



# **TOWN HALL INDOOR CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2021-22 SEASON**

**AUGUST 11, 2021**

**Volleyball for Life**

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# COMPETITION SEASON

- Indoor volleyball back!
- Planned for a “regular season” and pivot as the pandemic changes/Government Regulations are updated I.e., 9 teams on 3 courts
- Registration will be 4 weeks out for event 1 and 6 weeks out for events 2 onwards
- Soft uniform policy for event 1 (if there are shipping delays due to COVID, will adapt if necessary for future events)
- Athletes are permitted to play on multiple teams
- Youth Competition calendar was published August 3rd
  - Tournaments begin early November
  - Ontario Championships begin Easter Weekend
- No mandatory vaccine protocols in place – it is highly recommended for everyone to get vaccinated
- Indoor Competitions manual to be posted by September 1<sup>st</sup>

# INDOOR COMPETITIONS REMINDERS



- 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, USport, CCAA, etc., volleyball team for the 2021-2022 season.
  - Great pilot for this season to introduce a Youth Open model in future seasons
  - Volleyball Canada's National Championships only allows 2 19U athletes. For more info, visit: <https://volleyball.ca/en/competitions/>
- Ceiling Rule – The ball will now be permitted to come into contact with the ceiling during a rally while it is on your team's side of the net (except on a serve or when sending the ball to the opponent's side of the court)



# INDOOR COMPETITIONS REMINDERS



- Purple card protocols in place for all divisions
- Follow Step 3 Regulations until we are told otherwise by the Ontario Government.
- Protocols we will need to revisit once these new Regulations are released:
  - Gathering size limits → Currently 50% based on fire code limits per location.
    - Confirm gathering size with your facility.
    - Everyone must keep 2m physical distancing while not in active game play/training on court
    - Capacity maybe an issue at many tournament sites this year, spectators may be limited.
- Tournament regulations I.e., scorekeeping process, mask usage, etc., will be adjusted by November, depending on Regulations
  - Town Hall will be hosted prior to November to go over event protocols

# FACILITIES/SAFETY PLANS



- Community use of school permits allowed by Ontario Government in Step 3 protocols
- Unsure of when Ontario will be moved out of Step 3/potentially “7-10 days” as per recent news articles
- Safety Plans required for each facility and each program to capture facility rules – no “one size fits all” permitted
- Utilize Appendix M of the OVA's Return to Play Protocols as a template
- For assistance, contact:
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# EARLY CONTACT INITIATIVE (ECI)

- Early Contact Initiative (ECI) was Released June 2 → Created in conjunction with the Indoor Volleyball Development Committee
- ECI is a reflection of the New Long-Term Development Model (LTD), focusing on holistic development:
  - Removes chronological ages for competition at the entry level to our sport
  - Focuses on developmental stage
  - Removes the focus on winning at all costs/brings back fun
  - Removes relegation of teams after events
  - Lower entry fees and membership fees for the first entry point
- The ECI is a set of rules geared toward assisting entry level players find the appropriate entry point along the OVA's competition pathway. This flexibility increases developmentally-appropriate competition opportunities for younger players while providing the best experience possible for long term retention and success.
- Three development streams in ECI – 4v4 Rallyball, 6v6 Rallyball and Traditional Non-Specialized (TNS)
  - Rallyball is Tripleball and will follow the Volleyball Canada Rules.
  - All streams will follow a seasonal outline that is geared towards their developmental stage, this includes tournament structure, playing rules, age eligibility and tiering



## THE EARLY CONTACT INITIATIVE





# EARLY CONTACT INITIATIVE (ECI)

## EARLY CONTACT AGE ELIGIBILITY SUMMARY

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

- All streams will be having an Ontario Championships
- Webinars, mentorship programs, seasonal planning templates, “How to navigate the ECI”, etc., is coming in the fall. Stay tuned for further details!

