

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Purpose

1. 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.
2. Membership is required to participate and/or compete at any Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) or Volleyball Canada competitions and/or events.

Membership Classes

3. As outlined in section 2.1 of the Association's by-laws, the OVA has the following classes of membership:
 - a. *Non-Voting Member*, which includes:
 - i. Directors; or
 - ii. any individual registered with the Association as a non-competitive player, or in a "complimentary" membership role (as defined by the Association).
 - b. *Voting Member*, which includes an individual, other than those identified in 2.1(a), who:
 - i. is registered with the Association:
 1. as a competitive player;
 2. as a parent / guardian of one (1) or more competitive player(s), provided that such competitive player or at least one (1) of such competitive players is, or will be as of December 31st of the Association's current fiscal year, under eighteen (18) years of age;
 3. as a coach;
 4. as a referee;
 5. as a club leader or such other role for club personnel (as defined by the Association);
 6. in another role or roles established by the Board; and
 - ii. is, or will be as of December 31st of the Association's current fiscal year, at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Admission of Members

4. No individual or entity will be admitted as a Member of the OVA unless:
 - a. The candidate Member has made an application for membership by completing the following requirements. (Appendix A outlines the different membership roles listed below.)
 - i. All Club Contacts
 1. Register via OVA's online registration system
 2. Pay club fee
 3. Complete and submit the Club Information Form, (see sections 9-11 below) as found on the Member Registration System
 4. Demonstrate the capacity and commitment to actively support the mission and objectives of the OVA
 5. Demonstrate evidence of financial viability
 6. Show evidence of developing and supporting athletes and coaches of all levels
 7. Ensure any outstanding financial liabilities to the OVA are paid in full
 - ii. New Club Contacts (those with no OVA affiliation in prior year) are also required to:
 1. Show evidence of not-for-profit incorporation
 2. Complete and submit a New Club Application Form, as found on the Member Registration System
 3. Participate in an interview with OVA management to verify club capacity

The New Club Application Form and information provided in the interview will be reviewed by OVA management. Approval / denial of the application will be confirmed within 30 days of the interview.

New clubs granted membership will be under probation for 12 months and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout their initial year of operation.

Note: Club membership will only be granted to the principal operators stated on the initial application by the club. The affiliation cannot be transferred to any other party without prior written approval of the Executive Director.

- iii. All other member roles
 - 1. Register via OVA's online registration system
 - 2. Pay membership dues
 - 3. Complete all required fields noted as required in the OVA's online registration system (e.g. legitimate email address, phone number, mailing address, emergency contact, date of birth), for the current season
 - 4. Sign the most current version of either the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Assessment or the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement found on the membership registration system
 - 5. Agree to comply with Rowan's Law and the OVA Concussion Policy, including, but not limited to, signing the Concussion Code of Conduct and Review of Concussion Awareness Acknowledgement Form, acknowledging review of the Ministry-approved concussion awareness resources, and agreeing to follow the code of conduct for concussions
 - 6. If applicable, comply with OVA Screening Policy and complete screening requirements, prior to participating and registering
 - 7. If applicable, comply with the Coach Eligibility Policy prior to participating and registering
 - 8. Agree to comply with all OVA procedures, policies, and code of conduct
 - iv. Recreational League Contact
 - 1. Complete sanctioning requirements
(<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/how-to-sanction-an-event>)
5. Where a candidate Member is not admitted to membership, written reasons will be provided.

Membership Dues

- 6. The membership year of the Association will be September 1st - August 31st.
- 7. Annual dues for all membership roles will be determined by the Board of Directors. See Appendix A for membership rates by role.
- 8. A Member can maintain multiple membership roles within the OVA, and is only required to purchase the membership role with the highest applicable fee rate.

Club Information Form

9. The Club Information Form must be submitted by Clubs annually, and at a minimum include:
- a. Club name, address, and website
 - b. Club Contact name, phone number, and email
 - c. Club incorporation #
 - d. Name, address, phone numbers, and emails of Board of Directors, and Club Staff
 - e. Name and NCCP certification levels of coaches
 - f. Declaration to adherence to OVA Screening Policy
 - g. Declaration to adherence to all OVA Policies and Procedures
 - h. Declaration that all OVA Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreements and/or Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreements are completed and on record
 - i. Declaration that all Rowan's Law requirements are met for concussion safety
 - j. Declaration Club has proof of age on record for registered athletes
 - k. Authorized Signatures
10. OVA management will publish the required version of the Club Information Form annually and periodically update its requirements.
11. No teams are eligible to participate in OVA events until the Club has submitted the Club Information Form.

