of the season for the TLS Boys division.

<b>Girls</b>	
Age Division Rank	Initial Placement in One Age Division Higher (TLSG – 16UG age divisions ONLY)
0% - 2.00%	Select
2.01% - 12.00%	Championship
12.01% - 30.99%	Trillium White
Age Division Rank	Initial Placement in One Age Division Higher (17UG – 18UG age divisions ONLY)
0% - 4.00%	Select
4.01% - 17.00%	Championship
17.01% - 35.99%	Trillium White
<b>Boys</b>	
Age Division Rank	Initial Placement in One Age Division Higher (TLS – 18U age divisions ONLY)
0% - 7.99%	Championship

#### **4.13 Ceiling Rule**

For OVA competition ONLY, the ball will be permitted to touch the ceiling during rally play:

- A ball, other than a served ball, shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 4.6 m (15') or more above the playing area. If benches, bleachers, low-hanging baskets or other floor obstructions are less than 2 m (6'6 3/4") from the court and interfere with play of the ball, the ball becomes out of play and a replay may be directed at the 1st referee's discretion.
- The ball is out of play when:
  - Rule 10.1.2 is not in effect, and the ball makes contact with the ceiling or obstruction above the opponent's playing area.
  - Rule 10.1.2 is in effect, and a ball that cannot be legally retrieved from the opponent's free zone contacts the ceiling or obstruction over the opponent's playing area.
  - The ball contacts the ceiling or obstruction above the team's playing area and crosses the plane of the net into the opponent's court.

NOTE RULE 10.1.2 of the Volleyball Canada Rulebook: The ball that has crossed the net plane to the opponent's free zone totally or partly through the external space, may be played back within the team hits, provided that:

10.1.2.1 the opponent's court is not touched by the player;

10.1.2.2 the ball, when played back, crosses the net plane again totally or partly through the external space on the same side of the court. The opponent team may not prevent such action.

## 5.0 Seasonal Structure

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### 5.1 Tournament Formats

#### **Regular Season Events for all events leading to medals.**

- Tournament formats may vary depending on the facility, age category, Early Contact stream and gender.
- Tournaments will be completed in one or two days on either Saturday and/or Sunday.
- The number of divisions offered per age category will depend on the number of teams registered.
- Serpentine seeding, modified seeding or diagonal seeding will be used to place teams into their pools.
- Events identified as “developmental” within the Early Contact Initiative stream will be scheduled to achieve the maximum number of games and schedules may vary.
- 4v4 Rallyball will play 3 sets to 15 wherever possible.
- To provide a competition day of reasonable duration, with meaningful matches for teams:
  - All teams may not advance to playoffs leading to medals. Some consolation matches will be scheduled if time permits.
  - Formats that can be completed in 7-9 rounds, with teams playing 4-5 matches maximum will be given priority where possible (e.g. 9 teams on 3 courts, and 12 teams on 4 courts).
  - Premier, Select and Championship divisions in Cup tournaments will have a maximum of 9 teams. There may be some extenuating circumstances where additional teams may be added. This is at the discretion of the Program Coordinator responsible for the specific age category.
- Match formats (2/2, 2/3, 3/3, 3/5) will be indicated in the information notes and/or on the published schedule for each tournament.
- Promotion and relegation between divisions is based on a team’s result in a previous event unless otherwise stated.
- Your qualification status for the next event (e.g. Championship, Select or Premier) will be forfeited if you choose not to participate in that event, unless you have received a tournament exemption (see 5.5).
- All sets are win by 2 (no cap) unless stated otherwise.

#### **Kickstart/Development Events for ECI Age Groups**

The first 6v6 Rallyball event is a kickstart/developmental event along with all four 4v4 Rallyball events. These events will consist of a round robin format with no formal results, points, promotion/relegation, or medals. This will allow teams an opportunity to focus on their development early in the season.

The first TLS event is also a Kickstart round robin event with no playoffs, promotion/relegation, or medals. The only difference to the other ECI age groups is this TLS kickstart event will still award points for a team’s final finish at the event. A post Provincial Cup ranking will be posted based on these points awarded and will be used to even out and seed tournament locations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the season.

NOTE: The points awarded at Provincial Cup in the TLS division will only count towards a team’s regular season ranking and will not be included in their Top 2 Average for Ontario Championships.

#### **Introduction of Ranking for 4v4 Rallyball**

There will now be a team ranking posted after the 4th and final event prior to the Ontario Championships (Bugarski Cup). This change has been introduced to increase scheduling options and ensure competitive balance during the Ontario Championships.

The focus of the Bugarski Cup will continue to be developmental and there will be no play-offs and no medals. The rankings posted after the Bugarski Cup will be used to seed the Ontario Championship 4v4 Rallyball divisions and will be based on a team’s set ratio from the Bugarski Cup ONLY.



If a 4v4 team participating in the Ontario Championships does not participate in the 4v4 Bugarski Cup, they will be seeded last in their Ontario Championships.

### **Fall Classic (2-day)**

The Fall Classic takes place for each 16U-18U age group on the same weekend as their Provincial Cup. This event is for the top 18 teams at the 16UB – 18UB age groups and the top 24 teams at the 16UG – 18UG age groups.

- 16UB – 18UB
  - The top 18 teams will be placed into Championship to start on Day 1, competing in Pool Play and Power Pool format. Day 2 will consist of Championship and Premier brackets based on the Power Pool results.
  - 16UB and 18UB will have their Fall Classic event at the EY Centre in Ottawa on Nov 11 – 12, 2023.
  - 17UB will have a Fall Classic event as well but it will be at a standard venue (i.e., one 6 court venue or two 3 court venues) on November 18-19, 2023.
  - The remaining teams registered for the 16UB-18UB Provincial Cups will have a standard, 1-day event scheduled at different facilities across the province.
- 16UG – 18UG
  - The top 24 teams will be placed into Select to start on Day 1 competing in a round robin format. Day 2 will consist of Select and Premier brackets based on the round robin results.
  - 16UG and 18UG will have their Fall Classic event at the EY Centre in Ottawa on Nov 11 – 12, 2023
  - 17UG will have a Fall Classic event as well but it will be at a standard venue (i.e., one 6 court venue or two 3 court venues) on November 4-5, 2023.

### **Grand Prix Qualifier (2-day)**

For the 18UG/B Premier division only, the 4th event of the season (Furlani Cup) will be a two-day, 12 team qualifier for the Grand Prix. The 12 teams for this 4th event will be chosen based on top 2 average finishes. The top 8 finishing teams from the Grand Prix qualifier will receive an invite for the 18U Grand Prix (also a 2-day event).

### **Grand Prix (2-day)**

The goal of these events is to expose teams to a highly competitive environment and to place emphasis on rest and recovery, as well as scouting and planning. Eight (8) teams will compete in a two (2) day tournament. Pool Play will take place on Saturday and Playoff matches on Sunday, which may include challenge matches.

NOTE: Circumstances may arise that may warrant modification to the tournament structure.

### **Convention Centre Events for 2023/24**

The OVA is excited to have the opportunity to continue with a couple Convention Centre events for the upcoming regular season. The EY Centre events on November 10 – 12, 2023 are proudly brought to our membership in partnership with Ottawa Tourism as this event is only made possible through their generous support. Please click [HERE](#) for information on Ottawa and all the city has to offer. The Niagara Falls Convention Centre events will take place on February 9 – 11, 2024.

### **Stay to Play for Convention Centre events:**

- The Stay to Play policy is mandatory for OVA teams and is used to assist in actualizing the room night requirements for the OVA to receive discounted facility rentals as well as obtain grants through host cities to be able to afford large facility rentals. Without Stay to Play, the Association would not be able to obtain rentals for large facilities across Ontario.
- Both the EY Centre and Niagara Falls Convention Centre regular season events will be STAY TO PLAY for teams competing in the 2-day formats.

- Teams located 550+km away will receive early access to hotel booking for the EY Centre 2-day events (club address to EY Centre)
- All travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book hotel rooms through Hudson Travel Group (HTG Sports) to be eligible to play in the EY Centre or Niagara Falls Convention Centre 2-day tournaments.
- Teams participating in single day Convention Centre events or any teams less than 125km away are not required to stay in a hotel but if they choose to stay in a hotel then they must book through HTG. Please click [HERE](#) and scroll down towards the bottom of the page for more information regarding the regular season convention centre events stay to play policy and exemption request process.
- November 10-12, 2023 – EY Centre in Ottawa (24 courts)
  - November 10th – traditional single day tournament format
    - Friday 12pm – 9:00pm
    - Eight traditional single day (9 team on 3 court) events. The 16UG, 18UG, 16UB and 18UB age groups will be scheduled across the province on this weekend with 8 of these tournaments being assigned to the EY Centre for their single day event on Friday November 10th. The breakdown of the Friday single day events will most likely look like this:
      - 16UG – 3 regular 9 team on 3 court events
      - 18UG – 3 regular 9 team on 3 court events
      - 16UB – 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event
      - 18UB – 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event
      - Team Splits will be posted on the OVA website after the registration deadline has passed.
  - November 11th – November 12th (2-day events)
    - Saturday (8:30am – 5pm) & Sunday (7:30am – 4pm)
    - 16UG/18UG – Top 24 teams – will break out into Premier/Select brackets on Day 2
    - 16UB/18UB – Top 18 teams – will break out into Premier/Championship brackets on Day 2
  - Outside of the EY events listed above, the breakdown for the remaining single day events across the province are as follows:
    - 16UG – Saturday November 11th
    - 18UG – Sunday November 12th
    - 16UB – Sunday November 12th
    - 18UB – Saturday November 11th
- February 9-11, 2024 – Niagara Falls Convention Centre (12 courts)
  - The 18U B/G Grand Prix Qualifier 2-day events will be taking place on the Saturday and Sunday. The remaining courts will be utilized for traditional single day tournaments. The breakdown for the weekend will most likely look like this:
    - February 9th (12pm – 9pm)
      - 15UG - 2 regular 9 team on 3 court events
      - 18UG - 2 regular 9 team on 3 court events
    - February 10th (9am – 6pm)
      - TLSB - 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event

- 18UG - 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event
- February 11th (8am – 5pm)
  - 15UG - 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event
  - 18UB - 1 regular 9 team on 3 court event
- Feb 10th – 11th (2-day)
  - 18U B/G Grand Prix Qualifier 's
- Team Splits will be posted on the OVA website after the registration deadline and the most recent event has passed.
  - Outside of the NFCC events listed above, the breakdown for the remaining single day events across the province are as follows:
    - 15UG – Sunday February 11th
    - 18UG – Saturday February 10th
    - 4v4B /Co-ed – Saturday February 10th
    - 6v6B – Saturday February 10th
    - TLSB – Saturday February 10th
    - 18UB – Sunday February 11th

Hotel booking portals will be set up by HTG Sports to ensure teams have access to the bests possible rates and hotels closest to the facilities. More information will be posted by mid-September.

Please visit the Convention Centre page on the OVA website located [HERE](#) for all the most up to date information regarding these events.

## 5.2 2023-2024 Ontario Volleyball Seasonal Structure for Girls and Boys

Age Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event
<b>**Promotion/relegation and division sizes may vary as this chart is ONLY A PREDICTION/GUIDELINE and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received**</b>				
4v4 Rallyball Girls	Provincial Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Provincial Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Challenge Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Challenge Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	McGregor Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the McGregor Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Bugarski Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Bugarski Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. <b>*Set Ratio will be used from the Bugarski Cup to seed the Ontario Championships*</b>
	Ontario Championships		Bugarski Cup Set Ratio	
4v4 Rallyball Boys/Coed	Provincial Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Provincial Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Challenge Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Challenge Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	McGregor Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the McGregor Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Bugarski Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Bugarski Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. <b>*Set Ratio will be used from the Bugarski Cup to seed the Ontario Championships*</b>
	Ontario Championships		Bugarski Cup Set Ratio	

Competitive Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event
<b>**Promotion/relegation and division sizes may vary as this chart is ONLY A PREDITCTION/GUIDELINE and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received**</b>				
6v6 Rallyball Girls	Provincial Cup (Kickstart Event)	Championship Trillium	Random (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for a round robin style event (no playoffs or medals). Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Provincial Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event. However, a team's set ratio will be used to help aid in evening out the Challenge Cup tournament draw.
	Challenge Cup	Championship Trillium	Provincial Cup Set Ratio (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will self-declare for either the Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) division to provide more balanced competition. The Challenge Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	McGregor Cup	Championship Trillium	Challenge Cup Rankings (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will self-declare for either the Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) division to provide more balanced competition. The McGregor Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	Bugarski Cup	Championship Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will self-declare for either the Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) division to provide more balanced competition. The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	Ontario Championships		Top 2 average points awarded from Challenge Cup, McGregor Cup and Bugarski Cup	
6v6 Rallyball Boys	Provincial Cup (Kickstart Event)	Trillium	Random	There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Provincial Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a round robin Developmental event. However, a team's set ratio will be used to help aid in evening out the Challenge Cup tournament draw.
	Challenge Cup	Trillium	Provincial Cup Set Ratio	The Challenge Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The top performing teams from the Challenge Cup will be promoted to Championship for the McGregor Cup.
	McGregor Cup	Championship (9) Trillium	Challenge Cup Rankings	The McGregor Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The top performing Championship level teams from the McGregor Cup will move up to Championship for the Bugarski Cup. All McGregor Cup Championship teams will remain in Championship for the Bugarski Cup as there is no relegation.
	Bugarski Cup	Championship (12) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	Ontario Championships		Top 2 average points awarded from the Challenge Cup, McGregor Cup and Bugarski Cup	