*\*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 ECI*

Full breakdown of the ECI can be found online: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/early-contact> or visit the OVA YouTube channel for the 2 previous Town Hall presentations on the ECI:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5\\_EtiL0c0s5Zaii7U34YA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5_EtiL0c0s5Zaii7U34YA)



# 4V4 RALLYBALL

- Recreational membership required for all athletes participating in 4v4 Rallyball
- Supervisor or referee will be provided for each court to keep the game flowing
- Lax uniform policy - Number on front of jersey. If transitioning through the ECI and playing 6v6 Rallyball or TNS, then regular uniform policy applies.
- Regional based tournaments to keep costs lower
- This stream allows Club youth league teams to participate in tournaments to experience a competitive environment outside of their House League program
- This stream will offer a male/coed division. This is due to the limited number of boys we experience within this age group.





# ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS (OC's) REMINDERS

- 7 events splits over two locations:
  - RIM Park (Waterloo) - 4 events (beginning Easter Weekend/wrapping up Sunday May 1, 2022)
  - Paramount Fine Foods Centre (Mississauga) - 3 events (beginning Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>/wrapping up Sunday May 1, 2022)
- Teams are permitted to play in multiple OCs provided they are not playing 6 days in a row.
- Athletes can only be listed on one roster per event
- OC's age splits released early November
- OC's Stay to Play Hotel booking processed released in conjunction with age splits
- OC's Travel Rebate under review and will be updated in the fall





# MEMBERSHIP & CLUB FEES

Membership Type	OVA Fee +HST	VC Fee*	Total
Tryout Player	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreational Player (4v4 Rallyball athlete)	\$7	\$5	\$12.91
Competitive Player (6v6 Rallyball to 19U)	\$47	\$33	\$85.11
Leader (Club Contact, Team Contact, Coach, etc.)	\$47	\$33	\$85.11
Returning Club Fee	\$250	\$0	\$282.50
New Club Fee	\$500	\$0	\$565.00

*\*VC Competitive Membership fee has increased \$1 for 2021-2022*



# TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

## Indoor Youth Competition Tournament Fees 2021-22 \*

*All Fees are +HST*

4v4 Rallyball Regular Season	\$165
6v6 Rallyball to 15U Regular Season	\$335
16U to 18U Regular Season – single day events	\$350
16U-18U Regular Season – two-day events	\$575
4v4 Rallyball Ontario Championships (2 days)	\$830
6v6 Rallyball to 15U Ontario Championships (3 days)	\$1,230
16U to 18U Ontario Championships (3 days)	\$1,330

*\*Pending Board approval*





# VOLLEYBALL CANADA UPDATES

By: Dawna Sales - Director, Athlete and Coach Pathways

- Club approval process
- Two 19U athletes allowed on 18U team for Nationals
- New Long Term Development Manual (LTD) publication coming fall 2021
- Nationals 2022:
  - May 5-8: Ottawa, ON – 14U girls and boys
  - May 18-21: Edmonton, AB – 15U & 17U girls and boys
  - May 21-24: Edmonton, AB – 16U & 18U girls and boys
- Letters of Good Standing are being issued
  - VC is not providing these as an endorsement of travel, as the participants must follow the travel guidelines issued by the Canadian and American governments.
  - VC recommends reviewing any medical coverage, as many changes have occurred since March 2020
  - Form is available on the OVA website:  
<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/club-resources>





# SCREENING UPDATE

- New OVA Screening Policy approved in April 2021, aligned with Volleyball Canada
- Individuals in a position of trust or authority which may relate to finances, supervision, or vulnerable individuals required to complete screening
- High Risk – occupy a position of trust or authority, have a supervisory role, direct others, involved with finances, frequent or unsupervised access to vulnerable individuals. Examples:
  - Athlete support personnel
  - Full-time coaches, assistant coaches
  - Coaches, representatives and/or contractors who travel or be alone with athletes
  - Referees
  - Staff and/or directors and supervisors
  - ☐ Complete Screening Disclosure Form
  - ☐ Complete E-PIC (myBackCheck)
- Low Risk – Individuals involved in low risk assignments - not supervisory, not directing others, not involved with finances, no unsupervised access to vulnerable individuals. For example:
  - Parents, youth or volunteers who are helping on a non-regular or informal basis
  - Non-coach employees or managers who do not travel with the athletes
  - ☐ Complete Screening Disclosure Form





