



# 2021-2022 Youth Competitions Calendar

\*League Play runs from Nov 18 – Dec 12

\*\* All prices plus HST

November		Deadline	Fees**
13-14	18U Girls Provincial Cup	October 17, 2021	\$350
	18U Boys Provincial Cup	October 17, 2021	\$350
Nov 18	4v4 Rallyball League Play*	October 24, 2021	\$165
	6v6 Rallyball League Play*	October 24, 2021	\$335
	TNS League Play*	October 24, 2021	\$335
	15U league Play*	October 24, 2021	\$335
	16U League Play*	October 24, 2021	\$350
20-21	17U Girls Provincial Cup	October 24, 2021	\$350
	17U Boys Provincial Cup	October 24, 2021	\$350
December			
11-12	18U Girls Challenge Cup	October 31, 2021	\$350
	18U Boys Challenge Cup	October 31, 2021	\$350
January			
8	15U Girls Challenge Cup	November 28, 2021	\$335
	17U Boys Challenge Cup	November 28, 2021	\$350
9	17U Girls Challenge Cup	November 28, 2021	\$350
	TNS Boys Challenge Cup	November 28, 2021	\$335
15	6v6 Girls Challenge Cup	December 5, 2021	\$335
	15U Boys Challenge Cup	December 5, 2021	\$335
	6v6 Boys Challenge Cup	December 5, 2021	\$335
16	TNS Girls Challenge Cup	December 5, 2021	\$335
	4v4 Boys Challenge Cup	December 5, 2021	\$165
22	18U Girls McGregor Cup	December 12, 2021	\$350
	4v4 Girls Challenge Cup	December 12, 2021	\$165
	16U Boys Challenge Cup	December 12, 2021	\$350
29	16U Girls Challenge Cup	December 19, 2021	\$350
	18U Boys McGregor Cup	December 19, 2021	\$350
February			
5	17U Girls McGregor Cup	December 26, 2021	\$350
	6v6 Girls McGregor Cup	December 26, 2021	\$335
6	TNS Girls McGregor Cup	December 26, 2021	\$335
	17U Boys McGregor Cup	December 26, 2021	\$350
12	18U Girls Furlani Cup/GP Qualifier	January 2, 2022	\$350/\$575
	TNS Boys McGregor Cup	January 2, 2022	\$335
13	15U Girls McGregor Cup	January 2, 2022	\$335
19	4v4 Girls McGregor Cup	January 9, 2022	\$165
	18U Boys Furlani Cup/GP Qualifier	January 9, 2022	\$350/\$575
	15U Boys McGregor Cup	January 9, 2022	\$335

	6v6 Boys McGregor Cup	January 9, 2022	\$335
	4v4 Boys McGregor Cup	January 9, 2022	\$165
26	17U Girls Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	January 16, 2022	\$350/\$575
	16U Boys McGregor Cup	January 16, 2022	\$350
March			
5	TNS Girls Bugarski Cup	January 23, 2022	\$335
	17U Boys Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	January 23, 2022	\$350/\$575
6	16U Girls McGregor Cup	January 23, 2022	\$350
	TNS Boys Bugarski Cup	January 23, 2022	\$335
26	15U Girls Bugarski Cup	February 13, 2022	\$335
	6v6 Boys Bugarski Cup	February 13, 2022	\$335
	4v4 Boys Bugarski Cup	February 13, 2022	\$165
27	16U Girls Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	February 13, 2022	\$350/\$575
	16U Boys Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	February 13, 2022	\$350/\$575
	15U Boys Bugarski Cup	February 13, 2022	\$335
April			
2	18U Girls Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	February 20, 2022	\$575
	6v6 Girls Bugarski Cup	February 20, 2022	\$335
	4v4 Girls Bugarski Cup	February 20, 2022	\$165
	18U Boys Bugarski Cup/Grand Prix	February 20, 2022	\$575

#### **ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022**

EVENT*	DATE	VENUE
TBD	Thursday April 14 to Saturday April 16, 2022	RIM PARK, Waterloo
TBD	Sunday April 17 to Tuesday April 19, 2022	RIM PARK, Waterloo
TBD	Thursday April 21 to Saturday April 23, 2022	Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Mississauga
TBD	Sunday April 24 to Tuesday April 26, 2022	Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Mississauga
TBD	Friday April 22 to Sunday April 24, 2022	RIM PARK, Waterloo
TBD	Friday April 29 to Sunday May 1, 2022	RIM PARK, Waterloo
TBD	Friday April 29 to Sunday May 1, 2022	Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Mississauga

<sup>\*</sup>Age splits TBD

#### **2022 VOLLEYBALL CANADA INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
14U Female/Male	May 5 – 8	Ottawa, ON	Ottawa Carleton University
14U Female	May 12 – 15	Richmond, BC	Richmond Oval
14U Male	May 12 – 15	Burnaby	Harry Jerome Centre
14U Female/Male	May 12 – 15	Halifax, NS	Canada Games Centre
15U Female / Male	May 18 – 21	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo
16U Female/Male	May 21 – 24	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo
17U Female/Male	May 18 – 21	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo

18U Female/Male	May 21 – 24	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo
Senior (Open/Masters)	May 14 – 15	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Expo

#### **Pandemic Response Decisions**

Throughout the 2021-22 season, the OVA will consult with the Government of Ontario and Public Health Units on any short turnaround decisions in response to pandemic related issues affecting the delivery of the OVA Indoor Competition season.

This Youth Competition Manual will remain flexible and adaptable to adjust to the health and safety concerns of all OVA participants throughout the ever-changing pandemic.

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### 1.0 Administrative Staff

#### 1.1 OVA Office Location

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## 2.0 Club Administration

#### 2.1 Membership

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

- All players and coaches must be registered members prior to their first Club practice
- 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

Please visit the OVA website www.ontariovolleyball.org for Membership Registration System (MRS) procedures.

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 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 and/or Vulnerable Sector Screening 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.

The Eastern Elite Invitational will be open to teams outside of Ontario provided they are members in good standing with their governing association.

#### 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 on the MRS website. It must be completed on-line prior to club teams competing in any OVA events.

The Club Form will ensure that all OVA Clubs are complying with OVA policy. The following information will be collected on this Club Form:

- 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 (E-PIC) and/or vulnerable sector screening completed withing 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.
- 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.
- NEW for 2021-2022: Each club executive, administrator and staff will have to complete the OVA Screening
  Disclosure form electronically directly to the OVA. This form can be completed here:
  https://ontariovolleyballassociation.formstack.com/forms/screening\_disclosure\_form

**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 2021-2022 season (until August 31, 2022). When proof of age has been requested by the OVA, each requested player's OVA Player Registration Form along with a copy of the 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.

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. 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 be registered members of the OVA.

It should be noted that COVID-19 facility requirements may limit the number of persons permitted at a venue which may reduce the number of team staff permitted to attend an event.

#### 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 <a href="insurance@ontariovolleyball.org">insurance@ontariovolleyball.org</a> for additional information.

All players and team staff must be registered through the MRS prior to participating in their first Club Practice. If they are not registered members, they are not covered by insurance 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 and submit to 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 <a href="mailto:insurance@ontariovolleyball.org">insurance@ontariovolleyball.org</a>. 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.

Please note, as per our insurance company, OVA teams travelling to the US to participate in a tournament with a Letter of Good Standing are covered by OVA CGL insurance (General Liability). However, while travelling out 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 Membership Services Coordinator at <a href="mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org">info@ontariovolleyball.org</a>.

