



## **Youth Competitions Update for November/December 2021 FAQ**

**October 7, 2021**

**Q: Will my team be able to 'play up' in another division?**

A: Yes – 4v4-16U teams playing in the Provincial league can choose to play in more than one division. Please note that will still require you to complete your matches in both pods within the same period of time.

Yes – 17U-18U tournament events will also allow for teams to 'play up' however you must sign up for a waitlist. Because we have limited capacity in these events, we will priorities 'of age teams' before offering a spot to an underage team.

**Q: For league play, if a club has access to a 3 or 4 court facility for a full day can they arrange for a more traditional style tournament?**

A: Absolutely – you can work within the 3.5 weeks to find a 90-minute slot of time to play 1 match, or if available, you can gather all or most teams in the pod to complete all matches within one day. The choice is up to the pod and the availability of gym space.

**Q: Will the league costs be the same as a tournament registration fee?**

A: Yes – included in the costs is as follows.

- Facility (90 min)
- One Referee (2/3 match)
- Hosting kit (includes but not limited to, scoresheets, scorecards, signage, medals, etc.)

**Q: Will we have the option of creating our own league?**

A: Yes - of course you can also create your own league, however the results of said league will not count towards your OVA rankings, promotion/relegation, or Ontario Championships eligibility

**Q: Will 4v4 Rallyball be using officials?**

A: We encourage 4v4 Rallyball teams to have a referee at their event, however at this division it is not mandatory

**Q: When will the competition manual be posted so we know when deadlines are going to be to register for events?**

A: The complete Youth Competitions Manual and the League Manual will be posted by the end of October. Deadlines will be posted on Tuesday October 12, 2021

**Q: What is the deadline to register for the first 18U event?**

A: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Q: Are you expecting restricted capacity for 17U/18U tournaments? i.e., limit # spectators per team?**

A: Unfortunately, due to the 50% max capacity some if not most facilities this season will be limiting the number of spectators. Please refer to your tournament page for specific notes

**Q: Participating in the leagues is it considered as competition therefore athletes and coaches need to be fully registered?**

A: Yes – all coaching staff and athletes must be fully registered in MRS (MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION SYSTEM) prior to attending any match.

**Q: Will athletes be expected to score and line if parents are not permitted?**

A: Yes - due to the limit of capacity athletes will need to score and line their own matches. There is an option for these athletes to be swapped out in between sets

**Q: Has the OVA looked at streaming on YouTube channels in lieu of spectators?**

A: We encourage teams to bring their own devices to livestream or record their matches.

**Q: When would the first/earliest date be for ECI (EARLY CONTACT INITIATIVE) or 15-16U to start playing?**

A: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Q: Can younger teams wait to register in the new year, and not participate in league play?**

A: Yes – this league is your Provincial Cup tournament, just spread out over 3.5 weeks. If you choose not to play in 2021, you may still participate in the remaining tournaments in 2022.

**Q: Has there been any 'advance scouting' done to try to make sure that each league pod will have access to at least one facility which can accommodate more than one team? e.g. I believe that currently our club does not have access to a facility that can accommodate more than one team**

A: The Youth Competitions staff have been in contact with Clubs to determine which Clubs have practice space/have no practice space. We will be using this information to avoid putting teams in the same pod if none of them have practice space.

**Q: Do we know if the facilities booked for 17u and 18u require vaccinations?**

A: Some have, please refer to the tournament page for details of the venue.

**Q: If there is a brand-new team that is coming in without a ranking, how will they get appropriate ranking for the league/pods?**

A: The new team will be automatically placed at the bottom of the pod ranking however you can apply for an initial placement. Please email Mark, [mwiersma@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:mwiersma@ontariovolleyball.org) (16U-18) or Kaitlin [kmalyon@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:kmalyon@ontariovolleyball.org) (4v4-15U)