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<b>**Promotion/relegation and division sizes may vary as this chart is ONLY A PREDICTION/GUIDELINE and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received**</b>				
TLS Girls	Provincial Cup (Kickstart Event)	Championship Trillium	6v6 end of season rankings from 2022-2023 (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for a round robin style event (no playoffs or medals). Points will be awarded and will seed you within the Tier you self-declare in for the Challenge Cup. The points given out at the Provincial Cup will count towards the regular season rankings but will not count towards a team's top 2 average for the Ontario Championship Seeding.  <b>Non-Specialization:</b> 6-6 only. All positions event.
	Challenge Cup	Championship Trillium	Provincial Cup Rankings (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2). There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event. A team's point average from the Provincial and Challenge Cup (Challenge Cup Rankings) will be used to re-align teams into Trillium, Championship and Select divisions for the McGregor Cup  <b>Non-Specialization:</b> 6-6 only. All positions event.
	McGregor Cup	Select (18) Championship (36) Trillium	Challenge Cup Rankings	There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event. The top Select teams will move up to Premier, the top Championship teams will move up to Select and the top Trillium teams will move up to Championship from the McGregor Cup to the Bugarski Cup. There will be no relegation going into the Bugarski Cup.  <b>Limited-Specialization: 4-2,6-2,6-3 permitted. No 5-1 Permitted.</b>
	Bugarski Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (36) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event.  <b>Limited-Specialization: 4-2,6-2,6-3 permitted. No 5-1 Permitted.</b>
	Ontario Championships		Top 2 average points awarded from the Challenge Cup, McGregor Cup and Bugarski Cup	<b>Limited-Specialization: 4-2,6-2,6-3 permitted. No 5-1 Permitted.</b>
TLS Boys	Provincial Cup (Kickstart Event)	Championship Trillium	6v6 end of season rankings from 2022-2023	Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for a round robin style event (no playoffs or medals). Points will be awarded and will seed you within the Tier you self-declare in for the Challenge Cup. The points given out at the Provincial Cup will count towards the regular season rankings but will not count towards a team's top 2 average for the Ontario Championship Seeding.  <b>Non-Specialization:</b> 6-6 only. All positions event.
	Challenge Cup	Championship Trillium	Provincial Cup Rankings (Self-Declare for division)	Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2). There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event. A team's point average from the Provincial and Challenge Cup (Challenge Cup Rankings) will be used to re-align teams into Championship and Premier divisions for the McGregor Cup  <b>Non-Specialization:</b> 6-6 only. All positions event.
	McGregor Cup	Premier (9) Championship	Challenge Cup Rankings	There will be playoffs, medals and points awarded at this event. The top performing Championship teams from the McGregor Cup will be promoted to Premier at the Bugarski Cup. There will be no relegation going into the Bugarski Cup  <b>Limited Specialization:</b> I.e., 4-2, 6-2, 6-3, etc., permitted. No 5-1 permitted.
	Bugarski Cup	Premier (12) Championship	McGregor Cup Rankings	There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event.  <b>Limited Specialization:</b> I.e., 4-2, 6-2, 6-3, etc., permitted. No 5-1 permitted.
	Ontario Championships		Top 2 average points awarded from the Challenge Cup, McGregor Cup and Bugarski Cup	<b>Limited-Specialization: 4-2,6-2,6-3 permitted. No 5-1 Permitted.</b>



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<b>**Promotion/relegation and division sizes may vary as this chart is ONLY A PREDICTTION/GUIDELINE and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received**</b>				
15UG	Provincial Cup	Select (27) Championship (27) Trillium White (36) Trillium Green	Based on the TLS end of season rankings from 2022-2023	The 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	Challenge Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (36) Trillium Green	Provincial Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Select division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	McGregor Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (45) Trillium Green	Challenge Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Select division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	Bugarski Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (45) Trillium Green	McGregor Cup Rankings	
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	
15UB	Provincial Cup	Championship (18) Trillium	Based on the TLS end of season rankings from 2022-2023	The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
	Challenge Cup	Premier (9) Championship (18) Trillium	Provincial Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
	McGregor Cup	Premier (9) Championship (18) Trillium	Challenge Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
	Bugarski Cup	Premier (9) Championship (18) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	

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16UG	Fall Classic (2 Day) & Provincial Cup	Select (24) Championship (27) Trillium White (36) Trillium Green	Based on the 15UG end of season rankings from 2022-2023	The 7 <sup>th</sup> place team from the Day 2 Premier bracket will move down to the Select division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Day 2 Select brackets will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Day 2 Select brackets will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	Challenge Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (36) Trillium Green	Provincial Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Select division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	McGregor Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (45) Trillium Green	Challenge Cup Rankings	Grand Prix teams will be selected using a team's average points from their best two events Any remaining Premier teams from the McGregor Cup will move down to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium White division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move up to the Championship division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Trillium White division will move down to the Trillium Green division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium Green division will move up to the Trillium White division
	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup	Grand Prix (8) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium White (45) Trillium Green	McGregor Cup Rankings (Grand Prix – Top 2 average with McGregor Cup Rankings being the tiebreaker)	
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	
16UB	Fall Classic (2 Day) & Provincial Cup	Championship (18) Trillium	Based on the 15UB end of season rankings from 2022-2023	The 8 <sup>th</sup> place team from the Day 2 Premier bracket will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place teams from the Day 2 Championship bracket will move up to the Premier division The 10 <sup>th</sup> place team from the Tier 2 (Championship) bracket will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Championship division
	Challenge Cup	Premier (9) Championship (18) Trillium	Provincial Cup Rankings	The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Premier division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
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	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	
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	Grand Prix Qualifier (2 day) & Furlani Cup	QP Qualifier (12) Select (18) Championship (36) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings (Grand Prix Qualifier – Top 2 average with McGregor Cup Rankings being the tiebreaker)	The top 8 teams from Qualifier event will be in the Grand Prix for the next event Any remaining teams from the Qualifier event will move down to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move down to the Championship division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
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	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup (2 day)	Grand Prix (8) Championship (12) Trillium	Furlani Cup Rankings (Grand Prix – Based on QPQ final standings)	Division 1 at the Ontario Championships will feature a 16 team draw with a modified format
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	

### 5.3 Placement for the First Event of the Season

- 15U – 18U
  - Teams will be split and seeded using their Ontario Championship finish from 2022-2023.
  - AS A REMINDER - “Of age” teams will be bumped down to account for these three policies:
    - Initial Placement Adjustment for New Clubs/Teams
    - Initial Placement Adjustment for Teams without Ontario Championship results
    - Placement for Underage Teams
      - For example - If the top 45 teams are going to start the year in Championship and the Red Bears have a result of 45<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 Ontario Championships, there is a very good chance the Red Bears will not start the year in Championship after adding in teams based on the above policies.
- TLS
  - Teams will self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for the Provincial Cup. Teams will be seeded within the division of their choosing based on their 2023 Ontario Championships results.
- 6v6
  - 6v6 Girls teams will self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 1) for the Provincial Cup. Teams will be seeded at random within the division of their choosing.
  - 6v6 Boys teams will all be placed into Trillium and seeded at random.
- 4v4
  - Teams will all be placed into Trillium and seeded at random.

### 5.4 Promotion for Vacancies in Tournament Draws

After promotion/relegation occurs, as outlined on the tournament schedule, any additional open spots (in all tiers) will be filled using the following criteria, in the order listed:

- If the 1st place team from a Select, Championship, Trillium White or Trillium Green event does not register for the next event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will be moved up to ensure all events receive representation.
- Any underage team that meets the requirements outlined in [Section 4.11 “Placement for underage teams”](#) in the Youth Competitions Manual.
- Teams who have missed previous events but should be in a specific division from a competitive balance perspective.
  - Example: Spikers finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Championship at the Challenge Cup. Spikers missed the McGregor Cup event but will then stay in Championship for the Bugarski Cup event if there is a vacancy available.
- Promotion of 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams from the most recent event will be considered.
  - Example: If 1 vacancy remains in Trillium White for the McGregor Cup, only the 2nd place teams from the Trillium Green Challenge Cup will be considered.
- Team’s rank: All registered teams will be considered in this final step which is the only time a team set to be relegated down will be considered to fill a vacancy.
  - Provincial and Challenge Cup 9<sup>th</sup> (last) place teams are not considered in this step (unless all 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams have already been promoted) and will be relegated down. 9<sup>th</sup> place (last) teams from the McGregor and Furlani Cups will be considered in this final step when filling tournament vacancies.

**Note:** A team's rank is defined as their average points awarded during the current season. Rank will be used as the tiebreaker if fewer vacancies are available in a specific division, then the number of eligible teams for each of the criteria listed above. Out of province teams will not fall into the above criteria as they will be treated on a case-by-case scenario.

### 5.5 Tournament Exemptions (15U-18U ONLY)

This exemption will provide a team that has demonstrated the ability to compete at the highest level available in the age class or Early contact stream the option to maintain their placement within a division, despite missing an OVA event. There will be no exemptions given for the 18U Grand Prix Qualifiers.

- A maximum of two (2) teams will be awarded an exemption per event for the current season in each age category.
- The team must be ranked in the top four (4) teams in terms of the most recent rankings in the entire age category for boy's divisions.
- The team must be ranked in the top eight (8) in terms of the most recent rankings in the entire age category for girl's divisions.
- Exemption can be granted only once per season, per team.
- Exemption only secures a spot until the next scheduled tournament, after this date all exemptions are VOID.
- Exemption does not secure ranking/seeding within a division, ranking continues to be based on average overall points.
- The number of teams moving up or down after a tournament will vary based on the number of exemptions granted. This will be noted on the schedules for these tournaments prior to the event.
- Teams must declare to the OVA tournament coordinator their intent to file for exemption **6 weeks** prior to the tournament they are scheduled to miss.
- A team's rank will be used to prioritize exemptions if more than 2 teams apply for the same event.

*Note: There are no tournament exemptions for 4v4 Rallyball, 6v6 Rallyball or TLS events due to the structure of the season.*

### 5.6 Tie Breaking Procedure for Tournament Seeding

Teams will be seeded using an average result from the OVA points system, where possible. Any ties will be broken using the following methods, which will be applied in order until all ties are broken, and all tied teams are ranked:

- a. The number of OVA events the team has participated in their age division
- b. A team's result in the most recent OVA event and working backwards to the first event of the season
- c. A team's result at the previous Ontario Championships
- d. A team's seed going into the previous Ontario Championships
- e. Coin toss

16U – 17U Grand Prix and 18U Grand Prix Qualifier tournament seeding is based on a teams top 2 average followed by overall average followed by the 5-step tie breaking procedure above.

18U Grand Prix tournament seeding is based on a teams result at the 18U Grand Prix Qualifier.

### 5.7 Tie Breaking Procedures for Pool Play Ranking

If two or more teams, within a pool, are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be



applied in order until all ties are broken, and all tied teams ranked. For example, if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria b) is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria is needed. However, if criteria b) determines X as first (or third) and there is still a tie between Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria c) and so on, if necessary. Continue through the sequence of criteria and DO NOT start at a) again.

- a. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher\*
- b. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the tied teams (this includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> team regardless if they were eliminated from the process during step a), will be ranked higher\*
- c. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher
- d. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher
- e. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering ALL games played during the round robin, will be ranked higher
- f. Coin toss by the tournament director and head official in the presence of team representatives

*\*Note: Step a and b only take the tied teams results into account during the breaking process. Do not include the results from the teams not included in the tie.*

## 5.8 OVA Indoor Points System

The OVA has developed a points system whereby the following important criteria can be met:

- An accumulation or average of points can illustrate a team's ranking among other teams in the province
- An accumulation or average of points can break ties between teams for tournament seeding

**No changes in tournament seeding will be made 3 days prior to the event.**

6v6B - 18UB & 6v6G Points System			
Rank	Premier	Championship	Trillium
1	1000	900	800
2	975	875	775
3	960	860	760
4	945	845	745
5	930	830	730
6	915	815	715
7	895	795	695
8	880	780	680
9	865	765	665
10*		750	650
11*		750	650
12*		750	650

TLSG-18UG Points System				
Premier	Select	Championship	Trillium (White)	Trillium (Green)
1000	900	800	700	600
975	875	775	675	575
960	860	760	660	560
945	845	745	645	545
930	830	730	630	530
915	815	715	615	515
895	795	695	595	495
880	780	680	580	480
865	765	665	565	465
	750	650	550	450
	750	650	550	450
	750	650	550	450

\*If a 12 team Premier draw is needed, the following points will be awarded:

1	1000
2	975
3	960
4	945
5	930
6	920
7	905
8	895
9	885
10	865
11	865
12	865

## 6.0 Playing Rules and Regulations

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The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise noted.

### 6.1 Roster Size

Teams are permitted to have a roster size of 14 athletes for any OVA Regular Season event and Ontario Championships. All 14 athletes can appear on the scoresheet and are eligible to compete in any given match.

### 6.2 Net Heights

Age Category	Girls	Boys
4v4 RB*	2.15m	2.20m
6v6 RB*	2.15m	2.20m
TLS	2.15m	2.20m
15U	2.20m	2.35m
16U	2.24m	2.35m
17U	2.24m	2.43m
18U	2.24m	2.43m

\*RB = Rallyball

### 6.3 Libero Rules

Age Category	Libero Permitted	
	Girls	Boys
4v4 RB	NO	NO
6v6 RB	NO	NO
TLS	NO	NO
15U	NO	NO
16U	YES	YES
17U	YES	YES
18U	YES	YES

\* There is only one (1) libero permitted for all age categories with a libero

### 6.4 Substitution Rules

Age Category	# of Substitutions	
	Girls	Boys
4v4	Rotational	Rotational
6v6	Fairplay	Fairplay
TLS	Fairplay	Fairplay
15U	12 Limited	12 Limited
16U	6 Limited	6 Limited
17U	6 Limited	6 Limited
18U	6 Limited	6 Limited

- "Rotational" means players on the bench are part of the player rotations. Players will come off the court upon the completion of the rallyball sequence following their serve. See 4v4 playing regulations ([Section 6.8](#)) for detailed information about rotations in the 4v4 Rallyball division.