### 3.0 Registration

#### 3.1 How to Register

Each Season, teams, players and coaches must be registered by means of the <u>Membership Registration System (MRS-http://mrs.ontariovolleyball.org</u>) 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 their membership)
- (6v6 18U) Athletes, Team Staff, Coaches, Club Contacts and Club Executives memberships are \$85.11 and include a \$32.00 Volleyball Canada membership fee and HST.

#### 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 \$250+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 league
- Additional information on Respect in Sport can be found by clicking here.
- <u>Please click here</u> to register in Respect in Sport and complete the online module.

#### 3.5 Entry Fees & Deadlines

#### **Tournament Entry Fees & Deadlines**

4v4 Rallyball	\$165 + HST
6v6 Rallyball, TNS, 15U	\$335 + HST
16U, 17U, 18U	\$350 + HST
Grand Prix/Grand Prix Qualifier/18U Bugarski Cup	\$575 + HST

The deadline for all Provincial Cup events for all age divisions will be <u>4 weeks prior to the tournament</u>.

All remaining regular season tournament entry deadlines will be set <u>6 weeks prior to the tournament date</u>.

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 of +\$100 late fee to participate.

#### 3.6 Ontario Championships Entry Fees & Deadlines

4v4 Rallyball Ontario Championships:\$830 + HST (2-day event)6v6 Rallyball – 15U Ontario Championships:\$1,230 + HST (3-day event)16U – 18U Ontario Championships\$1,330 + HST (3-day event)

Please refer to the Ontario Championship Section of the website for all up-to-date information <a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ontario-championships">https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ontario-championships</a>

#### 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 <a href="www.ontariovolleyball.org">www.ontariovolleyball.org</a> 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.

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.

For the Ontario Championships, there will be no refund or credit issued for any cancellation requests submitted within 1 day to 20 days prior to the start of the tournament, and the team will be 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 secure quality locations for all 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.

Additionally, for the 2021-22 season and due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the OVA is accepting bids for 2-court facilities across Ontario to be able to deliver as many events as possible.

A full outline of our hosting application process and deadlines can be found in the club resource section of our website.

Clubs will be selected to host specific dates in the calendar; however they will not know which division (Premier/Select/Championship/Trillium) they are hosting until the OVA is able to coordinate the event, which is typically 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. In order to provide the highest quality of competition, tournaments are typically placed anywhere in the province.
- The Championship divisions can include up to 6 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 2-10 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 3+ 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 <u>relies</u> 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 Adult 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
- TNS 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, TNS 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) 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

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:

- MVALITE 4v4 Rallyball \*\*Mikasa will discontinue this ball for the 2022/2023 season and be replaced with the VUL500
- Mikasa VQ200W-OVA\* 6v6 Rallyball, Traditional Non-Specialized and 15U Club
- Mikasa V200W 16U-18U Club
- Mikasa -V200W Team Ontario / High Performance

#### 4.2 Uniforms

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

For OVA competition, the interpretation is: Jerseys and shorts must be uniform, clean and of the same colour, style and trim at first glance by the head official or designate. (Exception: matching shorts styles are not mandatory teams in the Early Contact Initiative (ECI) Stream). It is not mandatory for team members to wear matching/identical socks.

All coaches, team staff and line judges 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.).

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.

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 VI to view the OVA Uniform Policy.

#### 4.3 Soft Uniforms Rule

A soft uniform rule will be in effect for the first event of the season. This means that teams will be permitted to participate in OVA 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.

#### 4.4 Age Categories 15U – 18U

Age Category	Chronological Age Class
15 & Under	Born 2007 or later
16 & Under	Born 2006 or later
17 & Under	Born 2005 or later
18 & Under	Born 2004 or later

Age Category	Extended Age Class
15 & Under	Born between September 1st 2006 and December 31st 2006
16 & Under	Born between September 1st 2005 and December 31st 2005
17 & Under	Born between September 1st 2004 and December 31st 2004
18 & Under	Born between September 1st 2003 and December 31st 2003

#### Playing Restrictions for Athletes Included in the Extended Age Categories

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.

- Extended Age Category Example: Linda was born September 5, 2006. 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 14U Division Spikers.
- **Example**: Steve was born November 10, 2005. 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, 2004. 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.

#### 4.5 Eligible Birth Years for Early Contact:

DATE OF BIRTH	4V4 RALLYBALL	6V6 RALLYBALL	TNS
2007 = 15yo (Male: January 1, 2007 & Female: July 1, 2007)	No	No	Yes
2008 = 14yo	No	Yes	Yes
2009 = 13yo	Yes	Yes	Yes
2010 = 12yo	Yes	Yes	Yes
2011 = 11yo	Yes	Yes	Yes**
2012 = 10yo	Yes	Yes**	Yes**

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: 2012 and 2011 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.

Athletes born in 2007 and play with in the Traditional Non-Specialized (TNS) competition stream are required to abide by the extended age category restrictions outlined in section 4.4 after the second TNS event on the calendar.

#### 4.6 15U to 18U Recommendations for Athletes Registering on a Team Above their Chronological Age

- Athletes registered in an age category above their Chronological Age Class <u>should</u> compete at that age group only if that category is more appropriate for their skill level.
  - Example: Eric was born in February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. 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 <u>should</u> 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

19U Eligibility: Athletes born in 2003 are eligible to compete in 18U OVA tournaments including the Ontario Championships provided they are not a part of any OCAA, OUA, USports, CCAA team for the 2021-2022 season. There is no limit on the number of 19U athletes a team can have on their roster which means a roster could consist of 12 athletes all born in 2003.

Athletes who are Red Shirting with an OCAA, OUA, USports or CCAA team are still considered a part of that team and are not eligible to play in the OVA competitions stream.

Volleyball Canada's National Championships eligibility may differ. Please review information on Volleyball Canada's Nationals 19U Eligibility rule at: www.volleyball.ca/competitions

#### 4.8 Players Moving Up an Age Category

Youth teams may use a maximum of three (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 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.

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 an 2019-202 end of season rank.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is only for the first event of the season
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is determined by averaging a minimum of seven (7) 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 Championship Division (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 Championship division
- Fee: \$50

#### 4.11 Initial Placement Adjustment for Teams without end of season 2019-2020 results

- Any club may apply to adjust a team's placement in the first OVA event if they did not compete in the 2019-2020 season in a specific age category.
- Applications must be received prior to the Provincial Cup registration deadline.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is only for the first event of the season.
- The Initial Placement Adjustment is determined by using the top 6 players average finish from the 2019-2020 season.
- Teams with an average that places them in the top half of Championship Division (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 Championship division as the bottom seed.
- Fee: \$50.

#### 4.12 Placement for Underaged Teams

- Please note, depending on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, tournaments may need to be delivered for "of age" teams only. The most up to date information will be posted on the OVA website.
- 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. 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.
- \* Note\* A TNS team can only be considered for initial placement into the 15U age division once the rankings have been posted after the TNS Challenge Cup.

Girls			
Age Division Rank	Initial Placement in One Age Division Higher (15U – 18U age divisions ONLY)		
1-3%	Select		
4-12%	Championship		
13-30%	Trillium White		
	Boys		
Age Division Rank  Initial Placement in One Age Division Higher (15U – 18U age divisions ONLY)			
1-7%	Championship		

### 5.0 Seasonal Structure

#### **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, modified 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).

#### **Grand Prix Qualifier**

For the 18UG/B Premier division only, the 4th event of the season 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**

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.