# SCREENING UPDATE

- Police background checks can now be completed online through the OVA's link to [mybackcheck.com](https://www.mybackcheck.com) (valid for 3 years)
  - This is not a mandated service to use → it's a tool in place for members to easily obtain their PRC
  - Must be an Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC) with local police information
  - Please send a copy to your club contact in charge of screening (downloadable PDF) for them to track for the Club's screening process/to enter on the Club form.
  - If you already have a current PRC/VSS on file with your club, you do not need to re-do this process.
  - Cost: \$26.25
  - <https://www.mybackcheck.com/Secure/Invitation/SelfInvite.aspx?selfInviteId=70DIy5HaaMC0FvsgO0Xo0g==&lang=1>

# RULE OF TWO

- Anyone working with vulnerable individuals need to be screened and trained. Examples:
  - Coaches
  - Managers
  - Supervisors
  - Support staff
  - Contractors

## RULE OF TWO

The goal of the **Rule of Two** is to ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable and justifiable. Its purpose is to protect participants (especially minors) and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present. There may be exceptions for emergency situations.







# COACH ELIGIBILITY POLICY

- Focus on safe and responsible coaching
- Easily accessible and available courses
- Applies to all coach members
  - 4v4 modification → 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 at the event.
- Requirements must be met before registration
  - A list of coaches from your Club will be sent to the Club contact by August 31, 2021 that have completed the online Screening requirements
  - Once Club Form is complete after September 22nd, an audit will be completed and Club Contacts will be sent a follow up email
- No more fines
- Additional requirements for VC Nationals. See VC website.

[Available in the BECOME A COACH section of the OVA website](#)



# COACH ACADEMY

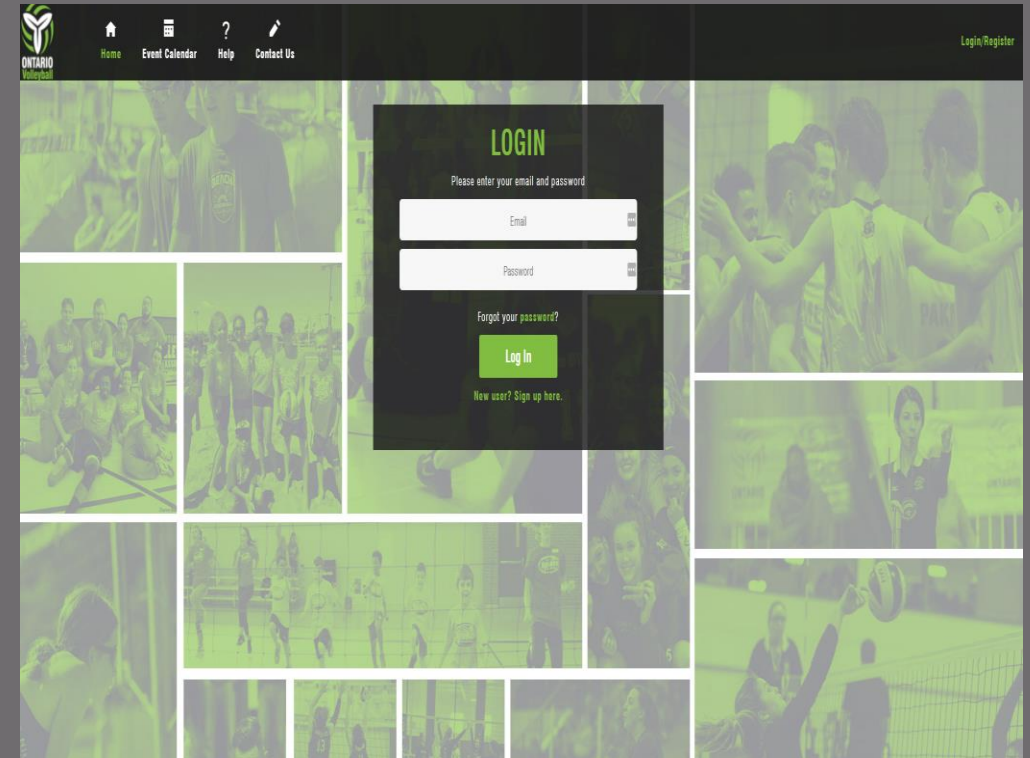
- Available and free for all OVA registered coaches
- Membership to the Coach Academy will be renewed on October 1st.
  - Coaches who renew their OVA membership by this date will retain access to the Coach Academy.
  - New coaches registering with the OVA will get access to the platform on that day.
  - Coach Academy members who do not renew their OVA membership will be taken off the platform
- Access coaching resources AND share your own
  - Drill plans
  - Practice tips
  - Videos
  - Skill execution tutorials
  - Webinars, workshops and events
  - Forum...