- 12 sub limited (one entry & one exit per player) in age categories with **NO** Libero
- 6 sub limited (one entry & one exit per player) in age categories **WITH** a Libero

## 6.5 Mandatory Pre-Game Warm Up Protocol

When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench, out of the playing area or shagging balls for the opposing team (optional). Warming up with balls at the team bench, behind the court, or in the spectator walkways **is not permitted**.

The following warm-up protocol will be in effect:

- Primary Warm-up Protocol – (5-4-4): For all teams first match of the day
  - Five (5) minutes of shared court time for ballhandling
  - Four (4) minutes of exclusive time for the serving Team
  - Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving Team
  - No shared hitting and serving
- Secondary Warm-up Protocol – (2-4-4): For all other Matches within the tournament
  - Two (2) minutes of shared court time for ball handling
  - Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for serving Team
  - Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving Team
  - No shared hitting and serving

Shared Court (2mins or 5mins)	Referee(s): Check net height, visual check to ensure net and court are safe to play, then conduct coin toss. Head coaches prepare lineup forms.
	Teams: On court activities (stretching/pepper), designated sides ONLY.
Serving team warm-up (4mins)	Referee(s): Whistle start of the 4min warm-up for serving team. Conducts instructions for score keepers and lines persons, inspects equipment and playing surface.
	Teams: Serving team has entire court; receiving team is off the court with NO volleyball use (suggestion - The receiving team may help shag balls during the serving team's warm up).
Receiving team warm-up (4mins)	Referee(s): Whistle the end of the 4 min warm-up for serving team and start of the 4min warm-up for receiving team. Line ups are collected from both coaches.
	Teams: Serving team has entire court; receiving team is off the court with NO volleyball use (suggestion - The receiving team may help shag balls during the serving team's warm up).

## Hitting Warm up Protocol

- To reduce the incidence of injuries and concussions during warm-up and to further align with Volleyball Canada, updates have been made to the OVA's warm-up protocol. This protocol is to be followed by all teams during the designated on-court warm-up time:
  - Designate one side of the court as the attacking side and ask spectators to avoid sitting in this area.
  - Hitting should be directed away from courts with active games and from spectator seating areas.
  - Any ball from the receiving side of the court, entered to the attacking side, must be entered from outside of the court. **Coaches are no longer permitted inside the 3m line.**
  - Retrieved balls must be returned along the sidelines of the court and not through the receiving court.
  - If the team is using both sides of the court, i.e., full court game type activity – only one ball can be in play at any given time.
  - Opposing teams are not permitted to use volleyballs in the free zone during the other team's allocated court time. It is recommended for the opposing team to support the retrieval of volleyballs for the team on the court.
  - Athletes should not be crossing under the net during hitting warmups into the direct path of the balls.

RECOMMENDATION: The team that is not participating in the hitting warm up retrieves the balls for the on-court team.

## 6.6 Step In Rule

A one foot step in on a serve is permitted at any OVA regular season event in facilities with less than 2.0 meters at the base line. The ball must be contacted prior to the trailing foot crossing the line. The trailing foot may not pass the lead foot but is permitted to enter the court.

If a court has different amounts of free space on each end line, a step in will only be permitted on the end line that has less than 2.0m of free space.

## 6.7 Fair Play Rule

- Any player on the starting scoresheet who does not start the first set must start the second set.
- In the case of a team with less than 12 players on the game roster, players who played the first set and who are starting the second set can be substituted at any time during the second set (**Ontario only**).
- In the case of an injury, an Exceptional Substitution may be made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set but may return to play in subsequent sets. Emotional distress can be considered an Exceptional Substitution.
- Fair Play Clarification due to addition of 14 player roster:
  - Only 14 players can be on the scoresheet for any given match. These 14 players registered on the scoresheet are the only ones eligible to participate in the match. The 14 players registered on the scoresheet may vary from match to match.
  - 12 different players must start either the first or second set there are no restrictions on who can play in the third set. The remaining 2 players **MUST** start the third set or start the first set of the next match.
- A player who did not play the first set cannot be substituted in the second set.

- Substitutions follow the normal substitution rules. Twelve (12) sub limited (one entry and one exit per player) rule will be in effect for the third set for 6v6 rallyball-15U and 6 sub limited for 16U.
- Fair play rules will be in effect for the following age divisions:
  - 6v6 Rallyball Boys and Girls.
  - TLS Boys and Girls.
  - 15U Boys and Girls for pool play matches only (including Day 1 & 2 of Ontario. Championships) (**Ontario only**).
  - 16U Boys and Girls for pool play matches only in the Trillium Divisions at regular season events (does NOT include Ontario Championships) (**Ontario only**).
    - Note: The libero is considered as a starting position within the fair play rule.
  - Note: Coaches that do not roster athletes on the score sheet, or misrepresent an athlete's playing status to avoid compliance with the fair play rule, will be subject to a sanction of \$100 per occurrence.

Note: Please check Volleyball Canada's National Championship Competition Manual for Fair Play rules as they may differ from the above.

## 6.8 4v4 Rallyball Playing Regulations

- Players not on the court must rotate into the game upon completion of the Tripleball sequence that follows their serve. For example: Player A serves the ball and stays on court for the following 2 free balls to complete the Tripleball sequence. Once that sequence is complete, Player A rotates out of the court and player B takes their place on the court.
- All team members must play in each set. The only exception to this rule is if a team has more than 10 players on their roster, in which case they can be split into two groups who each participate in a single set. If the match goes to a third set tiebreaker, the coach can play one of the groups a second time in the match.
- Systems of Play:
  - Teams must designate the setter position and maintain it for the whole set. The designated setting position must be front row.
  - The player(s) in the back court (serve receiver/server) are permitted to attack from anywhere on the court.
  - Teams can use a diamond or square (2 front, 2 back) defensive formation.
  - NOTE: The server is always the player who has just rotated from the front row to the back row.
    - Example in box formation: the player who was just in the front row right side position will be the server once they complete a rotation.
    - Example in diamond formation: the player who was just in the front row middle (#3 in the diagram below) and is rotating to the position on the right is now the server.

For more information and full playing regulations on 4v4 Rallyball, please visit:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/4v4-rallyball>

- Introduction of Ranking for 4v4 Rallyball
  - There will now be a team ranking posted after the 4th and final event prior to the Ontario Championships (Bugarski Cup). This change has been introduced to increase scheduling options and ensure competitive balance during the Ontario Championships.
  - The focus of the Bugarski Cup will continue to be developmental and there will be no play-offs and no medals. The rankings posted after the Bugarski Cup will be used to seed the Ontario



Championship 4v4 Rallyball divisions and will be based on a team's set ratio from the Bugarski Cup ONLY.

- If a 4v4 team participating in the Ontario Championships does not participate in the 4v4 Bugarski Cup, they will be seeded last in their Ontario Championships.

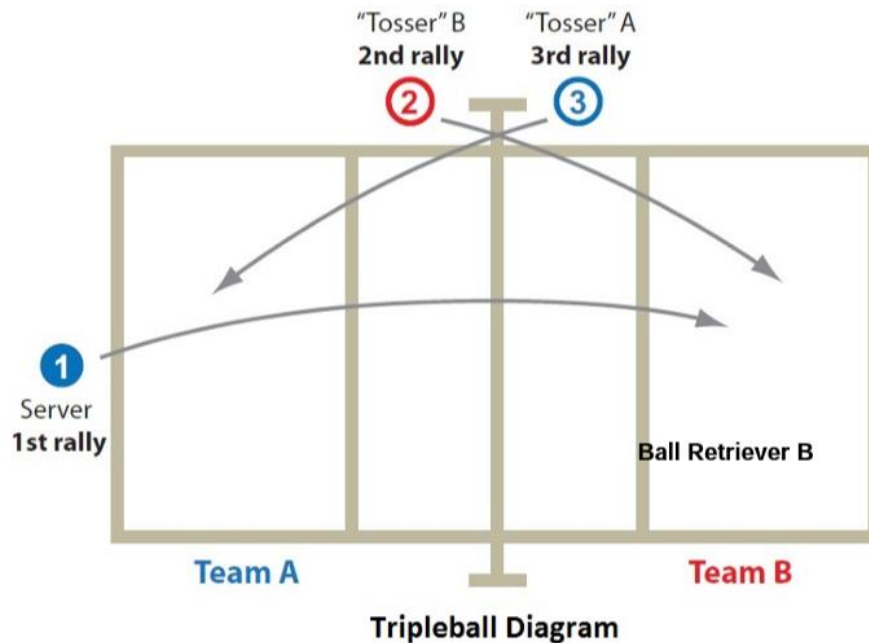
## 6.9 6v6 Rallyball Playing Regulations

The goal of Tripleball is to promote better skill development, participation, meaningful competition, and fun.

### Overview of the Tripleball Sequence:

- The game follows a sequence of three rallies (service, tossed ball 1, tossed ball 2).
  - \* 1st rally – introduced by the server
  - \* 2nd rally – tossed ball given to the receiving team
  - \* 3rd rally – tossed ball given to the serving team
- The service rotates between teams after each three-ball sequence.
- A team must rotate and introduce a new server when it is their turn to serve.
- Every ball introduced is worth one point.

#### Ball Retriever A



### 6v6 Rallyball Rules

- Requests for substitutions can only occur between a three-ball sequence
- In the deciding set, teams switch sides once a team reaches 8 points. If this occurs during a three-ball sequence, then the change of court will be made after the sequence is completed.
- Teams are required to declare on the scoresheet a designated setter position on the court prior to the start of each set.
  - Example: if a team circles position 3 on their lineup, the athlete in position 3 is the "setter" throughout that set.
    - Rule Clarification – the setter is allowed to come out of position #1, #2 or #3. The setter position must remain the same for the entire set.

- Other players are permitted to perform the second contact if needed, but it is up to the official's discretion to issue a warning to the team if they feel that the team is not using their designated setter position properly. Further discipline is possible if the team refuses to follow this rule.
- d) The free ball toss is to occur when the three front row athletes are standing at the net and ready to transition. Once there is a verbal/non-verbal cue (tosser can say "Free Ball" or slap the volleyball), athletes are permitted to transition off the net.
- e) The freeball introduction toss can be directed to position 5 or 6. The toss must be consistent each match.
- f) Free balls must be received with a forearm pass, otherwise a replay will occur.
- g) An overpass from the free ball toss is not a re-toss. Play continues.
- h) When serving, players cannot switch positions after the serve. Players must remain in their rotational order until the ball crosses back to their side of the net. Once the ball crosses back over to their side, normal volleyball movement is allowed during the play, but players must come back to their rotational order once the ball is sent to the other side of the net.
- i) When in serve reception, the players' serve reception configuration needs to be the same throughout the set along with the designated setter position.
  - Common Misinterpretations of the Rule: Teams can isolate players in serve reception in certain rotations
    - FALSE: Teams need to keep the same serve-reception configuration through the whole set. A position can be isolated (ex. Athlete in position 1), but that position needs to be consistently isolated throughout the set.
- j) To improve the follow of the game, it is recommended that each team provide a ball retriever who collects the balls from athletes at the end of a rally. Please remain a safe distance from the court during play.

#### **Guidelines for Tossers:**

- a) The Head Coach, Assistant Coach or a competent volunteer may be the Tosser and introduce balls to their own team.
- b) Balls are tossed underhand with two hands, with little to no spin and above the height of the antennae to allow athletes time to play the ball.
- c) The Tosser can step into the court to introduce the ball but must immediately move a safe distance away from the court after the toss.
- d) The free ball will be introduced directly to the athlete in position 5 or 6, otherwise a replay will occur.
- e) The free ball will be introduced when the front row players are at the net and ready to transition; the Tosser verbally cues the athletes by calling "Free Ball". Tossers encourage a fast-paced transition between an end of a rally and the next toss.

#### **6v6 Rallyball Reminders**

- The 6v6 regular season tier structure is setup with a developmental focus. Both the boys' and girls' divisions will only split into 2 tiers (Trillium & Championship). The goal of this division is to prepare teams for the Traditional Limited Specialized (TLS) division. If you are a very strong 6v6 team and are not finding the 6v6 Championship level of competition meaningful, your team should strongly consider moving to TLS. This will not only improve your team's meaningful competition but also the competitive balance for the remaining teams in 6v6.
  - A team is not required to play in all four (4) tournaments within Early Contact Initiative (ECI) age categories. They may begin the season in one category and progress into another. Teams are only required to participate in 2 events within the same division they are registered for the Ontario Championships to qualify.

For more information and full playing regulations on 6v6 Rallyball, please visit:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/6v6-rallyball>

#### 6.10 TLS: Event #1 and Event #2: All Position Events

The first and second event in TLS will be all-position events, which means the rotational order of the players need to be respected.

- No specialization is allowed.
  - Everyone plays at each position.
  - The designated setting position needs to be noted on the scoresheet at the beginning of each set by the head coach. Each player will become the designated setter when they are in that position.
    - Rule Clarification – the setter is allowed to come out of position #1, #2 or #3. The setter position must remain the same for the entire set.
- The coach can choose any position as the designated setting position, but this position must stay consistent throughout the entire set.
  - Ex: The Flames have their designated setter in position 2 while the Rockets have their designated setter in position 3.
- When serving, players cannot switch positions after the serve. Normal volleyball movement is allowed during the play, but players must come back to their rotational order once the ball is sent to the other side of the net.
- When in serve reception, the players' serve reception configuration needs to be the same throughout the set along with the designated setter position.
- All serve receive formations are permitted, but again the serve receive formation needs to be the same throughout the set.
- Common Misinterpretations of the Rule:
  - The play stops if someone other than the designated setter sets the ball
    - FALSE: The only thing that matters is that players keep their rotational order so the play doesn't stop if someone else sets the ball, just like in Rallyball.
  - Teams can isolate players in serve reception in certain rotations
    - FALSE: Teams need to keep the same serve-reception configuration through the whole set. A position can be isolated (ex. Athlete in position 1), but that position needs to be consistently isolated throughout the set.
- Servers will be limited to 5 consecutive serves by each player while in the serving position
  - Once the 5<sup>th</sup> serve is completed and the serving team still has possession, a new player rotates into the serving position
  - **It is the team's responsibility to monitor the number of consecutive serves an athlete has completed.** If a player serves more than 5 serves, the referee will signal a fault, the serving team will lose all points earned after the 5<sup>th</sup> serve and lose a service. The opposing team will earn a point and gain the serve.
  - Rule Clarification - A max of 5 serves is for each rotation and not per player. After 5 serves, everyone rotates, regardless of whether there were substitutions.

