



## **OVA BEACH TOUR COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**

The 2021 Beach Tour Safety Plan provided below outlines policies and protocols to ensure the safety of all participants attending OVA Beach Tour events. The information presented ensures that Relevant sport or physical activity guidance documents have been consulted, including those from public health, the provincial government, and the Ontario Volleyball Association. This plan will be shared with all participants, including staff, referees, athletes and spectators on the OVA website and social media and sent to them in a pre-event email as well as covered at the players meetings.

A responsible person(s) has been designated to oversee activities and ensure public health guidelines are followed. *Note: this may be your COVID-19 Club Oversight Group as listed in your COVID-19 Response Plan.*

*This safety plan includes:*

- Section 1 - General Event & Contact Information
- Section 2 - Beach Tour Physical Distancing and Crowd Control Measures In Place
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All participants are to abide by these policies and protocols to mitigate the risk of transmitting COVID-19 at the 2021 Beach Tour events.

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL EVENT & CONTACT INFORMATION

### Club/Team Name: Ontario Volleyball Beach Tour

Facility Name: Barrie – Horseshoe Resort, London – North Athletic Fields, Pickering - Chestnut Hills Rec Complex

Date Completed: July 7, 2021.

Revision Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Below is a list of contacts for all Beach Tour events that are hosted by the OVA. In addition to OVA staff listed below, each Beach Tour host will be responsible for ensuring that the safety plan is applied and followed at their respective locations.**

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## **SECTION 2 - BEACH TOUR PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND CROWD CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE**

The OVA has recognized that crowds may gather in the following locations and will address crowd control with the following measures:




1. Team check in
  - a. Schedules with court assignments will be posted online ahead of time to avoid gatherings at the tent.
  - b. A facility map outlining designated spectator areas, washrooms, playing courts, control tent and parking will be available.
  - c. Staff will check in participants according to different age groups in separate lines.
2. Control tent
  - a. When reporting scores to the control tent, each team will send one athlete to represent the team physically distanced.
  - b. Players from different matches will line up alongside pylons to ensure physical distancing while waiting to report their score.
3. Spectators around the court
  - a. Each minor athlete (under 18yo) is allowed to bring one parent or guardian.
  - b. Parents or guardians are required to check in at the event with their personal and contact information and to complete the daily health screening to aid with contact tracing.
  - c. During play, 2 metres physical distancing between athletes is not required, but deliberate physical contact is not permitted (e.g. high fives, hugs, etc.).
  - d. When off the court, physical distancing must be maintained by all individuals.
  - e. Parents or guardians must maintain physical distancing of 2m at all times. Parents or guardians will be asked to separate if clustered too close together.
  - f. Staff and referees will be patrolling the facility and telling spectators to move apart if they are deemed to be too close together.
  - g. PA announcements will be made in the morning to remind parents and guardians to remain physically distanced.
  - h. All participants and parents or guardians must leave the courts and venue immediately after their last match.
  - i. Participants in tents will be asked to keep physically distanced.
  - j. Facility spectator capacity:
    - i. For a facility that has an area designated for spectator seating, 25 per cent of the usual seating capacity will be allowed.
    - ii. For a facility that does not have an area designated for spectator seating, 25 per cent capacity, determined by taking the total square metres of the area, dividing that number by 16 and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number, to be confirmed with the facility.
4. Medical tent
  - a. At the medical tent, athletes will be treated one at a time.
    - i. Athletes waiting for treatment will be asked to form a line outside the tent.
    - ii. Pylons will be used to indicate where each person should be waiting to ensure that proper physical distancing is maintained.
5. Awards Ceremony

- a. Medals will be laid out on a table for pick up and winners will be asked to pick them up at the conclusion of their match.
- b. Teams should remain physically distanced as outlined by pylons when waiting to pick up their medals.
- c. Teams will be physically distanced 2m apart for any photographs.

The following sign will be placed at check in for all participants to see:

## PLAY SAFE

Please remember to follow the protocols and recommendations

	<b>Stay home if you are sick or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.</b>
	<b>Masks must be worn when not participating in on-court activities.</b>
	<b>All players must check in daily and complete the health assessment prior to playing.</b>
	<b>Players should bring their own sanitizer and PPE for personal use.</b>
	<b>Wash your hands with soap and water or bottled disinfectant prior to play, at frequent intervals during participation and at the end of the night.</b>
	<b>Keep 2m apart on-court and on the sidelines.</b>
	<b>Do not share water bottles, towels, personal items, etc.</b>
	<b>Cough and/or sneeze into your arm.</b>
	<b>Unnecessary contact between players (handshakes, high-fives, huddles, etc) is not permitted.</b>
	<b>Please do not loiter at the beach after game play. Teams are to arrive on time and leave immediately upon completion of their games.</b>



## **SECTION 3 - BEACH TOUR EVENT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

**The following event protocols will be implemented for all Beach Tour events in order to meet the requirements of Ontario's step 2 return to play regulations.**

### **1) Daily Health Screening and Participant Tracking Protocols**

- Online daily health screening will be completed by all attendees and recorded by event staff during check-in.
- Daily health screening will be completed by all athletes, referees, staff, parents and guardians.
- Participants should stay home if they are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by health experts.
- Participants should stay home if they have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- A pre-event email will be provided with a link to an online Daily Health screening form to be completed the day of the event.
- Daily health screening must be completed by all participants before entering the facility.
- Participants that do not complete and/or do not pass the screening will not be allowed into the event.