<https://bettercoaches.com/ova>

# MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION SYSTEM (MRS)

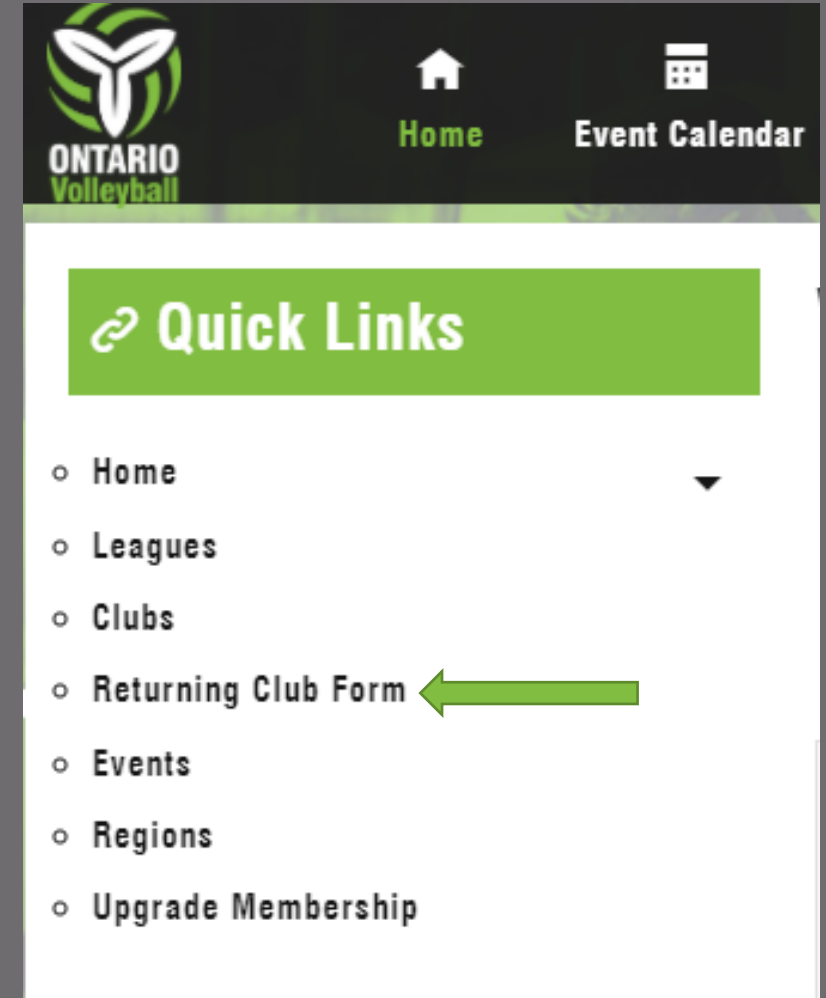
- New season MRS Registration begins September 1st
- Username is your email address - You cannot have 5 people in one family with the same email address.
- Email addresses – no underscores
  - Using underscores in email addresses is a throwback to old legacy email systems (e.g., Hotmail) and they are not allowed in by most new email providers (e.g., Gmail)
  - Underscores can apparently cause mail delivery issues and are a tool for fraudsters
  - Many new systems won't accept email address with underscores anymore