#### 6.11 TLS: Events #3 and #4

For events 3-4, teams can pick the semi-specialized system of their choice:

- Full specialization using a 5-1 system is NOT allowed at any tournament for TLS
- Teams must pick a partially specialized system such as a 6-2, 6-3 or 4-2 or stick with the 6-6 system of events 1 & 2.

- There must be 2 or more setters on the court at all times. The designated setting positions will depend on the chosen system.
  - Rule Clarification – In a 6-2 formation, the setter can come from the front row for one rotation as long as the 3 setting positions are the same for each setter throughout the entire match.
- Back row players other than the designated setter must always be involved in the serve receive formation, they cannot be hidden.
  - The participation of front row players in the serve reception formation is optional and will depend on the chosen serve reception system.
- Players can switch positions after the serve.
- Servers will be limited to 5 consecutive serves by each player while in the serving position
  - Once the 5<sup>th</sup> serve is completed and the serving team still has possession, a new player rotates into the serving position
  - **It is the team's responsibility to monitor the number of consecutive serves an athlete has completed.** If a player serves more than 5 serves, the referee will signal a fault, the serving team will lose all points earned after the 5<sup>th</sup> serve and lose a service. The opposing team will earn a point and gain the serve

**\*REMEMBER:**

- NO SPECIALIZATION = no specialized players (6-6 systems).
- FULL SPECIALIZATION = all players are specialized (5-1 system).
- LIMITED SPECIALIZATION = some players are specialized, and some are not.

For more information and full playing regulations on Traditional Limited Specialization (TLS), please visit:

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/traditional-limited-specialized>

## **6.12 Serve Receive Rule**

4v4 Rallyball, 6v6 Rallyball and TLS streams are not permitted to receive a serve with an overhead motion using the fingers. The first referee will use the “double contact” signal to indicate this infraction. 15U to 18U competition allows athletes to receive a serve with the overhead pass.

## **6.13 Game Day Scheduling**

The Tournament director has the authority (in consultation with coaches and the Head Official) to move matches ahead and/or move matches to a different court than scheduled, to avoid delays and shorten the length of the tournament day.

## **6.14 Noise Makers**

The use of any type of noise makers (cowbells, air horns, drums, whistles, phone applications, etc) is prohibited. Spectators will be asked to refrain from using these devices. If they continue to use them, they will be confiscated.

## **6.15 OVA Hotline**

The OVA hotline is available to coaches and event hosts to assist with a variety of issues that may occur during a tournament. These issues often need immediate assistance and require consulting an OVA staff person, including but not limited to:

- Teams unable to travel due to weather
- Permit issues on site

- Tiebreaking assistance
- Any type of altercation on site
- Scheduling issue (ranking, seeding, team drop out)
- Protests

**OVA HOTLINE: 647-467-5514**

#### **6.16 Recreational Cell Phone and Tripod Use**

The recreational use of cell phones or tripods for personal photography/filming on the bench is not permitted at OVA events. Use of cell phone and other devices are permitted when collecting data. All filming for match footage must be set up off court.

#### **6.17 Pilot Continuation – Team Assignments for Lining and Scoring**

The Youth Competitions staff would like to thank all the teams that participated in the 2022/2023 15U/16U lining and scoring pilot along with filling out the end of season lining/scoring survey. Based on responses, we will continue with the lining and scoring pilot for the 2023/2024 season and extend it to the 15U-18U age divisions for round robin matches only. Another survey will be sent out at the end of the season before a final decision is made for all age groups for the 2024/2025 season.

Those who are interested in using a free e-module on how to fill out a scoresheet, please use [this link](#).

Teams that are not competing in a match will be responsible for lining and scoring during pool play. The teams responsible for lining and scoring will be listed on the tournament schedule. NOTE: This requirement is for athletes only, parents/siblings are not permitted to fill this responsibility.

Teams will not be responsible for lining or scoring matches if the host has provided event staff.

If a team skips their lining and score keeping duties, the team will be fined \$75 per match. All fines must be paid in full prior to participating in another OVA tournament. Teams will be listed in bad standing until all outstanding fines are paid in full.

#### **6.18 Protests**

To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest **immediately** to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged. In case of an incident during a match, the protest has to be requested at the moment the incident occurs, **before play resumes**.

Protests - Any protest or appeal at an OVA Tournament will be overseen by a Competition Jury, composed of any three of the following:

- A representative of the Hosting team (Jury Chairperson)
- The head official or approved designate
- An OVA representative (if on site)
- A non-partisan OVA member appointed by the head official

The Competition Jury has the highest level of authority at the event and its decisions take precedence and cannot be appealed.

The following types of issues can be protested or appealed:

- An improper decision by the referee who did not apply the rules or regulations correctly

- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score
- Please note that judgement calls cannot be protested. A referee's decision regarding a playing action (i.e. ball handling or misconduct) cannot be protested

Please remember that NO match will be replayed, as protests must be placed at the moment of the incident.

- Teams must log into MRS and register for the "\$100 Protest Fee" Clinic. The fee of \$100 must be paid through MRS immediately in order to assemble the jury. The \$100 fee will be returned in 1-2 business days if the protest is upheld.
- Head Official will notify both teams that there is a protest and will ask both teams to stay in the gym on court, until the final decision is rendered.
- The chairperson of jury convenes the jury.
- The jury interviews the coach of the protesting team and all involved parties, as they see fit (e.g.: opposing coach, officials, captains, athletes, etc.).
- The protest is then reviewed for acceptance or refusal.
  - Refusal means that the point, game or match result stands as played.
  - Acceptance involves replaying of the event in whole or in part depending on the judgment of the Jury.
- The jury deliberates and renders a decision. The chairperson of jury informs all parties involved of the decision made.
- Once the match has ended, the captain must describe the incident on the scoresheet or on a paper to be attached to the scoresheet before he signs off the scoresheet.

**Notes:**

- ***Judgement calls are not permitted to be protested (i.e., ball handling).***
- ***Protests cannot be made once the play continues after the incident occurs.***

## **6.19 Purple Card Sanction Policy – All OVA Competitions**

The purpose and intent of the Purple Card Sanction policy is to effectively address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any Ontario Volleyball member (adult or junior), parent or spectator, attending and observing any Ontario Volleyball Event. This policy is further intended to preserve order in its activities and maintain the safety and protection of all Ontario Volleyball members. This policy outlines the procedural usage of the "PURPLE" card, which supplements the yellow and red sanction cards currently used by match Referee(s). The Ontario Volleyball Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct policy remains in effect. Please click [HERE](#) for a full copy of the Policy.

## **6.20 Default Procedure**

If a team is not in attendance for their scheduled match time, and it has been confirmed by the area supervisor/host that they are not currently playing another match at the facility, the referee will wait 10 minutes from the start time and then call a default for the 1st set. The referee will wait another 10 minutes, and if the team does not show up, they forfeit the match. The on-site team will win the match 25-0, 25-0 for 2/3 matches or 25-0, 25-0, 25-0 for 3/5 matches.

## **6.21 Assignment of Officials**

All officials who work at OVA tournaments are certified Level 1 (Local Badge) or above, meet the OVA Referee Eligibility Policy and are full members of the OVA.



Age Category	Cup Tournaments	Ontario Championships
<b>4v4 – 15U</b>	First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches at all OVA tournaments.	First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches
<b>16U – 17U</b>	<p><b>Premier:</b> First and Second officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.</p> <p><b>Select, Championship &amp; Trillium:</b> First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.</p>	<p><b>Division 1 Tier 1</b> Single official will be provided for all pool play matches on Day 1 and 2 and double officials for playoff matches on Day 3. Lines people will be provided for D1/T1 medal matches on Day 3*</p> <p><b>All other divisions/tiers:</b> Single official for all matches.</p>
<b>18U</b>	<p><b>Premier:</b> First and Second officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.</p> <p><b>Championship &amp; Trillium:</b> First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.</p>	<p><b>Division 1 Tier 1</b> Single official will be provided for all pool play matches on Day 1. Double officials will be provided for playoff matches on Day 2 and 3. Lines people will be provided for D1/T1 Ontario Championships medal matches on Day 3*</p> <p><b>All other divisions/tiers:</b> Single official for all matches.</p>

\* *Dependent on number of referees available on event day*

## 7.0 Ontario Championships

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### 7.1 Ontario Championships Eligibility Requirements

Fully registered youth teams are eligible for the Ontario Championships provided they meet the following requirements:

Age Category	Number of OVA Events
4v4 Rallyball	No Eligibility Requirements
6v6 Rallyball to 18U	2

Teams from Region 1 are exempt from eligibility requirements, however, they must adhere to the posted deadlines and follow OVA policies regarding Respect In Sport and screening.

Ontario Championship seeding is based on a team's top two average in the age group they are competing in (except for 4v4 Rallyball). The final regular season rankings (Bugarski Cup Rankings) will be used to break any ties in seeding.

- Region 1 teams who did not compete in a regular season event will be treated on a case by case scenario when it comes to their division/seed at the Ontario Championships.
- 4v4 Rallyball Ontario Championship seeding is based on a teams set ratio from the Bugarski Cup only.

It is anticipated that a small number of openings will be available in the 2024 Ontario Championships for teams to play up which will help fill out uneven pools/divisions.

- Teams who are interested in playing up and who have played in at least 2 events at the older age group throughout the regular season will be required to register on a waitlist. This waitlist will require teams to provide a \$200 deposit.
  - If your team is selected from the waitlist to participate in the event and your team registers for the event, your deposit will be refunded.
  - If your team is selected from the waitlist and your team declines the position, your deposit will be forfeited.
  - If your team is not selected from the waitlist, your deposit will be refunded.
- IF there are open spots in an age group, underage teams will be selected through one of two methods based on the OC age group divisional breakdown they are looking to register for.
  - Underage team selection process for age groups with only 1 division:
    - A random draw will take place with all underage teams on the waitlist. Teams will be drawn at random until the desired number of open spots have been filled to create even schedules.
      - For example: Five 16UB teams have registered for the 17UB OC waitlist. If there are three spots available, three teams will be drawn at random to fill those three spots. These three teams will be seeded in the tournament draw according to their top 2 average while playing up at 17UB events during the regular season.
- Underage team selection process for age groups with 2 or more divisions:
  - A random draw will take place with underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average that places them in the last division of the age group.
  - If additional spots are still needed, a 2nd random draw will take place with underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average that places them in the 2nd last division of the age group.

- This process will continue until all open spots have been filled.
  - Example: The 16UG age group has four divisions and a total of two openings for the entire age group. A random draw will take place between the 15UG underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average at the 16UG age group that would place them into Division 4. If there are three 15UG waitlist teams for example that meet this criteria, a random draw will take place between those three teams to fill in those two open spots. These two teams will be seeded in Division 4 based on their top 2 average while playing up at 16UG events during the regular season.
    - If there was only one 15UG team that had a top 2 average that placed them into Division 4, that team would automatically be selected and the process would then move to underage teams that qualify for Division 3 and a random draw would take place between those 15UG teams to fill in the final remaining spot in Division 3.
- Deposits have been implemented to control registration numbers and to ensure deadlines will be met when creating team splits and schedules.

As a reminder, an athlete/team may not play in back-to-back events at a 6-day Ontario Championships. For example, an athlete cannot be listed on the roster of a team on the Thursday to Saturday event and on a team roster in the Sunday to Tuesday event of the same 6-day event.

Out of province teams are permitted to participate in Ontario Championships provided they are members in good standing of the OVA and have met the eligibility requirements.

## **7.2 4V4 Rallyball**

The OVA will run a 4V4 Girls and 4V4 Boys/Co-ed Ontario Championships. These events will take place over two days and all teams are guaranteed two matches on their second day of playoffs.

## **7.3 Ontario Championships Travel Rebate Policy**

Team travel subsidy of \$80 is included in the registration fee. All team travel forms must be received by May 31st to be included in the travel equalization cost sharing. The distribution of subsidies may not exceed the total amount of travel subsidy fund, thus, depending on the number of teams that qualify, and the distances involved, funds may be distributed at a lower rate.

More information on the team travel subsidy will be provided prior to the Ontario Championship registration deadline and can be found online at: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/accommodations>.

## **7.4 Ontario Championships Stay to Play Policy**

Ontario Volleyball has instituted a Stay to Play policy to ensure accommodations availability for all Indoor Championship's participants while better managing competition costs. The Stay to Play policy is in effect for all Indoor Ontario Championships.

- A The Stay to Play policy is mandatory for OVA teams travelling over 125kms one way and is used to assist in actualizing the room night requirements for the OVA to receive discounted facility rentals as well as obtain grants through host cities to be able to afford large facility rentals. Without Stay to Play, the OVA would not be able to obtain rentals for large facilities across Ontario.

- All travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book hotel rooms through Hudson Travel Group (HTG Sports) to be eligible to play in the tournament.
  - The Clubs mailing address will be used to determine kms to the venue.
  - A team must register in Ontario Championships to be eligible to book accommodations.
- The chart below identifies the number of rooms per night all travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book to satisfy the Stay to Play policy.