Withdrawal and Termination of Membership

12. A Member will be expelled from the OVA for failing to pay membership dues or any money owed to the OVA by the deadline dated prescribed by the OVA.
13. In addition to expulsion under section 12, a Member may be suspended or expelled from the OVA in accordance with the OVA's policies and procedures in relation to discipline of Members.
14. Where a Member who is subject to an OVA disciplinary investigation or action resigns or attempts to resign, that Member will nonetheless be subject to any sanctions or consequences resulting from the disciplinary investigation or action.

Good Standing

15. A Member of the OVA will be in good standing provided that the Member:
- a. Has not ceased to be a Member
 - b. Has paid all membership dues for the current membership season
 - c. Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed
 - d. Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the OVA
 - e. Has complied with the Constitution, Bylaws, policies and rules of the OVA; and
 - f. Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the OVA, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board.
16. Members who cease to be in good standing, as determined by the OVA, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing as set out in section 15 above.

Effective Period

17. This policy is effective from September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2025 and will be revised before its expiration date.

Appendix A

Membership Fees for 2022-23 Season

Membership Categories	OVA Fee	HST	VC Fee*	Total Fee
Coach	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Indoor Competitive Player	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Beach Competitive Player	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Club Contact	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Team Contact/Staff	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Recreational League Contact	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
Recreational Player	7.00	0.91	5.00	12.91
Club Executives/Leaders	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
OVA Committee Member	52.00	6.76	33.00	91.76
<i>Officials see chart below</i>				

OFFICIALS							
Badge Type	Resources	OVA Fee	HST	VC Fee*	VC* Surcharge	OVA Officials Development	Total Fee
Local Official	17.00	47.00	10.14	33.00	-	14.00	121.14
Provincial Official	17.00	47.00	10.79	33.00	-	19.00	126.79
Regional Official	17.00	47.00	12.35	33.00	35.00	31.00	175.35
National Official	17.00	47.00	12.74	33.00	45.00	34.00	188.74
International Official	17.00	47.00	13.13	33.00	50.00	37.00	197.13
Beach Local Official	-	47.00	7.93	33.00	20.00	14.00	121.93
Beach Provincial Official	-	47.00	8.58	33.00	30.00	19.00	137.58
Beach National Official	-	47.00	10.53	33.00	40.00	34.00	164.53
Beach International Official	-	47.00	10.92	33.00	50.00	37.00	177.92

*VC Fee and VC Surcharge is determined by Volleyball Canada

Membership Fees for 2023-24 Season

Membership Categories	OVA Fee	HST	VC Fee*	Total Fee
Coach	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Indoor Competitive Player	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Beach Competitive Player	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Club Contact	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Team Contact/Staff	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Recreational League Contact	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
Recreational Player	7.00	0.91	5.00	12.91
Club Executives/Leaders	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
OVA Committee Member	55.00	7.15	35.00	97.15
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Local Official	17.00	47.00	10.14	35.00	-	14.00	123.14
Provincial Official	17.00	47.00	10.79	35.00	-	19.00	128.79
Regional Official	17.00	47.00	12.35	35.00	35.00	31.00	177.35
National Official	17.00	47.00	12.74	35.00	45.00	34.00	190.74
International Official	17.00	47.00	13.13	35.00	50.00	37.00	199.13
Beach Local Official	-	47.00	7.93	35.00	20.00	14.00	123.93
Beach Provincial Official	-	47.00	8.58	35.00	30.00	19.00	139.58
Beach National Official	-	47.00	10.53	35.00	40.00	34.00	166.53
Beach International Official	-	47.00	10.92	35.00	50.00	37.00	179.92

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Membership Fees for 2024-25 Season

Membership Categories	OVA Fee	HST	VC* Fee	Total Fee
Coach	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Indoor Competitive Player	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Beach Competitive Player	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Club Contact	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Team Contact/Staff	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Recreational League Contact	57.00	7.41	36.00	100.41
Recreational Player	7.00	0.91	5.00	12.91
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Provincial Official	17.00	47.00	10.79	36.00	-	19.00	129.79
Regional Official	17.00	47.00	12.35	36.00	35.00	31.00	178.35
National Official	17.00	47.00	12.74	36.00	45.00	34.00	191.74
International Official	17.00	47.00	13.13	36.00	50.00	37.00	200.13
Beach Local Official	-	47.00	7.93	36.00	20.00	14.00	124.93
Beach Provincial Official	-	47.00	8.58	36.00	30.00	19.00	140.58
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