# RETURNING CLUB REGISTRATION & CLUB FORM

1. Club Contacts must pay the full membership fee to create their Club in the MRS system.
2. First step is to register as a Club Contact
  - A. Then create a “Returning Club” by clicking on link under “Quick Links”
    - All data collected electronically vs fillable PDF’s of the past
    - All Club data from 2020/21 season will be auto populated for the 2021/22 season – Club Contact only has to update the form. Edits can be made for the duration of the membership season as required.
    - Club signs off on all waivers, including COVID-19 acknowledgement form
3. *Club form must be submitted by Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> or certificate of insurance may be revoked.*



MRS Club How to Guides: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/club-resources>





# MRS ADMINISTRATION

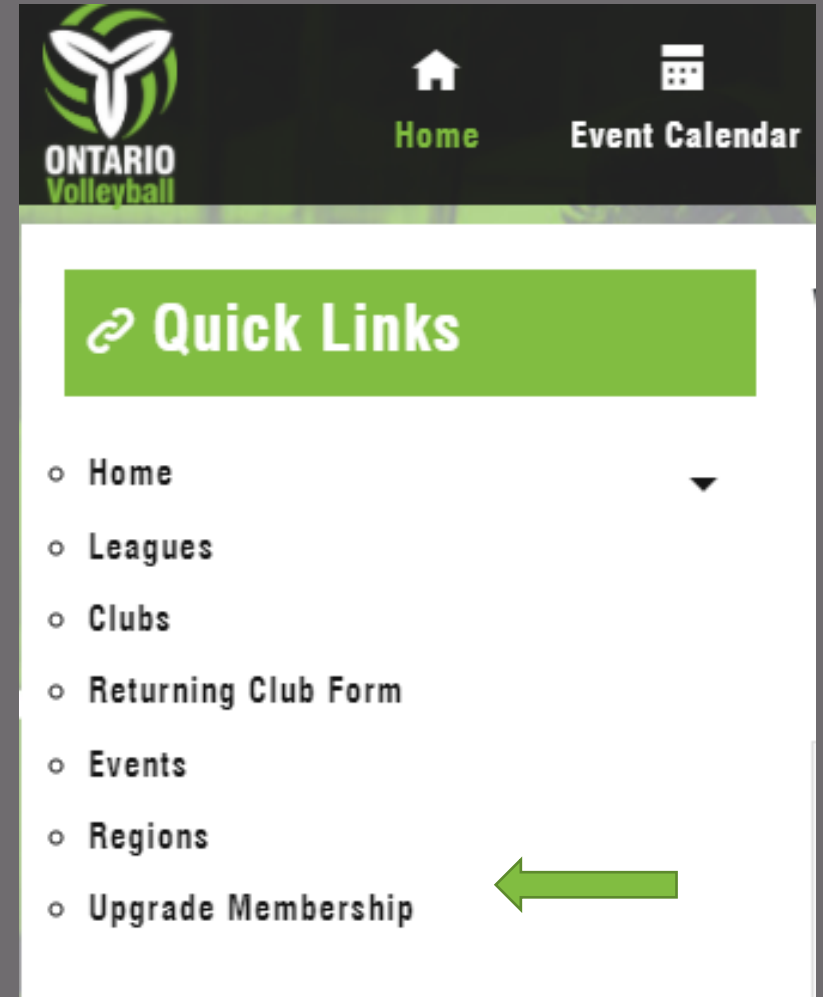
Athletes will be required to register as members in the MRS in one of the following categories prior to participating in any on-court activities:

Activity	Required Membership Level
Tryouts (prior to Sept 1st)	Tryout Player (Brand new members not currently in MRS)
Tryouts (after Sept 1st)	Tryout Player or Recreational Player (Returning members)
Club Practices	Recreational Player or Competitive Player*
OVA Competitive Event	Competitive Player (6v6 Rallyball to 18U)
	Recreational Player (4v4 Rallyball)

•*Note: athletes can keep a Recreational membership role until the first competitive event of the season*

