



INDOOR COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Program Modifications

For Nov-Dec 2021

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Volleyball for Life



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Current Landscape

- School boards are taking a cautious approach to re-issuing community use of school permits (starting early to mid-October).
- Lack of consistency between school boards and what they are permitting in their indoors
 - Training only, no scrimmages/tournament, 3-hour time blocks, limited days per week, weekends only, etc.
- Currently in Step 3 of Ontario's Re-Opening Plan = 50% capacity of facility space for organized sport based on fire code limits of that facility
- Sept 20th was the 1st deadline to host events between November and January
 - 2019 – 700 bids received
 - 2021 – 150 bids by Clubs/Staff
 - School Board will be re-evaluating their permit status for January 2022

It's Time to Pivot!



- Deliver the mandate of a PSO in Ontario and offer programming to aid in physical and mental health wellbeing of members
- Must follow government, school board and public health regulations
- Must adapt to keep sport alive and to plan based on the reality of what our Clubs and sport are currently facing
- We need a fluid system where matches can take place, but not in a traditional tournament format for all ECI to 16U age divisions

Note: program details presented today are subject to evolve and change as we progress through the pandemic.

November and December Snapshot

ECI

- League play from November 18th to December 12th, 2021 taking place at the team booked practice facilities
- Replaces the first two events of the season

15U-16U

- League play from November 18th to December 12th, 2021 taking place at the team booked practice facilities
- Replaces first event of the season
- Added a 16UG, 16UB and 15UB event to March 27th to ensure they have 3 regular season events in 2022

17U-18U

- Tournament Structure using facilities that have been secured
- 18U will have 2 events
- 17U will have one event
- 17U and 18U numbers are smaller and fit within facility restrictions
- Final seasons within the OVA (last kick at the can for many)

Why A League Format



- Having teams create their own playing schedules within their pod, helps alleviate the issue of lack of permits for full day rentals.
- The teams within the pod can schedule "one off" matches or multiple matches a day throughout the duration of the league. These matches are scheduled by the teams in the pods at facilities those teams already have access to.
- The OVA has a small list of facilities that have been booked on November 27 and December 4. The OVA will be working with pods who have major travel concerns or no access to venues to utilize those gym bookings.
- League play allows each age stream to enter regular season tournaments in January with a better understanding of rank.
 - Currently we only have the 2019-2020 partial season ranking to work with.



Early Contact League Play – Nov 18 to Dec 12

- Regular season for all ECI Streams (4v4 RB, 6v6 RB and TNS) will be as follows:
 - League play November to December 2021
 - Regular season tournaments from January to April 2022
- Teams will be placed into pods of 5 or 6 for a single round robin of 3 straight to 21 (4v4) or 2/3 (6v6 and TNS)
- There are no points, playoffs, medals, or promotion/relegation at ECI league play. Match results will be referenced for creation of January events. Will count as participation for OC's for 6v6 & TNS.
- All ECI pods will be created based on Geography
- No washout period between matches required
- If a team has a full day permit, more traditional tournament formats can be run to get all matches in for that pod
- League play will replace the first 2 events of the season
- 6v6 Rallyball: January 2022 will be the first Challenge event
- Soft uniform rule will be in effect for all league play matches



15U-16U League Play – NOV 18 to Dec 12

- Regular season for 15U-16U will be as follows:
 - League play November to December 2021
 - Regular season tournaments from January to April 2022
- Teams will be placed into pods with 8 teams and further broken down into 2 pools of 4. These pods will be created the same way Provincial Cups would have been created.
- Single round robin for each pool of 4 resulting in 3 round robin matches for each team
 - Tier 1 Semi/Final (A1 vs B2 & B1 vs A2) followed by Gold and Bronze match
 - Tier 2 Semi/Final (A3 vs B4 & B3 vs A4) followed by 5th/6th and 7th / 8th place match.
- Each team will play five 2/3 matches (3 round robin and 2 playoff/classification) throughout the course of league play
- Standard points/medals will be given out for the 1-8 placings. Promotion/relegation will be completed the same way it would have if this was a single day event
- No washout period between matches required
- If a team has a full day permit, more traditional tournament formats can be run to get all matches in for that pod
- Due to losing a tournament prior to the winter break, Sunday March 27th will be added as a new tournament date for 16UG, 16UB and 15UB to get in their 3 regular season tournaments in addition to their league play