The Eastern Elite Invitational (17U Girls) will be reinstated for the 2022/2023 season.

# 5.2 2021-2022 Ontario Volleyball Seasonal Structure for Girls and Boys

Age Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event
*this chart is a p	predication and is subject to c	hange to correlate with th	e registrations received and exer	nptions granted for the next event*
	Provincial League	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 5-6 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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
4v4 Rallyball Girls	Furlani Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Furlanic Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 5-6 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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Ontario Championships		Random	
	Provincial League	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 5-6 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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
4v4 Rallyball Boys/Coed	Furlani Cup	Trillium	Random	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Furlanic Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 5-6 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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	Ontario Championships		Random	

Competitive Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event				
*this chart is a p	*this chart is a predication and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received and exemptions granted for the next event*							
	Provincial League	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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.				
	McGregor Cup	Trillium	Random	The McGregor Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The results from the McGregor Cup will be used to split the 6v6 Rallyball division into 2 tiers (approximately 50% of teams in each tier) for the Furlani Cup.				
6v6 Rallyball Girls	Furlani Cup	Championship Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Furlani Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.				
	Bugarski Cup	Championship Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The results from the Bugarski Cup will be used along with the McGregor Cup results to determine a team's seed going into the Ontario Championships.				
	Ontario Championships		Average points from the McGregor and Bugarski Cups					
	Provincial League	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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.				
	McGregor Cup	Trillium	Random	The McGregor Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.				
6v6 Rallyball Boys	Furlani Cup	Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	None – Please Note: There will be no playoffs, team placings or medals at the Furlani Cup with each team scheduled at random to play 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.				
	Bugarski Cup	Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The results from the Bugarski Cup will be used along with the McGregor Cup results to determine a team's seed going into the Ontario Championships.				
	Ontario Championships		Average points from the McGregor and Bugarski Cups					

Competitive Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event
*this chart is a pred	ication and is subject to	o change to correlate with t	he registrations received and ex	emptions granted for the next event*
TNS Girls —	Provincial League	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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
	McGregor Cup	Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium	Challenge Cup Rankings	The McGregor Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.  The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division  The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division  The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium will move up to Championship
	Furlani Cup	Premier (9) Select (18) Championship (36) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	The Furlani Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Select division will move up to the Premier division The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium division will move up to Championship.
	Bugarski Cup	Premier (18) Select (27) Championship (45) Trillium	Furlani Cup Rankings	The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	
	Provincial League	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 5-6 matches throughout the day. Results will not count towards future rankings as this is a Developmental event.
TNS Boys	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 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division
	Furlani Cup	Championship (18) Trillium	McGregor Cup Rankings	The Furlani Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded. The 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier 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	Furlani Cup Rankings	The Bugarski Cup will feature a traditional OVA tournament format with playoffs, medals and points awarded.
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	

Competitive Division	Tournament	Divisions	Seeding within Tournament Draw	Promotion and Relegation for the Next Event				
*this chart is a pre	*this chart is a predication and is subject to change to correlate with the registrations received and exemptions granted for the next event*							
	Provincial League	Championship (45) Trillium White	Based on the 13UG end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 9th 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 Remaining Trillium teams will be in Trillium White, or Trillium Green based on results from the Provincial Cup				
	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				
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	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					
	Provincial League	Trillium	Based on the 13UB end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Premier division The 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Championship division All remaining teams will stay in the Trillium division				
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	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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	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 (36) 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	
	Provincial League	Trillium	Based on the 14UB end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Premier division The 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Championship division All remaining teams will stay in the Trillium division
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	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup	Grand Prix (8) Championship (18) Trillium	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	

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	Provincial Cup	Championship (36) Trillium	Based on the 15UG end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The $1^{st}-2^{nd}$ place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The $3^{rd}-5^{th}$ place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 9th place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The $1^{st}-2^{nd}$ place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division			
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	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup	Grand Prix (8) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium	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				
	Provincial Cup	Trillium	Based on the 15UB end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The 1 <sup>st</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Premier division The 2 <sup>nd</sup> place teams from Trillium will move into the Championship division All remaining teams will stay in the Trillium division			
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	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup	Grand Prix (8) Championship (9) Trillium	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				

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*This table is	is only a guideline for the seasonal structure. Promotion/relegation and division sizes may vary based on registration numbers*							
	Provincial Cup	Championship (36) Trillium	Based on the 16UG end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The $1^{st}$ – $2^{nd}$ place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Premier division The $3^{rd}$ – $5^{th}$ place teams from the Championship division will move up to the Select division The 9th place teams from the Championship division will move down to the Trillium division The $1^{st}$ – $2^{nd}$ place teams from the Trillium division will move up to the Championship division				
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	Grand Prix Qualifier (2 day) & Furlani Cup	QP Qualifier (12) Select (18) Championship (27) 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				
	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup (2 day)	Grand Prix (8) Select (18) Championship (27) Trillium	Bugarski Cup Rankings					
	Ontario Championships		Average points from a team's top 2 finishes	Division 1 at the Ontario Championships will feature a 16 team draw with a modified format				
	Provincial Cup	Championship	Based on the 16UB end of season rankings from 2019-2020	The 1 <sup>st-2<sup>nd</sup> place teams from Championship will move into the Premier division All remaining teams will stay in the Championship division</sup>				
	Challenge Cup	Premier (9) Championship	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				
40110	McGregor Cup	Premier (9) Championship	Challenge Cup Rankings	Grand Prix Qualifier 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 Championship division				
18UB	Grand Prix Qualifier (2 day) & Furlani Cup	GP Qualifier (12) Championship	McGregor Cup Rankings (Grand Prix Qualifier – Top 2 average with the 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 Championship division				
	Grand Prix (2 day) & Bugarski Cup (2 day)	Grand Prix (8) Championship	Bugarski Cup Rankings	Division 1 at the Ontario Championships will feature a 8 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 end of season ranking from 2019-2020. Each age group will start the season off in fewer tiers to account for no results over the last 1.5 seasons due to COVID-19 cancellations.

A team's end of season rank will be based on an average of their top two 2019-2020 season finishes, considering there are no official 2020 Ontario Championship results. Any ties will be broken using the following methods, which will be applied in order until all ties are broken:

- A team's overall point average for the season
- The number of OVA events the team has participated in their age division of the 2019/20 season
- A team's result in their most recent event and working backwards to the first event of the 2019/2020 season
- A team's 2019/2020 pre-season rank (based on the 2019 Ontario Championships)
- A team's seed going into the 2019 Ontario Championships as the tiebreaker
- Coin toss

Note: The end of season rankings does not consider *Initial placement adjustments* for underage teams or new clubs/teams. Approved initial placement teams receive an NR (no rank) and are placed at the bottom of the skill division they have been assigned to. I.e., Strikers have a 2019-2020 end of season rank of 18 but would not start in Select with the top 18 teams if an initial placement team was moved into Select with an NR.

#### 5.4 Promotion for Vacancies in Tournament Draw

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.

**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 Exemption

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 four (4) 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 <u>entire</u> age category for boys divisions
- The team must be ranked in the top eight (8) in terms of the most recent rankings in the <u>entire</u> age category for girls 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
- 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 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 4 teams apply for the same event.

Note: There are no tournament exemptions for 4v4 Rallyball 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 <u>in order</u> until all ties are broken, and all tied teams 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

#### 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. This means that 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 <u>matches</u>, 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		

TNSG-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		

<sup>\*</sup>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

The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise noted. 6v6 Rallyball will be played using Volleyball Canada's Tripleball rules.