# MRS – ATHLETE REGISTRATION PROCESS

- After an athlete makes a team, the individual athlete or club must upgrade their membership to a Recreational player (\$7 OVA membership fee + \$5 VC membership fee) prior to any on-court activities.
- Athletes will be required to purchase a full OVA competitive membership prior to the first OVA competition (aside from 4v4 Rallyball players)
- If Clubs pay for athlete fees, they can pay for the full competitive membership when adding the athlete to a team and by selecting the corresponding competitive role
- How to Guides are online:  
<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/player-resources>





# COACH/CLUB STAFF REGISTRATION

- Coaches and Club staff must register themselves to comply with Rowan's Law legislation and sign off on online waivers
  - *If Club wants to pay for their coaches and Club Executive memberships, the individual can sign up as a "Volunteer" to avoid paying fees*
  - *Then Club contact can pay to upgrade coach/staff to full membership when adding their coach onto the team*
  - Club Contact can search all members to add them to their teams (like old NRS process)
- Full membership is required for coaches and club staff prior to on-court activities - *this includes Tryouts*



# INSURANCE

- Send Certificate of Insurance (COI's) requests to [insurance@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:insurance@ontariovolleyball.org)
- COI's will be issued to the Club for facility bookings for upcoming season.
- Once the new policy is in affect after September 1st, permits will be re-issue with the new season dates and automatically emailed to Club Contact
- Questions on insurance? Email [info@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:info@ontariovolleyball.org) or [jharkness@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:jharkness@ontariovolleyball.org)







# RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS

- ✓ Unknown when enter Roadmap Exit Step
  - ✓ 80% one dose, 75% two dose, no health unit less than 70% fully vaccinated
- ✓ Follow the Step 3 RTP Protocols, Government regulations, Public Health regulations, facility regulations until communicated otherwise
- ✓ Clubs must have their Return to Play protocols created and posted online
- ✓ Clubs must create & share the Safety and Response Plans with facility(ies) and participants, and have a printed copy on site for anyone who wishes to view it
- ✓ Ensure your facility(ies) has capacity limits visible, if not, the permit holder is required to post this information in a conspicuous location
- ✓ Mask usage: For indoor volleyball, masks are to be worn at all times by all individuals/participants, except by athletes while on court during training and competition. Athletes must wear a mask when they are not active on the court.

# VACCINATIONS

- Not mandatory for participation in OVA programming and events
- Can Clubs Mandate?
  - There is a health and safety risk, engaging in an interactive activity, therefore, to keep individuals safe, you can ask.

## Challenges:

- Personal health information is confidential
  - Collected safely
  - Kept secured
  - Destroyed
- Administrative burden
- Individual may refuse to provide health information
- Individual will demand exceptions
- Accommodations must be decided
- Societal – not mandatory
- May result in bullying
- Still waiting on facility and municipality regulations to see what they put in place



# POLICY UPDATE

## Policies Updated/New

- Anti-Doping
- Discipline and Complaints
- Dispute Resolution and Appeal
- Accessibility
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Trans Inclusion Policy (previous Transgender Athlete Policy)
- Reciprocity
- Privacy

## Rowan's Law

- January 2022 changes
- OVA Concussion Policy will be updated and resources shared
  - Return to Play post concussion mandate







# GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE

- Governance Committee - In the process of revising OVA ByLaws
- Why – Compliance
  - Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)
  - Canadian Sport Governance Code

## Currently

- Legal review
- Regional Presidents and Executive feedback and review
- Board Review

## Membership Next Steps

- September - Town Hall to share proposed changes and rationale, review questions and feedback
- Post on website
- Regional AGM Meetings held by October 15, 2021
- Special Meeting by November 3, 2021



# TEAM ONTARIO IDENTIFICATION

- Portion of the Team Ontario Athlete Identification process for 2022 will be done through video submission.
- All athletes 14U-18U who may be interested in applying to a Team Ontario program in 2022 are encouraged to get game video of themselves in the fall and winter.
- If athletes are not participating in tournaments, video of scrimmage during practice will be accepted.
- Stay tuned for more Athlete ID info in the fall
- Any questions, contact [lbreadner@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:lbreadner@ontariovolleyball.org)







# QUESTIONS AFTER TONIGHT?

## Contact any of the staff from this call to assist!



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