OVA League Play Format Series of Events





17U and 18U November to December 2021

- 18UB/G team or a 17UB/G team will register for the weekend and their event will be either on the Saturday or Sunday dependent on venue availability. For example, some 18UG events might be on Nov 13th while others will be on the 14th
- Regular points and promotion/relegation will happen after these events
- **18UB/G**
 - Provincial Cup will take place on the Nov 13th – 14th weekend
 - Challenge Cup will take place on the Dec 11th – 12th weekend
 - McGregor, Furlani & Bugarski Cups will happen as originally scheduled in 2022
- **17UB/G**
 - Provincial Cup will take place on Nov 20th – 21st
 - McGregor, Furlani & Bugarski Cups will happen as originally scheduled in 2022
- Clubs will be responsible for hosting on the day of competition. Hosting fees will be provided.



Additional Notes

- League welcome email will be sent to all registered teams detailing contact information and other important league information/details
- Emails will be sent to confirm playoff teams
- League play fees will be the same as what the 1-day tournament fee would have been for each age division.
 - 4v4 Rallyball - \$165+hst
 - 6v6 Rallyball – 15U \$335+hst
 - 16U - \$350+hst
- Registration fees include facility costs for up to 90 mins of play per match, hosting kits, medals, hand sanitizer, signage (expense forms will be posted on the OVA website [HERE](#))
- Hosting kits will be sent out once for the duration of the league



Additional Notes

- Teams can “play up” for 6v6 – 16U league play. It is important to note that all age divisions will have their league play during the same window of (Nov 18th – Dec 12th) so scheduling will be difficult with participation in 2 pods.
- Underage teams looking to participate in the 17U and 18U Nov-Dec events can register on the underage waitlist in MRS. Underage teams will only be accepted only if there are venues available.
- League matches will have to follow RTP protocols, daily health screening, contact tracing, safety plans need to be shared with teams playing at your venues.
- For leagues: Teams will be required to contact assignors to book match referees. If no Referees are available match results will still count. Teams must give assignors a 1-week notice to secure working referees.



Additional Notes

- 4v4 Rallyball – Optional Referee participation
- 6v6 Rallyball to 16U – Single Referee preferred
- 17U-18U booked By the OVA through assignors
- Check tournament information or league information pages for venue specific rules and safety plans (spectators, food, capacity specifications, live streaming, etc):
<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/indoor-events-calendar>
- A league manual and the official Youth Competitions Manual will be released at the end of October



Timelines for November to December 2021

Sunday October 17th
18UB/G registration deadline
for Nov 13th/14th Provincial Cup

Sunday October 24th
17UB/G registration deadline
for their Nov 20th or 21st
Provincial Cup

Sunday October 24th

Deadline to register 4v4 to 16U
team in MRS for League Plays

Sunday October 31st

18UB/G registration deadline
for their Dec 11th/12th
Challenge Cup

The week of November 8th
Pods posted by OVA

Thursday November 18th
Start date for league play

Sunday December 12th

League play ends –24 days (4
weekends) for teams to play 5
league play matches



Upcoming Town Hall Sessions & Meetings of Members

- Regional AGMs are COMING UP!! Please click here for your region's zoom link and other important information:
https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/news_article/show/958131
- November 7th @ 11:00am: Special Meeting of Members to vote on proposed Bylaw revisions
- November 8th @ 7:30pm: COVID and safety protocols for league play matches and tournaments
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltce-rqTktGNDhTyUqK_XKmpABZXENI4Wq
- Sunday December 12th – OVA AGM – more information to come.



Questions?



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Thank-you OVA community!