#### 6.1 Net Heights

Age Category	Girls	Boys
4v4 RB*	2.10m	2.20m**
6v6 RB	2.15m	2.20m
TNS	2.15m	2.20m
<b>15U</b>	2.20m	2.35m
16U	2.24m	2.35m
17U	2.24m	2.43m
18U	2.24m	2.43m

<sup>\*</sup>RB = Rallyball

#### 6.2 Libero Rules

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

#### 6.3 Substitution Rules

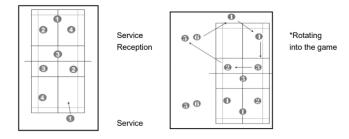
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Age Category	Girls	Boys
4v4	Rotational	Rotational
6v6	Fairplay	Fairplay
TNS	Fairplay	Fairplay
15U	12 Limited	12 Limited
16U	6 Limited	6 Limited
17U	6 Limited	6 Limited
18U	6 Limited	6 Limited

- "Rotational" means players on the bench are part of the player rotations. Players come off the court after their serve and come back in when it is their turn to replace the server
- 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

<sup>\*\*</sup>COED Net Height

#### 6.4 4v4 Rallyball playing Regulations

- Players not on the court must rotate into the game upon completion of the Tripleball sequence that follows the team's serve. For example: Player A serves the ball and stays on court for the following 2 free balls to complete the Tripleball sequence. Once the sequence ends, Player A rotates out of the court and player B takes their place on the court. All participants must play in each set.
- Systems of Play:
  - A diamond shaped serve receive pattern is recommended.
  - 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 backcourt (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.



#### 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**

- Athletes remain on one side of the net during a hitting warm up and team staff, volunteers or teammates retrieve the balls on the opposite side (see <u>this video</u> from Alberta Volleyball demonstrating this hitting warm up)
- Athletes should not be crossing under the net during hitting warmups into the direct path of the balls
- Athletes should run around the outside of the court to retrieve balls
- 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
- Coaches are permitted to toss balls over the net during their on-court warm-up time, however, must do so within the 3-metre line.

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 maybe made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set but may return to play in subsequent sets
- Fair Play Clarification due to addition of 14 player roster

- 12 different players (or all players listed on the scoresheet) must start either the first or second set
- There are no restrictions on who can play in the third set. Any player from the roster may start or be substituted.
- Teams with 13 or 14 players on their roster have the option to set a fixed lineup of 7 and have them auto rotate after each serve. This way all 13 or 14 players can see the floor in a 2 set 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
  - TNS 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: Please check Volleyball Canada's National Championship Competition Manual for Fair Play rules as they may differ from the above.

#### 6.8 TNS: Event #1 and Event #2:

The first and second event in TNS will be all-position events, which means the rotational order of the players need to be respected (See Appendix II for further clarification).

- 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
- 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 can't 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 Tripleball.
  - o Teams can isolate players in serve reception in certain rotations

 FALSE: Teams need to keep the same serve-reception configuration through the whole set.

#### 6.9 TNS: Events #3-#4-#5

For events 3-4-5, teams can pick the semi-specialized system of their choice:

- Full specialization using a 5-1 system is NOT allowed
- Teams must pick a partially specialized system such as a 6-2, 6-3 and 6-4 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
- 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

\*\*\*Remember: NO SPECIALIZATION = no specialized players (6-6 systems) and FULL SPECIALIZATION = all players are specialized (5-1 system) and PARTIAL SPECIALIZATION = some players are specialized, and some are not

#### 6.10 Serve Receive Rule

4v4 Rallyball, 6v6 Rallyball and TNS streams are not permitted to receive a serve with an overhead motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve). The first referee will use the "double contact" signal to indicate this infraction. 15U's are permitted to receive a serve with the overhead pass.

#### 6.11 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.

#### 6.12 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**

#### 6.13 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 all 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.

#### 6.14 Lining and Scoring

If hosts do not provide lines people and score keepers, all teams will be required to line and score their own matches. 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. Team is in bad standing until all outstanding fines are paid in full.

#### 6.15 Protests

To officially protest or appeal a decision, the captain must launch the protest <u>immediately</u> 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 have to be placed at the moment of the incident.

- A fee of \$100 must be provided in cash immediately to the Head Official in order to assemble the jury. The fee will be returned 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

#### 6.16 Purple Card Sanction Policy – All OVA Competitions

The purpose and intent of the Purple Card Sanction Policy (Appendix X) is to effectively address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any NON-PARTICIPANT such as parents, spectators, members of participating clubs from other teams, etc., attending and observing any OVA sanctioned volleyball match. This policy is further intended to preserve order and help to maintain the safety and protection of all OVA members and/or spectators.

#### 6.17 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.

#### 6.18 Assignment of Officials

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

Age Category	Cup Tournaments	Ontario Championships
4v4 Rallyball	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
6v6 Rallyball	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
TNS	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>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</b>	Premier: First and Second officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.  Select, Championship & Trillium: First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.	Division 1 Tier 1 (Day 2 and 3 of competition): Single official will be provided for all pool play matches and double officials for playoff matches. Lines people will be provided for D1/T1 Ontario Championships medal matches.  All other divisions: Single official for all matches.
17U	Premier: First and Second officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.  Select, Championship & Trillium: First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.	Division 1 Tier 1 (Day 2 and 3 of competition):  Double officials will be provided for all pool play matches and double officials for playoff matches.  Lines people will be provided for D1/T1 Ontario Championships medal matches.  All other divisions: Single official for all matches.
18U	Premier: First and Second officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.  Championship & Trillium: First Officials will be provided for pool play and playoff matches.	Division 1 Tier 1 (Day 2 and 3 of competition): Double officials will be provided for all pool play matches and double officials for playoff matches. Linespeople will be provided for D1/T1 Ontario Championships medal matches. All other divisions: Single official for all matches.

#### 6.19 Concussion Policy

The OVA is committed to taking all reasonable steps to provide a safe and secure sporting environment for participants in its programs, activities and events.

The warmup protocol (point 6.5) will be mandatory at all OVA events to help minimize the potential for concussions during warm ups.

A full copy of the OVA's Concussion policy click here.

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

#### 6.20 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 <u>Complete Legislation and Regulations Under the Act</u>
- Government of Ontario Concussion Awareness Resource E-Booklet
  - 10 & Under (OVA 4v4 Rallyball)
  - $\circ$  11 14 (OVA 4v4 and 6v6 Rallyball and TNS)
  - o 15 & Older
- The OVA Concussion Code of Conduct for Athletes and Parents/Guardians and the Concussion Code of Conduct and Review of Concussion Awareness Resource Acknowledgment Form is included in the Individual OVA Registration Form in the Membership Registration System (MRS).

# 7.0 Ontario Championships

#### 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-18U	2

Teams from Region 1 are exempt from eligibility requirements, however, 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. The final regular season rankings will be used to break any ties in seeding.

For 2022 Ontario Championships athletes may only permitted to participate in **ONE** event regardless of eligibility or the number of rosters they are listed on in MRS as there will be more than one event location and the possibility of an athlete playing 6 days in a row. A team's matches will be forfeited if an ineligible athlete is found to be competing in more than one 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.