### **2) Physical Distancing Protocols**

- During play, 2 metres physical distancing between athletes is not required, but deliberate physical contact is not permitted (e.g., high fives, hugs, etc.).
- When off the court, physical distancing must be maintained by all individuals.
- Parents or guardians must always maintain physical distancing of 2m.

### **3) Crowd Control & Spectator Protocols**

- Lines for check-in and reporting game results will be indicated by pylons that will provide a visual cue to help maintain physical distancing.
- Each minor athlete (under 18yo) is only allowed to bring one parent or guardian.
  - Parents or guardians are required to check in at the event with their personal and contact information and to complete the daily health screening to aid with contact tracing.
- All participants and parents or guardians must leave the courts and venue immediately after their last match.
  - They will be reminded not to loiter in the parking lot after the event and will be asked to leave once all matches are complete.
- At the medical tent, athletes will be treated one at a time.
  - Athletes waiting for treatment will be asked to form a line outside the tent.
  - Pylons will be used to indicate where each person should be waiting to ensure that proper physical distancing is maintained.
- Participants will be asked not to gather for the player's meeting and playoffs meetings. Instead, we will ask them to stay physically distanced close to a speaker to ensure that they can hear what the organizer is saying.

#### 4) Masks & PPE Usage

- Athletes who are participating in on-court warm up or game play do not have to wear a mask.
- Masks must be worn by all participants/attendees while off the court.
- Return to Play protocols links will be included in the pre-event information as well as the OVA tournament schedules to ensure that participants have access to the most up to date version.
- Mask wearing protocols will also be covered during the player's meeting before the start of the tournament.

#### 5) Cleaning & Disinfecting Protocols

- Microban and Clorox spray will be used by the staff and hosts to disinfect equipment and shared surfaces throughout the tournament.
  - Volleyballs will be sanitized and disinfected between matches.
    - Two sets of volleyballs will be rotated between matches so that one set is in use during play while the second set is being disinfected to avoid delaying the tournament.
    - All volleyballs will be disinfected again before the start of the afternoon wave.
  - Nets and admin tables will be sanitized and disinfected between morning and afternoon waves.
- Teams must bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for personal use
  - Disinfectant wipes can be used to disinfect personal equipment (e.g. balls).
- Prizing and giveaways will be disinfected and picked up by athletes instead being handed out to participants by staff.

#### 6) Hygiene Protocols

- All athletes must wash or sanitize their hands prior to each match.
  - Hand sanitizing during breaks in game play (time-outs and in between sets) is also recommended.
- Participants will be reminded/encouraged to bring enough water from home to avoid having to touch a tap or water fountain handle while at the venue.
- Participants will be reminded via a pre-event email, on the OVA website, and via onsite announcements that all dirty towels should be placed inside a plastic bag and tied up so they are not touching other items in their equipment bags throughout the day.
- Participants will be reminded to arrive fully dressed in their uniforms under their warm-up clothing. Changing on site is not recommended as indoor changerooms are not open.
- Teams must bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for personal use.

**Participants must follow any other safety, physical distancing and hygiene requirements as stated in the most recent version of the OVA Outdoor Volleyball Return to Play/Training Protocols. If participants and spectators are not following the protocols, they will be asked to leave the event.**

## **SECTION 4 - BEACH TOUR COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN**

**The following protocols are in place for if a participant becomes ill during or after an event and/or is tested for COVID-19. Steps for return to activity by participants who were previously ill and/or tested as well as public health guidelines are included.**

### **1) An individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19**

- If an individual becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 that individual must immediately stop participation in OVA Beach Tour activities.
- If someone is aware of an individual that becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 they should report that information to event organizers and that individual will be advised to immediately stop participation in OVA Beach Tour activities.
- The individual will be isolated from all others in a well-ventilated area or outside and provided with a non-medical face mask if one is available.
- The individual shall be sent home and instructed to follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing.
- The facility will be informed in order to determine if any areas need to be closed off and/or require additional cleaning/disinfecting.
- A member of the COVID-19 Oversight Group will be informed of the situation and will contact the individual or their parent/guardian to determine if next steps are being taken regarding testing.