<b>Ontario Championships - 3 Day Event</b>		
Number of Athletes on Roster	Minimum # of Rooms	Minimum # of Nights/room
8-9	3	2
10-12	4	2
12+	5	2

<b>Ontario Championships - 2 Day Event (4v4) or 2 Day Convention Centre Events</b>		
Number of Athletes on Roster	Minimum # of Rooms	Minimum # of Nights/room
6 or less (4v4 Teams Only)	2	1
8-9	3	1
10-12	4	1
12+	5	1

Ontario Volleyball offers exemptions from the Stay to Play policy for individuals. Exemptions will be awarded on a first come first serve basis per individual and must be made before the application deadline. *An exemption will not be given to a team member if it places their team below the minimum number of rooms stated above.*

The following exemptions are allowed but must be verified as explained below. All exemption must be sent through the form stack. Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the form.

- **USING POINTS FOR A FREE STAY** - If you have enough points to redeem them for an entirely FREE stay, you qualify for the exemption. Please fill out the form stack link above to receive approval prior to booking your stay through the hotel directly and please make sure to list the athletes name(s) on your exemption form. Please note that just 'receiving points' for staying at a hotel does not qualify for an exemption. You must be redeeming for an entire free stay. This does not exempt the entire team. Just the person and their family that are applying for the exemption through point redemption.
- **STAYING WITH A FAMILY MEMBER** - If you are staying with a family member that lives in the same host city, you qualify for an exemption. An address must be provided on the exemption form. All mileage will be calculated using google maps. This does not exempt the entire team. This exempts the athlete or team staff (i.e. coach) and their immediate family that is staying with the family member
- **TEAM IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY** - If your team is within 125 kms from the venue, you are not required to stay in a hotel. The location of the club's registered address in MRS will be used in validating mileage. Proximity exemptions will be pre-determined, and an application form does not need to be submitted. If you are under 125kms from the venue and choose to stay over, you must book through HTG to ensure "heads in beds" are recorded for the Sport Tourism Board.

More information will be released prior to the start of the 2023/2024 season and can be found online at <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/accommodations>.

**For the most up to date information on OC's Deadlines, Travel Subsidy, Stay to Play Policies, and other important team information please visit the OC's Website:**

<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ontario-championships>

## 7.5 National Championships

Please review age eligibility for Volleyball Canada as the ECI and 19U eligibility differs. [Click here](#) for more info.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
14U	May 3-5, 2024	Ottawa, ON	Carleton University
14U	May 3-5, 2024	Fredericton, NB	Grant Harvey Centre
14UG	May 9-12, 2024	Richmond, BC	Richmond Olympic Oval
14UB & 15U	May 15-18, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre
17UG & 18U	May 19-22, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre
17UB & 16U	May 23-26, 2024	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo Centre

***\* Please note that both 14U events are open to all teams from across Canada***

## 8.0 Coaching

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### 8.1 Coach Eligibility Policy

All athletes have the right to a safe, inclusive, and responsible volleyball experience. As people in positions of authority, coaches have an important role to play in providing this type of environment. Coaches have the responsibility to:

- Complete the necessary training in order to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally and socially safe for all athletes and participants
- Complete the necessary training in order to provide a responsible learning environment that incorporates Volleyball Canada's teaching methodologies, technical guidelines and long-term athlete development principles
- Ensure that all of their coach training is current so as to be able to provide a safe and responsible volleyball experience for all

#### MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OVA COACHES

**All individuals** involved with youth athletes must complete the following requirements prior to their registration as an OVA member in a **Coach or Club Technical Director role**. These requirements apply to **all individuals in those roles**, regardless of certification status, experience, or years of involvement:

- Abide by the OVA Screening Policy
  - Submit an Enhanced Police Information Check (E-Pic) every 3 years.
  - Submit a completed OVA Screening Disclosure Form/Screening Renewal Form annually
- Complete the following training
  - Making Head Way (Free) <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>
  - Coaches Association of Canada Safe Sports Training (Free) <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

NEW FOR 2023-24: The requirements for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are now the same. **All individuals registering in a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Club Technical Director role** must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA.

- Foundations of Volleyball (\$89) <https://coach.volleyball.ca/>
- Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (\$85 or free if course was completed) <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

It is highly recommended that all coaches complete the NCCP Anti-Racism in Coaching e-learning module in The Locker. All coaches will be required to complete this module to be eligible in 2024-25

It is the responsibility of OVA Clubs to verify the eligibility of their coaches prior to them registering as members. Clubs will confirm the eligibility of their coaches in their Club Information Form at the start of the season. The OVA staff will provide Club audits throughout the season to ensure compliance of coaches.

**Individuals who have not completed the above requirements are not eligible to be registered as an OVA member in the following roles: Assistant Coach, Head Coach and Club Technical Director.**

Please click here for a link to the Eligibility requirements on the OVA website:

### **Additional Information**

- All individuals who sit on the bench at an OVA sanctioned event or who are involved with youth athletes in an OVA club training environment must meet the OVA Coach Eligibility Policy prior to their registration as an OVA member.
- The requirements for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are now the same. All coaches listed on the scoresheet must have completed Foundations of Volleyball and the Making Ethical Decision online evaluation.
- Coaches who are only present in the training environment and do not sit on the bench at OVA events can register in the role of Practice Coach in MRS. Practice Coaches are not required to complete Foundations of Volleyball or the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation.
- Teams with the intention of attending Nationals should verify the Volleyball Canada Coach Eligibility policy as it has further requirements than the OVA policy

### **8.2 Police Screening**

The OVA requires mandatory Police checks for all Persons In Authority (PIA). A PIA is any person who holds a position of authority over a Vulnerable individual pursuant to the role assigned to them. Persons in Authority include, but are not limited to, Club Directors and Club staff, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Referees, Chaperones and persons who manage finances.

Screening of personnel and volunteers is an important part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sport organizations that provide programs and services to the community. The OVA is responsible at law, to do everything reasonable to provide a safe and secure environment for participants in its programs, activities and events. The OVA takes this responsibility very seriously and is committed to fulfilling the duty of care it owes to its members.

At minimum, Persons in Authority must complete the following:

- a) An Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) every three years. This check can be completed online through [mybackcheck.com](https://mybackcheck.com)
- b) A Screening Disclosure Form every three years. This form will be completed as part of the registration process in MRS for any of the above-mentioned roles.
- c) A Screening Renewal Form every year that a Screening Disclosure Form is not required. This form will be completed as part of the registration process in MRS for any of the above-mentioned roles.

For more information on the OVA Screening Policy please click [here](#).

### **8.3 Coaching Code of Ethics**

In addition to the OVA Code of Conduct, OVA Coaches must follow the NCCP Code of Ethics. Please visit: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/code-of-conduct> to view the OVA Code of Conduct.

The NCCP Code of Ethics was written by the Coaches Association of Canada and is included as Chapter 1 of the Volleyball Canada Coaches Manual Level 1 - an excerpt of which can be found below:



Principle	Standards of Behaviour Expected of Coaches
<b>Physical safety and health of Athletes</b>	Ensure that training or competition site is safe at all times
	Be prepared to act quickly and appropriately in case of emergency
	Avoid placing athletes in situations presenting unnecessary risk or that are beyond their level
	Strive to preserve the present and the future health and wellbeing of athletes
<b>Coaching Responsibility</b>	Make wise use of the authority of the position and make decisions in the interest of the athletes
	Foster self-esteem among athletes
	Avoid deriving personal advantage for a situation or decision
	Know one's limitations in term of knowledge and skills when making decisions giving instructions or taking action
	Honour commitments, word given and agreed objectives
<b>Integrity in relations with others</b>	Avoid situations that may affect objectivity or impartiality of coaching duties
	Abstain from all behaviours considered to be harassment or inappropriate relations with an athlete
	Always ensure decision are taken equitably
<b>Respect</b>	Ensure that everyone is treated equally regardless of athletic potential, race, sex, language, religion or age
	Preserve the dignity of each person in interacting with others
	Respect the principles, rules and policies in force
<b>Honouring sport</b>	Strictly observe and ensure observance of all regulations
	Aim to compete fairly
	Maintain dignity in all circumstances and exercise self-control
	Respect officials and accept their decisions without questioning their integrity

If any OVA member is found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct, please fill out the OVA Incident Report form and email it to the OVA at [info@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org). The Incident Report Form can be found online at [www.ontariovolleyball.org](http://www.ontariovolleyball.org). Please download the form prior to completing it.

## 9.0 Safe Sport

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### 9.1 Person in Authority Code of Conduct

The OVA values the safety, rights and wellbeing of our athletes and their families. It is the responsibility of every OVA club, coach, volunteer and staff member to participate in the effort to create a safe environment for all OVA participants.

Coaches play a vital role in shaping the youth of tomorrow through sport. The OVA relies on them and other persons in authority to be role models and to put young athletes on a path to success. The dynamic between coach and athlete gives rise to a power imbalance and a culture of unquestioned trust that can result in abuse. As such, it is imperative that all persons in positions of authority (PIA) be held to a high standard of conduct. A PIA is any person who holds a position of authority over a Vulnerable individual pursuant to the role assigned to them. Persons in Authority include, but are not limited to, Club Directors and Club staff, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Referees, Chaperones and persons who manage finances.

Abuse in sport, particularly sexual abuse and the grooming behaviour that precedes it, destroys the positive impact of sport and causes untold harm to victims and those around them. Consequently, the OVA has a strong obligation to establish and maintain systems that prevent abuse and respond to conduct that poses risk to OVA athletes.

### 9.2 Person In Authority Code of Conduct – Purpose

This Person in Authority Code of Conduct is intended to protect OVA participants from abuse. It provides guidelines for conduct that are consistent with the development of healthy relationships between adult persons in authority and youth sport participants. The Code provides behaviour guideposts that identify inappropriate or concerning behaviour at an early stage to help better protect athletes and coaches.

**OVA Safe Sport Person In Authority Code of Conduct – [Click here](#)**

**Rule of Two Clarification: [Click here](#)**

### 9.3 Volleyball Canada and Abuse Free Sport



**Abuse-Free Sport** is an independent program that is part of a growing national movement to rid Canadian sport of all forms of harassment, discrimination, and abuse. As program signatories, Volleyball Canada and the OVA are active participants in this movement.

Unlike the previous approach, where each national sport organization created its own system for dealing with complaints of maltreatment, this is a centralized “one-stop-shop.” It is independent and led by experts in their fields, using education and research to prevent maltreatment at all levels of sport.

The [Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner](#) (OSIC) serves as the central hub. It operates independently to administer complaints about alleged violations of the [Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport \(UCCMS\)](#).

Where there are admissible allegations of abuse, harassment or discrimination, OSIC conducts independent investigations and recommends sanctions against individuals who violate the UCCMS.

OSIC will also maintain a national sanctions registry, which prevents individuals from evading sanctions by moving to different sports or to different jurisdictions.

Per Section 12 of the Ontario Volleyball Association's [Person In Authority Code of Conduct](#), the OVA will require that complaints relating to Abuse and Prohibited Behaviours (as defined in the [UCCMS](#)) must be handled by an Independent Third Party.

Per Section 22 of the [OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy](#), any complaint arising from the application of the UCCMS (e.g. matters concerning Prohibited Behaviours, including Abuse/Maltreatment) must be directed to OSIC. All processes required for the administration of the UCCMS will be addressed in accordance with the policies and procedures of OSIC.

As OVA Clubs are bound to follow OVA policies and procedures, this obligation applies to Clubs as well. **Any complaint containing allegations relating to abuse, maltreatment or any of the prohibited behaviours as defined in the UCCMS must be forwarded to the OVA and directly to OSIC.**

For designated participants within our organization, there is access to a wide range of resources, including victim services and referrals to specialized mental health professionals and experienced lawyers – all of it available in English and French. You can access the website by clicking on the Abuse-Free Sport logo or by visiting <https://abuse-free-sport.ca/>.

## HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

Volleyball Canada is committed to a sport environment free from abuse that is safe for all participants.

Volleyball Canada has zero tolerance for any type of abuse. Individuals are required to report abuse or suspected abuse. If you are the victim of abuse, harassment, or discrimination, or you've witnessed such an incident within our sport, you are encouraged to contact the Canadian Sport Helpline by phone or text at 1-888-83SPORT (77678), or by email to [info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca), 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When the incidents recounted appear admissible, operators can assist you in filing a report through a confidential online platform, if desired.

Please view the Complaint Process [HERE](#).

### 9.4 Education

VC requires that all individuals involved with the sport across the country take the new safe sport training module, available via the Coaching Association of Canada website.

As of April 1, 2020, anyone associated with a Sport Canada funded organization must be trained on conduct to prevent and address maltreatment. This includes coaches, referees, parents of youth athletes, high performance

staff and contractors, officials and all administrative staff and volunteers whether they may have direct contact with athletes or not.

The Safe sport module is a free, 90-minute eLearning module that gives all participants the tools to recognize, address, and prevent maltreatment in sport. The module aligns with the principles of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent Maltreatment in Sport and meets Sport Canada's requirements for Safe Sport education.

Visit the safe sport training site for more information: <https://safesport.coach.ca/>

To take the training, you must create an account in "The Locker", even if you are not a coach (it's free!) We suggest saving a screenshot of the final slide when completed for your records.

Other online resources (mainly for coaches) that can be completed from home include the following (please note fees may be required).

<https://sportforlife-sportpourelavie.ca/catalog.php>  
<https://www.respectgroupinc.com/keeping-girls-in-sport/>  
<https://coach.ca/nccp-multi-sport-training-modules>

For more info on coaching resources, contact: [coaching@volleyball.ca](mailto:coaching@volleyball.ca)

## 9.5 Policies

Ontario Volleyball has adopted several policies aimed at addressing the maltreatment of individuals in sport. These policies include:

- Person in Authority (PIA) Code of Conduct
- Discipline and Complaints Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Screening Policy

A full list of Ontario Volleyball policies can be found [here](#).

## 9.6 Mental Health

Volleyball Canada believes the mental health and safety of athletes is vital to strong performances on the court. We are encouraging everyone to make mental health a priority by providing a mental health checklist, as well as sharing useful links. For you to perform your best on court you must take care of yourself off court.