# 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

#### 7.2 National Championships

Date	City	Age/Gender	Facility
May 5 – 8	Ottawa	14U B & G	Carleton University
May 12 - 15	Burnaby	14UB	Harry Jerome Sports Centre
May 12 - 15	Richmond	14UG	Richmond Oval
May 12 - 15	Halifax	14U B & G	Canada Games Centre
May 18 - 21	Edmonton	15U & 17U	Edmonton Expo Centre
May 21 – 24	Edmonton	16U & 18U	Edmonton Expo Centre

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

Click here for more info.

# 8.0 Coaching

#### 8.1 <u>Coach Eligibility Policy</u>

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
  - o Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screen (completed within 3 years)
  - Submit a completed OVA Screening Disclosure Form annually
- Complete the following training
  - Making Head Way (Free) <a href="https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f">https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f</a>
  - Coaches Association of Canada Safe Sports Training (Free) https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f

**All individuals registering in a Head Coach or Club Technical Director role** must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA.

- o 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 the responsibility of OVA Clubs to verify the eligibility of their coaches prior to registering them as members. Clubs will confirm the eligibility of their coaches in their Club Information Form at the start of the season.

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: <a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/coaches-certification">https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/coaches-certification</a>

#### 8.2 Police Screening

The OVA requires mandatory Police checks for all individuals in leadership roles who work directly with athletes. this includes all Staff, Directors, Chairs, Coaches, Managers, 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, individuals in leadership roles must complete the following:

- a) An Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) every three years. This check can be completed online through mybackcheck.com
- b) A Screening Disclosure Form every three years. This form can be completed online here.
- c) A Screening Renewal Form every year that a Screening Disclosure Form is not required

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 see Appendix IV to review 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
Physical safety and	Ensure that training or competition site is safe at all times
health of Athletes	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
Coaching Responsibility	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
Integrity in relations with others	Avoid situations that may affect objectively 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
Respect	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
Honouring sport	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 <a href="mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org">info@ontariovolleyball.org</a>. The Incident Report Form can be found online at <a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org">www.ontariovolleyball.org</a>. Please download the form prior to completing it.

# 9.0 Person In Authority Code of Conduct

#### 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 be held to a high standard of conduct. 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 Safesport Person In Authority Code of Conduct**

https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/eee11641728/OVA Safesport PIA Code of Conduct Approved.pdf# ga=2.225456920.363066141.1634044898218939017.1622142388

#### **Rule of Two Clarification:**

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/fe5f-2068524/Rule of Two Clarification OVA Safesport PIA Code of Conduct Draft November 2019.pdf# ga=2.240980353.363066141.1634044898
-218939017.1622142388

# 10.0 Awards

#### 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. Early contact streams will award gold, silver and bronze medals at Challenge events.

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 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U and 16U age categories. Medals will be distributed in coaches 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) for these awards to Carrie Campbell, Manager of Indoor Programs (<a href="mailto:ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org">ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org</a>) 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 OVAtion Awards banquet will be taking place June 4, 2022. 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 forms, please visit the OVA website.

# **APPENDICES**

#### APPENDIX I: WHAT'S NEW 2021-2022

#### **Early Contact Initiative**

- The Early Contact Initiative commences this 2021-2022 season with the introduction of the following divisions for athletes born 2007 & Under:
  - o 4v4 Rallyball
  - o 6v6 Ralllyball
  - o Traditional Non-Specialized
- Summary of the specifics of the age division please click here:
  - o <a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/indoor-competitions">https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/indoor-competitions</a>
- Resources for coaches will be coming soon:
  - o https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/coaches-resources

#### Regular Season Ranking Process \*\*May change due to NOV-DEC regular season modifications\*\*

- Teams will be split and seeded using their end of season ranking from 2019-2020. Age groups will start off in larger tiers to account for no results over the last 1.5 seasons.
  - 4v4 Rallyball
    - Trillium for all events
  - 6v6 Rallyball Girls
    - Trillium for all events
  - o 6v6 Rallyball Boys
    - Trillium for all events
  - TNS Girls
    - Provincial Challenge Cups: Trillium
    - McGregor Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Premier
  - o TNS Boys
    - Provincial Challenge Cups: Trillium
    - McGregor Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Premier
  - o 15U Boys
    - Provincial Cup: Trillium
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Premier
  - o 15U Girls
    - Provincial Cup Trillium White, Championship
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium Green, Trillium White, Championship, Select, Premier
  - o 16U Boys
    - Provincial Cup: Trillium
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Premier
  - o 16U Girls
    - Provincial Cup Trillium White, Championship
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium Green, Trillium White, Championship, Select, Premier
  - o 17U Boys
    - Provincial Cup: Trillium
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Premier
  - o 17U Girls
    - Provincial Cup Trillium, Championship
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Select, Premier
  - o 18U Boys
    - Provincial Cup: Trillium
    - Challenge Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Premier
  - o 18U Girls
    - Provincial Cup: Trillium, Championship

Challenge – Bugarski Cups: Trillium, Championship, Select, Premier

#### **Playing Rules and Regulations**

- 19U Eligibility: Athletes born in 2003 are eligible to compete in 18U OVA tournaments including the Ontario Championships provided they are not a part of any OCAA, OUA, USports, CCAA team for the 2021-2022 season.
  - Volleyball Canada's National Championships eligibility may differ. Please click here for information on Volleyball Canada's Nationals Information. https://volleyball.ca/en/competitions/
- For OVA competition ONLY, the ball will be permitted to touch the ceiling during rally play. Exact rule will be added to the OVA Youth Competitions Manual:
  - 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: 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.

#### **Ontario Championships Dates and Hotel Booking Process**

There will be a delay in release of the dates and age divisions for the Ontario Championships as age division
assignments and scheduling will depend on COVID—19 regulations and what team registration looks like by
November.

#### **REMINDERS FROM THE 2020-2021 SEASON**

- OVA Youth Competitions will begin using the following indoor balls for the 2021-2022 season to keep in line with Volleyball Canada.
  - o 4 v 4 Rallyball | MVALITE
  - o 6 v 6 Rallyball, Traditional Non-Specialized and 15U Club | Mikasa VQ200W-OVA\*
  - o 16U-18U Club | Mikasa V200W
  - Team Ontario / High Performance | Mikasa V200
  - \*Please click here for a link to the OVA's announcement: <a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/news\_article/show/1059959">https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/news\_article/show/1059959</a>
  - \*To purchase the new volleyball's, please visit the OVA's partner CanuckStuff at: https://www.canuckstuff.com/store/volleyball/volleyballs/16
- Clarifications on warm-up policy
  - Coaches are permitted to toss balls over the net during their on-court warm-up time, however, must do so within the 3-metre line.

- Teams who are off court during pregame hitting are encouraged to shag balls for the opposing team,
   otherwise they should be on their side of the court by their assigned bench.
- The Purple Card will be rolled out for all age divisions in OVA Indoor Competitions. The purpose and intent of the Purple Card Sanction Policy (<a href="https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/referees-resources-development">https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/referees-resources-development</a>) is to effectively address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any NON-PARTICIPANT (e.g. parents, spectators, members of other teams, etc.) attending and observing any OVA sanctioned volleyball match. This policy is further intended to preserve order and help to maintain the safety and protection of all OVA members and spectators.
  - As stated in the OVA's Youth Competition Manual all participants (teams, players, coaches, officials, managers, administrators and spectators) in OVA sanctioned events, 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. For these reasons we will be tracking all cards received during the OVA indoor season
    - All cards will be recorded at the scorers at the time of incident and lists will be forwarded to the OVA after each event. Coaches will be receiving an email acknowledging that a card was received.
    - Multiple cards in one tournament will be addressed immediately and fines or sanctions maybe levied depending on the nature of the cards.
    - Disqualifications or expulsion will be addressed immediately and sanctioned as per the YCM.
- Uniform Reminder Use of compression tights. As per the Volleyball Canada (point 4.5.3.) the use of compression wear is permitted provided it is any single solid colour. Members of the same team are permitted to wear different single solid colours.

#### **Administration**

- The OVA launched an updated version of NRS for all registrations on September 1, 2020, called the Membership Registration System (MRS).
- 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 (\$0) has been added to the new MRS 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
  - 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.

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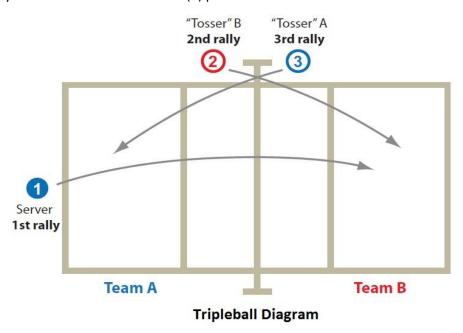
- Safe Sport Training Modules will be mandatory for any participants attending Nationals in 2022.
  - Training is mandatory for anyone with direct or indirect contact with athletes
  - Training does require a Locker account. There is no cost for the account creation or to take the training modules
  - https://safesport.coach.ca/

#### APPENDIX II RALLYBALL/ VC TRIPLEBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

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

#### Overview of the Rallyball/Tripleball Sequence:

- a) 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
- b) The service rotates between teams after each three-ball sequence.
- c) A team must rotate and introduce a new server when it is their turn to serve.
- d) Every ball introduced is worth one (1) point.



#### Rallyball/Tripleball Rules:

- a. Switching to a different position from your service order during a rally is NOT ALLOWED.
- b) 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. Example: A player in position 3 may run a "step around" making contact in position 2 if they immediately return to position 3 after they made contact with the ball.
  - ii. It will be the official's discretion as to if the player made an attempt to make it back to their original position after they ran the "designed play".
  - iii. This call is not protestable.
- b. Each rotation will have a different designated setter. The player in position #3 or #2 or #1 in service reception will be the designated setter; this position must be noted on the scoresheet by the coach.
- c. Fair Play substitutions rules apply

- d. Time-outs & substitutions cannot occur during a 3-ball sequence. These requests must be made before the introduction of serve.
- e. Athletes must play the tossed ball with a forearm pass, otherwise a replay will occur.
- f. All other standard volleyball rules not listed above continue to apply.
- g. If the first contact after a toss/serve goes over the net, it is considered a legal contact and the point will be played out. No reserve or re-toss is required.

#### **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 must be tossed to the athlete in the centre back position (rotationally in position 6), otherwise a replay will occur. The toss can be off centered but the position 6 player must still play the ball.
- 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.

#### Fair Play

- No substitutions are permitted (except for injury) in the first and second set. There are no restrictions on who can play the third set. Twelve (12) sub limited (one entry and one exit per player) rule will be in effect.
  - 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.
  - A player who did not play the first set cannot be substituted in the second set.
  - In the case of an injury and Exceptional Substitution maybe made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set but may return to play in subsequent sets
  - Substitutions follow the normal substitution rules.
  - Fair Play Clarification due to addition of 14 player roster
    - o 12 players (or all players listed on the scoresheet) must start the first or second set
    - There are no restrictions on who can play in the third set. Any player from the roster may start or be substituted.
    - Teams with 13 or 14 players on their roster have the option to set a fixed lineup of 7 and have them auto rotate after each serve. This way all 13 or 14 players can see the floor in a 2 set match.

<sup>\*</sup>Recommendation for officials to use an elastic band to keep track of serving order

# 2022 Nationals Age Categories

	Adult	18U	17U*	16U	<b>15U</b>	14U
Sept		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Oct		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Nov		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Dec		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Jan		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Feb		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Mar		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Apr	OPEN	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
May		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
June		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
July		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Aug		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Sept		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Oct		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nov		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Dec		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008

Adult: OPEN

18U: Athletes born from September 1, 2003 to Dec 31 2004 (16 months)

17U: Athletes born from September 1, 2004 to Dec 31 2005 (16 months)

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

15U: Athletes born from September 1, 2006 to Dec 31 2008 (16 months)

14U: Athletes born from September 1, 2007 to Dec 31 2008 (16 months)

<sup>\*</sup>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

FRONT BACK SIDE







#### 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 for a printable version of this logo.

Please click <a href="here">here</a> for Volleyball Canada's Libero Uniform policy



# **Volleyball Canada Uniform Guidelines**

## **Uniform Requirements**

- The colour and the design for the jerseys and shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero). The uniforms must be clean.
- Players jerseys must be numbered 1 to 99.
- The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour of the number must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jersey.
- The number must be a minimum of 10cm in height on the chest and a minimum of 15cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers must be a minimum of 2cm in width.
- Jerseys may only have sponsorship logos on the sleeve and the bottom third of the jersey.

### Libero Uniform Requirements

- The Libero must wear a uniform which has a different dominant colour from any dominant colour of the team jersey.
- The libero jersey must clearly contrast with the rest of the team (no jerseys that have all of the same colours but in different places).
- The libero must have a different number (from 1-99) from all other players on the roster.

# Repercussions

Teams who do not comply with the uniform guidelines may not be permitted on the court until an
acceptable libero jersey is presented.

Note: If teams are unsure of their uniform, please contact Andrea Bailie (abailie@volleyball.ca) with photos for verification.

Here is an example of an ACCEPTABLE jersey combination.

	Team Jersey	Libero Jersey
This combination is acceptable because there is a CLEAR contrast—they look very different "at first glance". Also, the DOMINANT colour on the team jersey is not the same dominant colour on the libero jersey (even though they both have the same secondary colour).	6	12



The following Libero Jerseys do not comply with Volleyball Canada's Uniform Policy.

 Rule of thumb: If the referee cannot tell the Libero apart from the rest of the team AT FIRST GLANCE, the jerseys are too similar.

	Team Jersey	Libero Jersey
The Libero must be wearing a different number jersey from the rest of the players on the roster. This jersey also does not comply because they both contain the same dominant colours.	9	9
The Libero's jersey must be of a different dominant colour than the rest of the team. Having a different shade of the same colour is not acceptable.	10	2
The Libero must be wearing a jersey that completely contrasts the rest of the players. This example is not allowed, because they both contain of the same dominant colours.	9	14
The colour of the number on the jersey must completely contrast the dominant jersey colour.  Note: the libero may wear a long-sleeve shirt if the rest of the team is wearing sleeve-less (or viceversa).	3	13

#### **APPENDIX VI: 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. 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.
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.
Multiple cards (yellow/red/purple) issued in one tournament.	Fines may be levied	OVA Review, possible suspension and fines
Multiple cards (yellow/red/purple) issued during the season	Fines may be levied	OVA Review, possible suspension and fines
Expulsion from match for offensive/aggressive conduct.	\$200	Suspension for remainder of current tournament and from the next tournament.
Disqualification for offensive/aggressive conduct.	\$300	Suspension from the rest of the tournament & next tournament & OVA review.
Two (2) 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 be 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	The official in charge of the match is to note the violation on the score sheet and

maximum of \$100 per	inform the Tournament Director after the match.
tournament	

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

#### APPENDIX VII: ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL PURPLE CARD POLICY

#### 1. Purpose of Purple Card Policy

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.