The Canadian Centre for Mental Health and Sport (CMHS) is a registered charity supporting the mental health and performance of competitive and high-performance athletes, coaches, and performing artists. The CCMHS is the first Centre in Canada to offer collaborative sport/performance-focused mental health care services designed to help athletes, coaches, and performing artists achieve their performance goals while preserving their mental health and well-being. The CCMHS provides mental health services to competitive and high-performance athletes and coaches, as well as competitive performing artists. Here are the eligibility criteria:

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Must participate in a sport or performance domain at a competitive or high-performance level
- Must be experiencing mental health challenges

[Click here](#) to learn more. **Disclaimer: The Canadian Centre for Mental Health is not a partner of Volleyball Canada, they are a resource for mental health, we do not control who is approved for treatment.**

### **Kids Help Line**

If you are feeling depressed or anxious, please tell someone you trust or contact the Kids Help Line 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868.

If you are starting to feel anxious and are worried about your mental health, here is a checklist that may help you feel better.

1. Fueling your body with nutritious food
2. Journaling
3. Nature Breaks (walks in the park)
4. Listening to uplifting music
5. Taking a Digital Detox
6. Move your body (any type of activity is great)
7. Deep breathing and grounding techniques
8. Stretching
9. Taking bubble baths (also great for injury prevention)
10. Focus on what you can control
11. Spending time with people who build you up
12. Spending time alone if needed
13. Talking to someone when you need it
14. Getting lots of sleep

### **9.7 Concussion Policy and Safety Protocols**

Concussions are very common in volleyball and should be taken seriously. Ontario Volleyball has developed the OVA's Concussion Policy and protocols to help guide the management of athletes who may have a suspected concussion as a result of participation in OVA. You can find the concussion policy [here](#).

Each year, all OVA members must review the OVA Concussion Code of Conduct related to their role. They must also review the applicable Concussion Awareness Resources at [Ontario.ca/concussions](http://Ontario.ca/concussions). During member registration individuals must acknowledge that they have completed these reviews in order to complete the registration process.

All **Club** staff and athletes must register with the OVA prior to Club tryouts commencing to insure that the OVA Concussion Code of Conduct has been reviewed. The tryout player role is a \$0 membership fee. If Clubs pay for the club staff membership fees, the club staff can register as a volunteer \$0 membership role and at the time the Club Contact creates the teams and adds the coaching staff, they can upgrade the coaching and team staff to a full membership.

To further support a safe sporting environment, the OVA modified the warmup protocol (point 6.5) for 2022-23 and beyond. This new protocol will be mandatory at all OVA events to help minimize the potential for concussions during warm ups.

All coaches are required to take the free E-learning module '[Making Head Way](#)' from the [CAC](#). The CAC have many other helpful concussion resources found [here](#).

Parachute is Canada's national charity dedicated to injury prevention and they have a great concussion protocol resource <https://parachute.ca/en/professional-resource/concussion-collection/canadian-guideline-on-concussion-in-sport/>

Please see the OVA website for more information on Concussion prevention, identification, management, and treatment.

### 9.8 Rowan's Law – Concussion Safety

The mandatory requirements of Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), include the review of Concussion Awareness Resources and Concussion Codes of Conduct. This Law makes it mandatory for sports organizations to:

- Ensure that athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials confirm every year they have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources.
- Establish a Concussion Code of Conduct that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention.
- Establish a Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocol.

For more resources on Rowan's Law click the following links:

- Rowan's Law – [Complete Legislation and Regulations Under the Act](#)
- Government of Ontario Concussion Awareness Resource E-Booklet
  - [10 & Under](#) (OVA 4v4 Rallyball)
  - [11 – 14](#) (OVA 4v4 and 6v6 Rallyball and TLS)
  - [15 & Older](#)

The OVA Concussion Codes of Conduct for all roles are included in Waiver section of the Membership Registration System (MRS) and must be reviewed prior to completing the registration process.

### Rowan's Law: Phase 2

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, sport organizations must:

- Establish **Removal-From-Sport and Return-To-Sport Protocols**. Template available [here](#).
- Identify a designated person as having specific responsibilities under the Removal/Return-to-Sport Protocols. A sample protocol template can be found [here](#).
- Make their protocols available to designated person(s), and any athlete (and their parent if the athlete is under 18 years of age) who has been removed from training, practice or competition due to a suspected concussion.
- Each sport organization shall create a retention policy for personal information if one does not exist. Organizations can refer to sections 40(1) and 40(4) of the Freedom of Informations and Privacy Act, 1990 (FIPPA) and/or sections 30(1) and 30(4) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) for information about the retention and disposal of personal information.

More information regarding Rowan's Law: Phase 2 can be found in this [presentation](#) or on our [website](#)

## 10.0 Awards

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### 10.1 Tournament Medals

At OVA tournaments, gold, silver and bronze medals (15 of each) will be awarded at every event that has 6 or more teams participating, for the 15U to 18U Divisions. Medals for the ECI stream will be awarded as outlined in their seasonal structure. Medals will not be awarded in the 4v4 divisions.

For Ontario Championships, gold, silver and bronze will be awarded for all divisional and tier winners.

### 10.2 OVA Award of Excellence

The Award of Excellence awards will be given to Club coaches to present to one member of each team at the Ontario Championship, in the ECI to 18U age categories. Medals will be distributed in coach's packages at Ontario Championships.

### 10.3 OVA Grand Prix All Star Teams

All Star Selections will be made at the Grand Prix for the 16U-18U athletes and will be highlighted as the OVA Grand Prix All Stars at the Ontario Championships.

### 10.4 Evelyn Holick and Ken Davies Awards

These awards are presented at the Ontario Championships to recognize a female and a male athlete (respectively) for their demonstration of leadership, sportsmanship, determination, and athletic abilities throughout the season. Coaches and Clubs are invited to submit nominations (from within their own Club or from other Clubs) using the online submission form (<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ocs-kendaviesaward> and <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ocs-evelynholickaward>) by February 1st of each season. Once nominations have been received a selection committee will be formed to review the nominations.

Evelyn Holick is the standing role model for all female volleyball participants in Ontario. She coached Team Ontario (women) in the very first Canada Games and was the first female from Ontario to earn National certification as an indoor official.

Ken Davies was a member of Team Ontario and a participant in the 1989 Canada Games. His determination to become a member of the Canada Games team led to the formation of the Ganaraska Wolves Volleyball Club, which was started to provide opportunities for athletes within the Orono/Newcastle community. Sadly, two months after the 1989 Canada Games, Ken's life was taken in a traffic accident involving a drunk driver.

The Ken Davies and Evelyn Holick Award winners will receive \$1000 athletic scholarship each, presented at the annual OVation Awards Banquet.

### 10.5 Scarborough Solars Award

The Scarborough Solars Award will be awarded annually to a minimum of two (2) Ontario athletes (equal number of male and female athletes) who have been selected to, or who have the ability to, represent Ontario/Canada in international volleyball or beach volleyball competitions.

Recipients will be selected via committee based on their athletic achievement, impact of the OVA on the applicant, and the impact of receiving the Award on the athlete. Awards will be between \$500 and \$1,000 per athlete per year.



## **10.6 OVAtion Banquet presented by Nothers Signs and Recognition**

Celebrating Volleyball for Life, the annual OVAtion Awards honour those who have distinguished themselves by providing their time, effort and support to the promotion and development of volleyball in the province.

The OVA relies on its members to nominate those in their Club to receive these prestigious awards. For more information, and to access the nomination criteria and forms, please visit the [OVA website](#).

## **10.7 OVA Hall of Fame**

The annual OVA Hall of Fame inductions honour those who have distinguished themselves and made a lasting impact on volleyball in the province of Ontario.

Each year, the OVA relies on its members to nominate past or present members in the athlete, team, coach, referee, builder, or Furlani Legend categories.

For more information and to access the nomination criteria and forms, please visit:  
<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/hall-of-fame>

# Appendices

## Appendix I What's New 2023-2024

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### UPDATED UNIFORM POLICY

- The following changes will be made to the current Uniform Policy. An updated policy will be found in the Youth Competitions Manual (<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/club-resources>)
- The colour for the shorts/pants must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)
  - The length or fit of the shorts/pants is irrelevant and of no consequence.
- Volunteer Minor Officials: Head wear is permitted for team staff/volunteers/guardians while performing scorekeeping or lining duties at all OVA events.

### 4V4 RALLYBALL UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS

- There will now be a team ranking posted after the 4<sup>th</sup> and final event prior to the Ontario Championships (Bugarski Cup). This change has been introduced to increase scheduling options and ensure competitive balance during the Ontario Championships.
  - The focus of the Bugarski Cup will continue to be developmental and there will be no play-offs and no medals. The rankings posted after the Bugarski Cup will be used to seed the Ontario Championship 4v4 Rallyball divisions and will be based on a team's set ratio from the Bugarski Cup ONLY.
  - If a 4v4 team participating in the Ontario Championships does not participate in the 4v4 Bugarski Cup, they will be seeded last in their Ontario Championships
- Rule Clarification - Players not on the court must rotate into the game upon completion of the Tripleball sequence that follows their serve. For example: Player A serves the ball and stays on court for the following 2 free balls to complete the Tripleball sequence. Once that sequence is complete, Player A rotates out of the court and player B takes their place on the court. The Server is always the player who has just rotated from the front row to the back row. In a box formation, this is the player that played the previous sequence in the front row right position. In a diamond formation, the player who just completed the sequence in the front row middle position is now the server.
- Rule Clarification - An overpass from the free ball toss is a play on and a re-toss is not required. The freeball introduction toss can be directed to position 5 or 6. The toss must be consistent each match. All free balls introduced by a toss must be received with a forearm pass, otherwise a replay will occur

### 6V6 RALLYBALL UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS

- \*Reminder\* - The 6v6 regular season tier structure is setup with a developmental focus. Both the boys' and girls' divisions will only split into 2 tiers (Trillium & Championship). The goal of this division is to prepare teams for the Traditional Limited Specialized (TLS) division. If you are a very strong 6v6 team and are not finding the 6v6 Championship level of competition meaningful, your team should strongly consider moving to TLS. This will not only improve your team's meaningful competition but also the competitive balance for the remaining teams in 6v6.
  - A team is not required to play in all four (4) tournaments within Early Contact Initiative (ECI) age categories. They may begin the season in one category and

progress into another. Teams are only required to participate in 2 events within the same division they are registered for the Ontario Championships to qualify.

- **Rule Clarifications:**
  - The freeball introduction toss can be directed to position 5 or 6. The toss must be consistent each match. All free balls introduced by a toss must be received with a forearm pass, otherwise a replay will occur.
  - An overpass from the free ball toss is a play on and a re-toss is not required.
  - The setter is allowed to come out of position #1, #2 or #3. The setter position must remain the same for the entire set

### **TRADITIONAL LIMITED SPECIALIZED (TLS) UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

- TLS athletes who fall in the 17 – 24 month window (January 1st – August 31st) will all be required to fill out an application to verify their suitability for the division and to ensure that each coach, parent and athlete are aware of their status for Volleyball Canada's Nationals. This application process is for OVA competitions only and ANY ATHLETE THAT FALLS IN THE 17 – 24 month AGE CATEGORY FOR THE TLS DIVISION WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR VOLLEYBALL CANADA'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
  - The applications must be completed and approved prior to an athlete's registration and participation in their first event of the season.
  - The application process will open September 1st. Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the on-line application:
- The TLS Boys division will now begin the season with two self-declare events just like the TLS Girls division.
  - **Provincial Cup (Event #1) – KICK START EVENT (DEVELOPMENT)** – Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2) for a round robin style event.
    - There will be no playoffs or medals at the Provincial Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 4-5 matches throughout the day. Points will be awarded and will seed you within the Tier you self-declare in for the Challenge Cup. The points given out at the Provincial Cup will count towards the regular season rankings but will not count towards a team's top 2 average for the Ontario Championship Seeding.
  - **Challenge Cup (Event #2)** – Teams will be required to self-declare into Championship (Tier 1) or Trillium (Tier 2). There will be playoffs, medals, and points at this event. A team's point average from the Provincial and Challenge Cup (Challenge Cup Rankings) will be used to re-align teams into Championship and Premier divisions for the McGregor Cup.

### **PILOT CONTINUATION - TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR LINING AND SCORING**

- The Youth Competitions staff would like to thank all the teams that participated in the 2022/2023 15U/16U lining and scoring pilot along with filling out the end of season lining/scoring survey. The survey results comprised 1062 responses. 49% of responses were in favour of the pilot (athletes being scheduled to line/score another match during round robin) and 51% were not in favour of the pilot. However, 77% of respondents stated the pilot was effective or at least somewhat effective. Based on these inconclusive findings, we will continue with the lining and scoring pilot for the 2023/2024 season and extend it to the 15U-18U age divisions for round robin matches only. Another survey will be sent out at the end of the season before a final decision is made for all age groups for the 2024/2025 season.
  - Teams that are not competing in a match will be responsible for lining and scoring during pool play. The teams are responsible for lining and scoring will be listed on the

tournament schedule. NOTE: This requirement is for athletes only, parents/siblings are not permitted to fill this responsibility.

- Teams will not be responsible for lining or scoring matches if the host has provided event staff.
- If a team skips their lining and score keeping duties, the team will be fined \$75 per match. All fines must be paid in full prior to participating in another OVA tournament. Teams will be listed in bad standing until all outstanding fines are paid in full.

### **FALL CLASSIC (2-DAY)**

The Fall Classic takes place for each 16U-18U age group on the same weekend as their Provincial Cup. This 2-day event is for the top 18 teams at the 16UB – 18UB age groups and the top 24 teams at the 16UG – 18UG age groups.