#### 2. Prohibited Behavior:

- a) Prohibited behavior would include, but not limited to, any comment(s) made or action(s) displayed, deemed by others as rude, profane, disrespectful, disruptive or aggressive, which interferes with the normal progress of a tournament match.
- b) Any behavior prohibited by Volleyball Canada and the Ontario Volleyball Code of Conduct policies.
- c) Any misconduct deemed contrary to normally accepted behavior.

#### 3. This policy applies to the following:

- a) Any Ontario Volleyball adult member, i.e. club directors, coaches, rostered adult(s) or chaperones NOT currently participating in the match. This policy also applies to these same individual(s) displaying misconduct BEFORE the start of a match, as well as AFTER a match has officially ended.
- b) Any Ontario Volleyball Youth player displaying misconduct BEFORE the start of a match, as well as AFTER the match has officially ended.
- c) Any Ontario Volleyball non-member, e.g. parent(s) or relative(s) of any Ontario Volleyball member.
- d) Any attendee or spectator of an Ontario Volleyball sanctioned tournament or match.

#### 4. When this policy is applicable

- a) The use of yellow and red card sanctions will remain in force according to the policies and procedures set by the Volleyball Canada Rule Book.
- b) Use of the "Purple" Sanction card may be applied to any situation during a match, where spectator misbehavior occurs and the 1st Referee deems it necessary to address the misbehavior.
- c) For misconduct by anyone before, during or after a match has ended, the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct is in effect.

#### 5. Application of the Purple Warning Card

• Minor Conduct: Minor misconduct offenses are not subject to sanctions. It is the duty of the 1st Referee to prevent spectators and parents from reaching the sanctioning level.

This can be done in two stages:

- Stage 1: Verbal Warning
- Stage 2: Issuance of Purple and Yellow Card Warning. This warning is issued to the team in which the offending spectator or parent is affiliated. The 1st Referee shall hold up the Purple

and Yellow cards in one hand, initiating this issuance. Both team captains are then summoned to the referee stand. This is then followed by a notification of the team warning, through the game captains to their head coach, that a parent or spectator affiliated with their team has reached the sanctioning level. Once either head coach determines affiliation, that head coach must inform the offender of the warning. This formal warning is not in itself a sanction but a symbol that misconduct has reached the sanctioning level for the match.

- i. In the event the offender refuses to identify their team affiliation or fails to comply with the 1st Referee's request for identification, that offender is subject to a more serious sanction, including expulsion from the playing facility for the remainder of the tournament day.
- ii. Purple card warnings are assessed to the affiliated team and are enforced for the entire match. This means that each team may only receive one purple card warning before further sanctions are issued.
- iii. Purple card warnings are recorded on the score sheet but have no immediate consequences.
- Misconduct Leading to Sanctions: Inappropriate conduct by a spectator or parent toward officials, playing teams, other parents or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offense.
  - o Rude Conduct: actions contrary to good manners or moral principles.
  - Offensive Conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
  - Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behavior.
- Sanction Scale: According to the judgment of the 1st Referee and depending upon the seriousness of the offense, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are **Penalty, Expulsion and Ejection/Ban.**
  - Penalty: Rude or minor offensive conduct in the match by any parent or spectator is penalized with a point and service to the opponent.
  - Expulsion from the facility: Serious offensive misconduct by any parent or spectator is expelled from the playing facility for the remainder of the tournament day with no other consequences.
  - Ejection/Ban from the facility: Aggressive misconduct, e.g. physical attack, implied or threatened aggression, by any parent or spectator is automatically ejected from the tournament facility and subject to further review and sanctions.

#### 6. Application of Misconduct Sanctions:

- When Penalty sanctions are issued, it is displayed as Purple and Red cards held up jointly in one hand.
- When Expulsion sanctions are issued, it is displayed as Purple and Red cards held up separately.
- When Ejection/Bans are issued, no cards will be displayed. The 1st Referee immediately stops the match
  and secures the safety of those in the match. All Expulsions or Ejection/Bans require the notification and
  involvement of the Head Official and/or Host for the following purposes:

- i. Documentation, e.g. Score sheet, Match Comment Form, Incident Reports, Facility forms, etc.
- ii. Timely notification of the OVA Office.
- iii. Secure the removal of the offender from the facility.
- iv. All misconduct sanctions are individual sanctions and remain in force for the entire match and are recorded on the score sheet.
- v. Repetition of misconduct by the same parent or spectator in the same match is sanctioned progressively, which means that a more severe sanction is given for each successive offense.
- vi. Expulsions or Ejection/Bans, due to offensive or aggressive misconduct do not require a previous sanction. NOTE: Upon the refusal of the offender to vacate the playing facility, local law enforcement will be notified immediately.
  - Reinstatement: Parents or spectators sanctioned with an Ejection/Ban can only be reinstated by the OVA.

#### 7. Application of Misconduct Warnings and Sanctions Against Youth Players:

In the event a participating youth player displays misconduct in an OVA tournament as a spectator during a match or before/after a match, the following sanction guidelines shall be applied:

- Any misconduct deserving a warning or sanction shall be directed by the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct.
- If a youth player is charged with expulsion or ejection/ban, the player becomes the direct responsibility of the parent(s) or the head coach/club director.
  - i. Youth players are not to be expelled or ejected from any playing facility individually but fall under the direct supervision of parent(s) or the head coach/club director. No further participation by the player is allowed.
  - ii. An incident report must be completed by the host outlining the circumstances of the ejection or ban.

#### 8. Recording Warnings and Sanctions on the Score Sheet:

- Issuance of Purple and Yellow Cards jointly (Misconduct Warning) Record a PC in the **W Warn** column; record the team at fault, the set number, and the score.
- Issuance of Purple and Red Cards jointly (Misconduct Penalty) Record a PC in the P Penalty column, record the team at fault, the set number, and the score at the time of penalty.
  - If penalty is against the serving team, record the serving team's exit score.
  - Record the awarded penalty point. Slash and circle the opposing team's next point in the POINTS COLUMN.
- Issuance of Purple and Red Cards shown apart (Misconduct Expulsion):
  - Record a P in the **E Expel** column, record the team at fault, the set number, and the score at the time of expulsion.
  - No loss of service or penalty point awarded.
- For Purple Ejection, a note on the REMARKS Section will give the following information: Purple Ejection, Full Name (If available), team at fault, set number, and the score at the time of ejection (Score of team at fault is first).