- 16UB – 18UB
  - The top 18 teams will be placed into one division, Championship to start on Day 1, competing in a Pool Play and Power Pool format. Day 2 will consist of Championship and Premier brackets based on the Power Pool results.
  - 16UB and 18UB will have their Fall Classic event at the EY Centre in Ottawa on Nov 11 – 12, 2023.
  - 17UB will have a Fall Classic event as well but it will be at a standard venue (i.e., one 6 court venue or two 3 court venues) on November 18-19, 2023.
  - The remaining teams registered for the 16UB-18UB Provincial Cups will have a standard, 1-day event scheduled at different facilities across the province.
- 16UG – 18UG
  - The top 24 teams will be placed into one division, Select to start on Day 1 competing in a round robin format. Day 2 will consist of Select and Premier brackets based on the round robin results.
  - 16UG and 18UG will have their Fall Classic event at the EY Centre in Ottawa on Nov 11 – 12, 2023.
  - 17UG will have a Fall Classic event as well but it will be at a standard venue (i.e., one 6 court venue or two 3 court venues) on November 4-5, 2023.
  - The remaining teams registered for the 16UG-18UG Provincial Cups will have a standard, 1-day event scheduled at different facilities across the province.

### **CONVENTION CENTRE EVENTS FOR 2023/2024**

The OVA is excited to have the opportunity to continue with a couple of Convention Centre events for the upcoming regular season. The EY Centre events on November 10 – 12, 2023 are proudly brought to our membership in partnership with Ottawa Tourism as this event is only made possible through their generous support. Please click [HERE](#) for information on Ottawa and all the city has to offer. The Niagara Falls Convention Centre (NFCC) events will take place on February 9 – 11, 2024.

#### **Stay to Play for Convention Centre events:**

The Stay to Play policy is mandatory for OVA teams and is used to assist in actualizing the room night requirements for the OVA to receive discounted facility rentals as well as obtain grants through host cities to be able to afford large facility rentals. Without Stay to Play, the OVA would not be able to obtain rentals for large facilities across Ontario.

Both the EY Centre and Niagara Falls Convention Centre regular season events will be STAY TO PLAY for teams competing in the 2-day formats

- All travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book hotel rooms through Hudson Travel Group (HTG Sports) to be eligible to play in the EY Centre or Niagara Falls Convention Centre 2-day tournaments. Teams participating in single day Convention Centre events or any

teams less than 125km away are not required to stay in a hotel but if they choose to stay in a hotel, they must still book through HTG.

- Please click [HERE](#) and scroll down towards the bottom of the page for more information regarding the regular season convention centre events stay to play policy and exemption request process.

### **November 10-12, 2023 – EY Centre in Ottawa (24 courts)**

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – 9pm traditional single day tournament format

- Eight traditional single day (9 team on 3 court) events. The 16UG, 18UG, 16UB and 18UB age groups will be scheduled across the province on this weekend with 8 of these tournaments being assigned to the EY Centre for their single day event on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. The breakdown of the Friday single day events will most likely look like this:
  - 16UG – 3 regular 9 teams on 3 court events
  - 18UG – 3 regular 9 teams on 3 court events
  - 16UB – 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
  - 18UB – 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
  - Team Splits will be posted on the OVA website after the registration deadline has passed.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup> (2-day events)

- Saturday (8:30am – 5pm) & Sunday (7:30am – 4pm)
  - 16UG/18UG – Top 24 teams – will break out into Premier/Select brackets on Day 2
  - 16UB/18UB – Top 18 teams – will break out into Premier/Championship brackets on Day 2
  - Outside of the EY events listed above, the breakdown for the remaining single day events across the province are as follows
    - 16UG – Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>
    - 18UG – Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>
    - 16UB – Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>
    - 18UB – Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>

### **February 9-11, 2024 – Niagara Falls Convention Centre (12 courts)**

- The 18U B/G Grand Prix Qualifier 2-day events will be taking place on the Saturday and Sunday. The remaining courts will be utilized for traditional single day tournaments. The breakdown for the weekend will most likely look like this:
  - February 9<sup>th</sup> (12pm – 9pm)
    - 15UG - 2 regular 9 teams on 3 court events
    - 18UG - 2 regular 9 teams on 3 court events
  - February 10<sup>th</sup> (9am – 6pm)
    - TLSB - 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
    - 18UG - 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
  - February 11<sup>th</sup> (8am – 5pm)
    - 15UG - 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
    - 18UB - 1 regular 9 teams on 3 court event
  - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> (2-day)
    - 18U B/G Grand Prix Qualifier 's
- Outside of the NFCC events listed above, the breakdown for the remaining single day events across the province for this weekend are as follows:
  - 15UG – Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 18UG – Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>

- 4v4B /Co-ed – Saturday February 10th
  - 6v6B – Saturday February 10th
  - TLSB – Saturday February 10th
  - 18UB – Sunday February 11th
- Please visit the Convention Centre page on the OVA website located [HERE](#) for all the most up to date information regarding these events.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR SELECT “WEEKENDS” WILL CONTINUE FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON**

- With the still changing landscape within facilities procurement and the conditions placed on various permits, there will be a few weekends where teams will be required to register for the weekend and will be assigned to either the Saturday or Sunday. Teams will find out which day their tournament is on once the event registration deadline closes and team splits are posted on the OVA website. There are a total of 5 weekends that will be affected by this, and they will be identified in the 2023/2024 calendar.

#### **HEALTHY SCRATCHES FOR FAIR PLAY**

- Note: Coaches who do not roster athletes on the scoresheet or misrepresent an athlete's playing status to avoid compliance with the Fair Play or Developmental Substitution rule, will be subject to a sanction and fined \$100 per occurrence. Additional sanctions may apply including possible forfeit of match results.

#### **COACHING CERTIFICATION UPDATE**

- **All individuals who sit on the bench at an OVA sanctioned event or who are involved with youth athletes in an OVA club training environment** must meet the OVA Coach Eligibility Policy **prior to their registration** as an OVA member.
- Please click [HERE](#) for the OVA's Coach Eligibility Policy
- NEW FOR 2023-24: The requirements for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are now the same. **All coaches listed on the scoresheet** must have completed Foundations of Volleyball and the Making Ethical Decision online evaluation.
- Coaches who are only present in the training environment and do not sit on the bench at OVA events can register in the role of Practice Coach in MRS. Practice Coaches are not required to complete Foundations of Volleyball or the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation.
- It is highly recommended that all coaches complete the NCCP Anti-Racism in Coaching e-learning module in The Locker. All coaches will be required to complete this module to be eligible in 2024-25
- Teams with the intention of attending Nationals should verify the Volleyball Canada Coach Eligibility policy as it has further requirements than the OVA policy.

#### **ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

Ottawa and Waterloo will be the host cities for the 2024 Ontario Championships!

The Ontario Championships is a STAY TO PLAY event.

- The Stay to Play policy is mandatory for OVA teams and is used to assist in actualizing the room night requirements for the OVA to receive discounted facility rentals as well as obtain grants through host cities to be able to afford large facility rentals. Without Stay to Play, the OVA would not be able to obtain rentals for large facilities across Ontario.
- All travelling teams (125kms+/one way) are required to book hotel rooms through Hudson Travel Group (HTG Sports) to be eligible to play in both the RIM Park and EY Centre Ontario Championships. Teams participating at the Ontario Championships are not required to stay in a hotel but if they choose to stay in a hotel then they must still book through HTG.

- The hotel booking process through HTG will be released in later October.
  - \*REMINDER\* – even though the 2024 Ontario Championship age division splits are now posted. Teams may not book hotels on their own and must wait for the HTG hotel booking process to begin. Any hotels booked outside of HTG will need to be cancelled and new rooms booked with HTG.
- As we are back to multiple weekend events, playing up may be an option for various age divisions, however, the number of spots available per age division will be LIMITED.
  - Teams who are interested in playing up and who have played in at least 2 events at the older age group throughout the regular season will be required to register on a waitlist. This waitlist will require teams to provide a \$200 deposit.
    - If your team is selected from the waitlist to participate in the event and your team registers for the event, your deposit will be refunded.
    - If your team is selected from the waitlist and your team declines the position, your deposit will be forfeited.
    - If your team is not selected from the waitlist, your deposit will be refunded.
  - IF there are open spots in an age group, underage teams will be selected through one of two methods based on the OC age group divisional breakdown they are looking to register for.
    - Underage team selection process for age groups with only 1 division:
      - A random draw will take place with all underage teams on the waitlist. Teams will be drawn at random until the desired number of open spots have been filled to create even schedules.
      - For example: Five 16UB teams have registered for the 17UB OC waitlist. If there are three spots available, three teams will be drawn at random to fill those three spots. These three teams will be seeded in the tournament draw according to their top 2 average while playing up at 17UB events during the regular season.
  - Underage team selection process for age groups with 2 or more divisions:
    - A random draw will take place with underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average that places them in the last division of the age group.
    - If additional spots are still needed, a 2nd random draw will take place with underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average that places them in the 2nd last division of the age group.
    - This process will continue until all open spots have been filled.
      - Example: The 16UG age group has four divisions and a total of two openings for the entire age group. A random draw will take place between the 15UG underage waitlist teams that have a top 2 average at the 16UG age group that would place them into Division 4. If there are three 15UG waitlist teams for example that meet this criteria, a random draw will take place between those three teams to fill in those two open spots. These two teams will be seeded in Division 4 based on their top 2 average while playing up at 16UG events during the regular season.
        - If there was only one 15UG team that had a top 2 average that placed them into Division 4, that team would automatically be selected and the process would then move to underage teams that qualify for Division 3 and a random draw would take place between those 15UG teams to fill in the final remaining spot in Division 3.
  - Deposits have been implemented to control registration numbers and to ensure deadlines will be met when creating team splits and schedules.



### **LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT (LTD) 3.0**

Volleyball Canada has released the updated LTD model. Please click [HERE](#) to download a copy and learn more about how to develop athletes into lifelong volleyball players- Volleyball For Life.

### **SPORT SCIENCE SUPPORT FOR CLUBS**

In January of 2023, OVA hired Holly Pitters in the role of Sport Science Lead and became the first provincial sport organization in Ontario with a dedicated sport science role on staff. Holly is a certified strength & conditioning coach and a registered dietitian. She has developed a sport science curriculum following Volleyball Canada's Long Term Development guidelines and is implementing it with the Team Ontario programs in the summer of 2023.

As of September 2023, OVA members will be able to access Holly's services to meet their strength & conditioning and nutrition training needs. There will be various levels of remote or in-person services available:

- Club-wide support
- Team support
- Individual athlete support

There will be limited availability and the services will be offered to members on a first come first served basis. The full list of services with prices will be available to members in August 2023. Individuals, teams or clubs interested in acquiring the services of the OVA Sport Science Lead can complete the [Sport Science Service Interest Form](#) to receive email notifications when the registration opens.

### **HUDL: VIDEO ANALYSIS TOOL FOR CLUBS**

In late 2022, OVA and [Hudl](#) teamed up to equip OVA clubs with the best video and data solutions in volleyball. The partnership between OVA and Hudl continues in 2023-24. Clubs will have access to special OVA pricing for a range of video analysis services.

No matter what age or skill level, Hudl provides easy-to-use video and data tools that drive athlete development. Teams can upload practice footage to give athletes a chance to review the skills they learned. Games can be uploaded and analyzed for detailed insights on the team performance. Athletes and coaches alike can select their favourite clips and put them together in playlists that can be shared outside of Hudl. These features give coaches a wide range of teaching tools to enhance their players development of technical and tactical skills.

Learn more on what Hudl can do for your club/team [HERE](#)

Hudl will host an informational webinar for OVA members in August. Date and registration details will be shared on our website and on social media.

### **ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BEACH**

#### **"Indoor on the Beach" Team Program**

The popular *Indoor on the Beach* program will be back in 2023-24. Club teams will have a chance to book a 2-hour session with a Team Ontario beach coach for a fun practice on the sand at the Volleyball Canada Beach High Performance training center at Downsview Park in Toronto. These sessions offer a chance to:

- Improve relationships through fun team bonding
- Improve physical literacy for ball control
- Improve power for jumping and endurance for long rallies
- Create meaningful ball contacts for all athletes that transfer well to indoor volleyball

Make sure to include a session on the sand in your 2023-24 seasonal plan. For more information on this team-focused program, click [HERE](#)

#### **Individual Drop-In Program**

The *Beach Drop-In* program will also be back in 2023-24 and will allow individual athletes to sign up for a beach training session. The purpose of this program is to provide the opportunity for athletes to develop their beach volleyball skills during the indoor season. This program is suited to athletes who are both new or experienced to beach volleyball. Attention will be taken so that athletes are training in an environment suited to their needs and their development level. Find out more [HERE](#)

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**REMINDER - Starting September 1st, all Athletes, Coaches and Club personnel must register in the OVA Membership Registration System (MRS) prior to participating in any OVA or Club activity (including tryouts).**

This is necessary to ensure compliance with provincial concussion legislation (Rowan's Law) and to sign off on the online waivers of liability prior to participating in any OVA related activities.

A Tryout Player role of \$0 is in the system so that players are not required to pay for a membership prior to being selected to a team.

- Players who are selected for the team will then have to upgrade to a paid membership prior to attending Club practices or if Clubs wish to pay for the full membership for the athlete, they can do so while creating their Club teams and adding players to those teams.
- Clubs must ensure that athletes and/or parents/guardians show proof of MRS registration on the first night of tryouts for a club via smartphone screen or paper print out.
- The Early Re-signed and Re-signed athletes will be responsible for registration prior to attending Club practices.
- Club coaches must also be registered in MRS prior to running tryouts, practices, etc. All individuals must sign into MRS and register to sign off on Rowan's Law education and waivers. Once again, if Clubs wish to pay the full membership of their coaches and other club staff, Coaches and Club staff can register as a volunteer (\$0 fee) and then Club admins can pay Club staff membership fees when adding team staff to each team.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

- All registration deadlines for regular season events will be SIX WEEKS prior. This includes the first event of the season. Please be sure to review the Youth Competitions Manual and mark your calendars with the posted deadlines for the events you are interested in.
- \*REMINDER\* Teams who wish to register after the deadline has passed (even if team splits have not been posted) will be placed on a waiting list. If a spot becomes available, the team will be notified and will then pay the registration fee +\$100 late fee to participate.
  - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a team be granted late entry into a regular season tournament if it creates uneven pools (i.e. a 10 team on 3 courts).
- A soft uniform rule will be in effect for the first event of the season (Provincial Cups).

### **OVA and VOLLEYBALL CANADA MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE**

Ontario Volleyball will be raising its membership fees for the 2023/2024 season as outlined in the [Membership Policy](#). There will be no increase in membership fees for recreational athletes or referees. While your fees are increasing, please remember that your membership comes with a growing list of discounts on things like volleyball gear, insurance, awards and more. A full list can be found on our [Member Benefits](#) page.

Volleyball Canada will be increasing their membership fee to \$35, up \$2 from the 2023/2024 season. Volleyball Canada membership is included in your OVA membership fees. All Membership fees are plus HST.

#### **Membership Fees \$97.15**

Volleyball Canada \$35.00

Ontario Volleyball \$55.00 + HST \$7.15 (Total \$62.15)

## Appendix II Volleyball Canada Age Categories

### 2024 Nationals Age Categories

	Adult	18U	17U*	16U	15U	14U
Sept	OPEN	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Oct		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nov		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Dec		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Feb		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mar		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Apr		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
May		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
June		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
July		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Aug		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Sept		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Oct		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Nov		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Dec		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010

**Adult:** OPEN

**18U:** Athletes born from September 1, 2005 to Dec 31 2006 (16 months)

**17U:** Athletes born from September 1, 2006 to Dec 31 2007 (16 months)

**16U:** Athletes born from September 1, 2007 to Dec 31 2008 (16 months)

**15U:** Athletes born from September 1, 2008 to Dec 31 2009 (16 months)

**14U:** Athletes born from September 1, 2009 to Dec 31 2010 (16 months)

\*Athletes on a current CCAA or CIS volleyball roster, will not be permitted to play in the 17U age class regardless of birthdate.

## APPROVED BRANDING AREAS ON OVA COMPETITION UNIFORMS



### NOTES



- Approved space for sponsors names and logos
- Minimum 7cm gap between player number and sponsor print



- Approved space for Club / Athlete Name (Back)
- Approved space for Club / Team Logo (Front)



- Official Ontario Volleyball Uniform Logo
- Please visit our website or email [info@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org) for a printable version of this logo.

## VOLLEYBALL CANADA UNIFORM GUIDELINES



The Volleyball Canada uniform guidelines provide a detailed breakdown of the requirements associated with the creation of uniforms to ensure that there is compliancy with the Rules of the Game. The specific focus of the uniform is on the jersey and shorts and the corresponding information contained in Rules 4.3 and 19.2 of the current year rulebook.

In addition, there is information pertaining to advertising and sponsorship logos, a section of frequently asked questions, procedural information for having uniforms verified by Volleyball Canada's Uniform Committee and samples of compliant uniforms and non-compliant uniforms.

### Equipment

- A player's equipment consists of a jersey and shorts
- The colour and design for the jerseys must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)
- The colour for the shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)
  - The length or fit of the shorts are irrelevant and of no consequence
- The uniform must be clean
- Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 – 99
  - The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back
  - The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys
  - The number must be a minimum of 10 cm in height on the chest
  - The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the back
  - The stripe forming the number shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width
- It is forbidden to wear uniforms of a colour different from that of the other players (except for the Libero)
- It is forbidden to wear uniforms without official numbers

### Libero Uniforms

- The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform which has a different dominant colour from any dominant colour of the team jersey
- The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team
- The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team

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### Advertising and Sponsorship Logos

- When adding advertising material to a jersey, the following should be considered:
  - No more than three (3) pieces of advertising material can be added to a jersey:
    - One (1) block of advertising material can be included on the body of the shirt and must not exceed 300 cm<sup>2</sup>
    - One (1) block of advertising material can be included on each sleeve and must not exceed 50 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - The logo of the manufacturer is authorized on the team uniform so long as it does not exceed 30 cm<sup>2</sup> or 6 cm x 5 cm
    - The logo of the manufacturer does not count towards the three pieces of advertising material
  - If adding a logo or advertising, it must not inhibit the requirements associated with the numbering of a jersey
  - If adding a logo or advertising, it should not be the visual focal point of the jersey

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have an athlete that will play one set as a regular player and the next set as the Libero. When he/she wears our light uniforms, this player wears jersey #6. When he/she wears our dark uniform, this player wears #14. How do I list this on the team roster at the start of the match?  
**An athlete is bound to a single number for the entire duration of a match. In this case, the coach/captain must choose the role for the athlete and uniquely assign him/her either #6 or #14 prior to verifying the data on the team roster at the start of the match. It is not possible for an athlete to switch numbers for the next set to allow them to be Libero.**
2. When we purchased our uniforms we only ordered a single set of jerseys plus one extra jersey (#15) to use as our Libero uniform. We have two athletes that take turns being Libero. Can I list a generic Libero in the team roster?  
**No. Every athlete must be listed by name and assigned a unique identifying number on the roster. It is not permissible to list the athletes under a number and then add a generic Libero to the team roster.**  
**In this case, the coach/captain must choose the role for the athletes and uniquely assign him/her either their regular number or #15 prior to verifying the data on the team roster at the start of the match. The athlete will be bound to the designation for the entirety of the match.**



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### Frequently Asked Questions

3. We are reusing some of last year's uniforms and ordered a couple of new jerseys for new athletes. The design from the previous year was discontinued, but we were able to find something very similar. Is this acceptable?

The Rules of the Game require the colour and design of the jersey to be uniform for the team with the exception of the Libero. Having uniforms of multiple design for the team would not be acceptable.

4. I have two jerseys with the same number. Can I modify one of them by adding tape to the jersey?

No. Modification of a jersey via an external medium (tape in this case) is not permitted.

5. My athlete forgot their jersey at home/hotel. Can they wear something comparable, a warm-up shirt, etc. to play?

The athlete must have a jersey that is uniform to the rest of the team. In this case, the coach must make a decision.

If they are determined to have the athlete participate in the match, they can have another athlete give up their jersey to the one that forgot it and register the player under the new number on the team roster (prior to verification). The athlete that gives up their jersey is now ineligible to participate in the match. This could be done on a rotation so the same person is not ineligible for every match.

If the coach does not want another athlete to give up their jersey, the athlete that forgot to bring their equipment is not eligible to participate until they get their jersey.

6. During the match, one of our jerseys becomes soiled with blood. What options exist for the athlete to continue playing?

A jersey that is soiled with blood must either be replaced or cleaned (until the stain is completely removed) prior to the athlete resuming the competition. The coach has three options to choose from if the stain cannot be cleaned:

1. If the team has an identical set of spare uniforms, directly replace the soiled jersey with the replacement
2. If the team has a replacement jersey that is of a unique number, the player can wear this jersey and a notation will be made on the scoresheet to permit the change in number
3. If the team does not have a replacement jersey, they may change jerseys with a player on the bench with the exception of the Libero or the Libero replacement. A notation will be made on the scoresheet to permit the change in number. The athlete who changes jerseys is no longer eligible to participate in the match.



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### Uniform Submissions

Teams and clubs will be able to submit their uniform proofs and photos via formstack. The link to the submission page is as follows:

[https://VolleyballCanada.formstack.com/forms/2021\\_22\\_uniform\\_approval\\_request\\_form](https://VolleyballCanada.formstack.com/forms/2021_22_uniform_approval_request_form)

Jersey submissions that meet the standards of the Rules of the Game will be approved and an associated letter of approval will be provided to the team.

For teams planning on registering and attending the 2022 Volleyball Canada National Championships, please be advised that jersey approvals are recommended and must be completed no later than February 28, 2022.

### Volleyball Canada Uniform Committee

The Volleyball Canada Uniform Committee is made up of a selection of International referees from across the country. Every submission that is received will be viewed by three members of the committee.

On average, the committee will strive to complete reviews and provide approvals or subsequent feedback within the business week that submissions are received. That said, based on the number of submissions received or actively in the queue, response times may be faster or slower.

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## Uniform Samples that Meet Approval

Committee Comments	Team Uniform	Libero Uniform
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Provides clear contrast</p> <p>Approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Provides clear contrast</p> <p>Approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Common accent colours are isolated to one location. At a glance, contrast exists</p> <p>Approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Provides clear contrast</p> <p>Approved</p>		

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## Uniform Samples that Do Not Meet Approval

Committee Comments	Team Uniform	Libero Uniform
<p>Compliant with most standards</p> <p>Fails to provide contrast</p> <p>Not Approved</p>		
<p>The colour of the number does not contrast with the colour of the jersey</p> <p>Inverted colour scheme does not provide contrast</p> <p>Not approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with most standards</p> <p>Direct inversion of colours does not provide contrast</p> <p>Not Approved</p>		
<p>The colour of the number does not contrast with the colour of the jersey</p> <p>Jerseys from the same colour family/palette do not provide contrast</p> <p>Not approved</p>		

## Appendix V OVA Fines and Sanctions

Volleyball, because of its regulations and its traditions, offers a philosophy of competition guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship. For that reason, all participants (teams, players, coaches, officials, managers, administrators, and spectators) in tournaments and meetings under the authority of the OVA, have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices which are, in the opinion of the OVA, detrimental to the sport. Whenever a penalty occurs, a fine or sanction may be given which may lead to additional action through the [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#). Such acts include but are not limited to:

Violation	Fine	Sanctions
Teams with unregistered/ineligible coaches listed on team rosters and/or sitting on the bench in any tournaments.	\$150 Per occurrence	Results may be forfeited for any events which an unregistered/ineligible coach has been listed on the scoresheet.
Club coaches, administrators, managers who do not have a police and vulnerable sector screening check or Screening Disclosure Form on file with their Club.	\$150	Coaches will not be able to attend any OVA event (including club practices) until a PRC/VSS, or Screening Disclosure Form is produced.
Having unregistered/ineligible players competing and/or on the bench.	\$150 per occurrence	Players cannot participate in any OVA event until they become a fully registered member of the OVA, and the Club has paid the fine. Results may be forfeited for any events which an unregistered/ineligible player has been listed on the scoresheet.
Coaches who do not roster athletes on the scoresheet or misrepresent an athlete's playing status to avoid compliance with the Fair Play or Developmental Substitution rules.	\$100 per occurrence	Results may be forfeited for any events which misrepresented a team's roster that a coach has listed on the scoresheet. Additional sanctions may also be issued depending on the number of occurrences and/or history of previous violations.
Teams not fulfilling their scorekeeping and lining duties.	\$75 per occurrence	Team cannot play in any OVA event until fine is paid in full.
Club/Team misconduct at tournaments (damage, misbehaving, failure to abide by facility rules, OVA Code of Conduct).	Minimum fine of \$200 and cost of damage to facility	Fine may vary based on the severity of the violation and cost of damage and suspension from one month up to one year may be applied.
Five or more yellow cards issued during the season (delays not included)	\$200	Suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament (Includes VC Nationals).
Three or more red cards issued during the season	\$200	Possible suspension
One yellow card and one red card in a tournament (single or multi day)	\$100	Possible suspension
Two accumulated yellow cards issued during a tournament (single or multi day)	\$50	
Three or more accumulated yellow cards issued during a tournament (single or multi day)	\$200	Suspension for remainder of current tournament.
Two or more accumulated red cards issued during a tournament (single or multi day)	\$200	Suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament (Includes VC Nationals).

2 <sup>nd</sup> occurrence of two or more accumulated red cards issued during a tournament within the season (single or multi day)	\$300	OVA Review, suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament (Includes VC Nationals).
Expulsion from match for offensive conduct.	\$200	Suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament (Includes VC Nationals).
Disqualification for aggressive conduct.	\$300	Suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament (Includes VC Nationals).
Two expulsions and/or disqualifications in the same season.	Fines may be levied.	OVA Review.
Team not showing up at a tournament without notification in writing to the OVA.	Loss of entry fee + \$350	Entry fee will not be refunded and the club will be fined \$350 to be paid within 5 business days.
Individuals committing an act which is considered an offence under any duly promulgated law.	Fines may be levied	Suspension for one year or more. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.
Betting or action as a “bookmaker” on matches or tournaments.	Fines may be levied	Suspension from one month to one year. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.
Defaulting a game or match in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reason.	Fine equal to the registration fee	Forfeit for the tournament, plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual.
Playing in a competition under an assumed name, or age, falsifying a team entry form, or giving false information to a tournament official of the OVA	Fine equal to the registration fee	Forfeit for the tournament, plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.
Withdrawing a team from a match except as a result of injuries or other valid reason.	Fine equal to the registration fee	Forfeit for the tournament, plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual.
Showing outward displays or temper, aggressive conduct, physical contact, rude or offensive behavior, this includes swearing and unsportsmanlike conduct.	Fines may be levied	Verbal and/or written warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.
Deliberately throwing or hitting a ball in the direction of an official, spectator or opponent.	Fines may be levied	Verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.
Offensive Conduct/Using profanity or obscene language or gestures.	Fines may be levied	Suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy.

Failure to submit Club Form to OVA Office.	See Club Information Form	Clubs who do not return the Club Information Form prior to competing in an OVA event will be placed in bad standing and will be subject to a fine and/or forfeit.
Failure to meet the Uniform Policy.	\$25 per player, to a maximum of \$100 per tournament	The official in charge of the match is to note the violation on the score sheet and inform the Tournament Director after the match.

**\*\*The OVA reserves the right to sanction and fine teams and Clubs for items above and beyond the infractions listed above.**

**\*\*\*Any cards, yellow or red, issued for a delay of game will not be included in the sanctions listed above.**



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