#### 9. Summary of Misconduct and Card Display

Warning (No Sanction):

Stage 1 - Verbal Warning

Stage 2 - symbol Purple and Yellow card held jointly

Warning recorded on score sheet

Penalty (Point and serve to opponent):

Symbol – Purple and Red card held jointly

Penalty recorded on score sheet

**Expulsion** (Expelled from playing facility for remainder of Tournament day):

Symbol - Purple and Red card held separately

Expulsion is recorded on Score sheet

(Note: Host incident report is required)

**Ejection/Ban** (Ejected from facility and/or removal/suspended from Ontario Volleyball tournaments for remainder of season):

NO card display - Stop match - Notify Head Official and Tournament Host

Ejection/Bans are recorded on score sheets

**NOTE:** Further sanctions may apply as per the OVA Fines and Sanctions chart in the Youth Competitions Manual.

### APPENDIX VIII EARLY CONTACT SUMMARY CHART

	4 v 4 Rallyball	6 v 6 Rallyball	Traditional Non-Specialized (TNS)
Formally	11U/12U	13U	14U
Eligible Birth Years	2009 & Under MALE/FEMALE	2008 & Under 24-month eligibility - MALE/FEMALE	2007 (Female only July-Dec) & Under 18-month eligibility - FEMALE 24-month Eligibility - MALE
Gendered Divisions	Male/Coed Female	Male Female	Male Female
Focus	4x4 Rallyball is fully developmental and is focused on maximizing fun and athlete engagement. It is designed to ensure maximum touches.  Each event will be as local as possible (dependent on the location of registered teams).  No emphasis on results. There will be no tiering or rankings but pool play results will be posted.	Focus on increased rally opportunities in a 6v6 context.  Rallyball Stream will progress throughout the season with alternating Challenge and Developmental events.  Regionally based (dependent on the location of registered teams).	Focus on developing all skills in a regular 6v6 game context. Players learn the game from multiple positions.  Traditional Seasonal Structure. TNS Stream will progress throughout the season with a gradual introduction of tiers.  First event of the season will be split into larger tiers due to the lack of rankings.
Tiering	No divisional splits	Divisional splits after Challenge events	Gradual progression to Premier, Championship and Trillium Tiers

Recommended roster size	Roster size of 10+ Athletes  Larger rosters are encouraged to be split into 2 teams for the 4x4 competition.  A team that is split up with be placed in the same event.	10+ Athletes	10+ Athletes
Event 1/Wave 1	LEAGUE FOMART as of Oct 7, 2021	LEAGUE FOMART as of Oct 7, 2021	LEAGUE FOMART as of Oct 7, 2021
Event 2/Wave 2	4x4 Rallyball Event sized based on registrations and venue availability Round robin event with cross pool games Preferred format - 3 sets to 15 (however maybe adjusted depending on the number of teams at an event) Club hosted	Rallyball Event sized based on registrations and venue availability Development Event - No playoffs Club hosted	ALL TRILLIUM - geographical splits Teams will be moved into tiers after this event Challenge Event - Full playoffs & points awarded NO Specialization Club hosted

Event 3/Wave 3	4x4 Rallyball Event sized based on registrations and venue availability Round robin event with cross pool games Preferred format - 3 sets to 15 (however maybe adjusted depending on the number of teams at an event) Club hosted	Rallyball Event sized based on registrations and venue availability Challenge Event - Full playoffs & points awarded Club hosted	Tiered Tournament Premier/Championship/Trillium - Tiered breakdown will depend on team registrations  Teams will be moved up into tiers again, no downward movement  Challenge Event - Full playoffs & points awarded For remaining events: Partial Specialization allowed but not mandatory No 5-1 System Club hosted
Event 4/Wave 4	4x4 Rallyball Pods of 6 teams Round robin event with cross pool games Preferred format - 3 sets to 15 (however maybe adjusted depending on the number of teams at an event) Club hosted	Rallyball Event sized based on registrations and venue availability Development Event - No playoffs Club hosted	Tiered Tournament Premier/Championship/Trillium - Tiered breakdown will depend on team registrations  Teams will be moved up into tiers again, no downward movement  Challenge Event - Full playoffs & points awarded For remaining events: Partial Specialization Allowed but not mandatory No 5-1 System Club hosted
Ontario Championships	2 Day Challenge Event	3 Day Challenge Event	3 Day Challenge Event

Ontario Championship Eligibility	None	Minimum 2 events	Minimum 2 events
Designated Setting position	Yes	Yes	Yes
Libero	No	No	No
Overhand Serve Receive	No	No	No
Ball	MVA lite	MVA VQ200W-OVA*	MVA VQ200W-OVA*
Court size	7x14 or as close as the facility has available. Badminton Double	9x18	9x18
Net Height	2.10 Female 2.15 Male/Coed	2.15 Female 2.20 Male	2.15 Female 2.20 Male
Serving regulations	Step-in permitted	Step-in Permitted	Step-in Permitted
	First match of the day: 5 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team	First match of the day: 5 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team	First match of the day: 5 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team
Warm up Protocol	All remaining matches: 2 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team	All remaining matches: 2 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team	All remaining matches: 2 min - shared court 4 min - exclusive serving team 4 min - exclusive receiving team
	NO shared hitting or travelling under net	NO shared hitting or travelling under net	NO shared hitting or travelling under net

Substitutions	Fairplay	Fairplay	Fairplay
Specialization	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
Playing time	Rotational Play	Fairplay	Fairplay
Ranking Points	None	Points will be awarded for Challenge events and Ontario Championships	Points will be awarded for Challenge events
Medals	No medals until Ontario Championships.	Medals will be awarded for Challenge events	Medals will be awarded for Challenge events and Ontario Championships
Referee	Game day supervisor/court monitors	Single referees provided	Single referees provided
Respect in Sport Required	Yes	Yes	Yes
Athlete Membership Level	Recreational membership - upgrade to full competitive player required if participating in 6v6 Rallyball or Traditional Non-Specialized (TNS)	Full competitive membership	Full competitive membership

Coaching Eligibility	<ol> <li>All coaches on the roster must:         <ul> <li>abide by the OVA Screening Policy by</li> <li>submitting a Vulnerable Sector Screen and</li> <li>submitting a completed OVA Screening</li> <li>Disclosure Form annually</li> <li>Complete the NCCP Making Head Way</li> <li>Concussion Education Course</li> <li>Complete the Coaches Association of Canada</li> <li>Safe Sports Training</li> </ul> </li> <li>All individuals acting as a head coach on a roster must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA:         <ul> <li>Foundations of Volleyball (\$89)</li> <li>Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (\$85 or free if course was completed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>If a team splits in 2 rosters for a 4v4 event, there must be a registered Head Coach who meets the eligibility requirements on at least one of the rosters.</li> </ol>	1) All coaches on the roster must: o abide by the OVA Screening Policy by submitting a Vulnerable Sector Screen and submitting a completed OVA Screening Disclosure Form annually o Complete the NCCP Making Head Way Concussion Education Course o Complete the Coaches Association of Canada Safe Sports Training  2) All individuals acting as a head coach on a roster must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA: o Foundations of Volleyball (\$89) o Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (\$85 or free if course was completed)	1) All coaches on the roster must: o abide by the OVA Screening Policy by submitting a Vulnerable Sector Screen and submitting a completed OVA Screening Disclosure Form annually o Complete Making Head Way Concussion Education Course o Complete the NCCP Coaches Association of Canada Safe Sports Training  2) All individuals acting as a head coach on a roster must also complete the following training prior to their registration as a member of the OVA: o Foundations of Volleyball (\$89) o Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (\$85 or free if course was completed)
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#### **Appendix IX – 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:
  - o Rule 10.1.2 is not in effect, and the ball makes contact with the ceiling or obstruction above the opponent's playing area.
  - o 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.
  - o 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.

#### APPENDIX X OVA CODE OF CONDUCT

For the most up to date version of the OVA Code of Conduct can be found online:

https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/d496-

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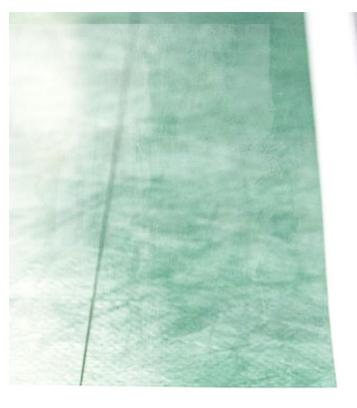
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