### **2) An individual is tested for COVID-19**

- Any individual that is part of an OVA Beach Tour that has been tested for COVID-19 must not participate in OVA Beach Tour activities while waiting for the results of the test.
- The OVA Beach Tour will consult the Session Participation tracking sheets to inform other OVA Beach Tour members who might have been in close contact with the individual.
- Any OVA Beach Tour members who were in close contact with the individual should not participate in OVA Beach Tour activities and should follow public health guidelines until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health professionals.

### **3) An individual tests positive for COVID-19**

- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they must inform a member of the OVA Beach Tour COVID-19 Oversight Group.
- The COVID-19 Oversight Group will work with the facility and public health officials to assist in contact tracing. The Session Participation tracking sheets may be used to assist public health officials in informing other OVA Beach Tour members who may have been in close contact with the individual.
- Any OVA Beach Tour members who were in close contact with the individual cannot participate in OVA Beach Tour activities for 14 days and should follow public health guidelines regarding self-isolation and testing.
- It is recommended to also inform all event participants of a positive COVID-19 result within the OVA Beach Tour setting.
- In the case of a positive COVID-19 result, the Beach Tour Host will inform and work with the facility to determine if any additional cleaning/disinfecting should be performed as per the facility's guidelines.
- The Beach Tour Host will inform Ontario Volleyball of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis by emailing [OVA Beach Toursupportservices@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:OVA_Beach_Toursupportservices@ontariovolleyball.org)



#### **4) Return to OVA Beach Tour activities following illness**

- If no test was performed, or the COVID-19 test was negative, the individual may only return to OVA Beach Tour activities once they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19.

#### **5) Return to OVA Beach Tour activities following positive COVID-19 test**

- Following a positive COVID-19 test, an individual must follow all public health guidelines regarding returning to activities.

#### **6) Modification/restriction/postponing or canceling of OVA Beach Tour Activities**

- Based on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the OVA Beach Tour must be prepared to follow public health, municipal/provincial government and sport recommendations regarding modifying/restricting/postponing or canceling activities.
- In the event of a COVID-19 related cancellation, OVA Beach Tour will follow their existing cancellation policy regarding OVA initiated cancellations.
- OVA Beach Tour members will be informed as soon as possible of any modifications/restrictions or cancellations.
- OVA Beach Tour must keep any modifications and restrictions in place until advised that it is safe to resume activities by public health, government or sport officials/administrators.

#### **7) Public Health Guidelines**

OVA Beach Tour members should follow all public health guidelines regarding COVID-19.

These may include:

- Any OVA Beach Tour members who themselves have travelled outside of Canada or has someone in their household who has travelled outside Canada must self-isolate and not participate in OVA Beach Tour activities for 14 days after the date of arrival back in Canada.
- Any individual who has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should self-isolate and is not permitted to participate in OVA Beach Tour activities for 14 days after the exposure.
- Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 is not permitted to take part in OVA Beach Tour activities.
- Any individual who has someone in their household showing symptoms of COVID-19, may not participate in OVA Beach Tour activities.

## SECTION 5 - BEACH TOUR COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PLAN

The OVA Beach Tour will ensure effective communication is taking place with its participants by following the steps outlined below:

1. Ensure up to date contact information for all OVA Beach Tour participants is on-file.
2. The best way to distribute information to our participants is via email. We will also use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram as well as conduct town halls to distribute information to ensure that everyone is aware of all protocols and policies. All protocols and policies will also be made available on the OVA website.
3. The OVA staff will be responsible for updating return to play protocols and communicating them with all participants during each new step of reopening.
4. All participants will receive an email the week of their event with information regarding the tournament and any new or updated Return to Play protocols.
5. The OVA will host a town hall to cover new regulations with respect to Step 3 with senior management and OVA staff. Exact date is pending the release of the Step 3 regulations.
6. The following documents are examples of those that will be posted on our website in the Beach Tour competitions and/or Return to Play sections should participants wish to review them. Please check the website for the most up to date:
  - Beach Tour Information Sheet
  - What's New 2021
  - Current Government Regulations
  - Modified Outdoor Competition Regulations
  - OVA Beach Tour Safety Plan
  - Appendix A: Volleyball Canada Return to Play Guidelines
  - Appendix B: Club Assessment Risk and Mitigation Tool (SAMPLE)
  - Appendix C: OVA Waiver
  - Appendix D: Educational Resources
  - Appendix E: Club Response Plan \*UPDATED June 11
  - Appendix F: Daily Health Screening Questionnaire (Adult) \*UPDATED June 11
  - Appendix F: Daily Health Screening Questionnaire (Children/Youth up to 18) \*UPDATED May 31
  - Appendix G: Session Participation and Health Screening Tracking Template
  - Appendix H: Return to Play Drills for Tiered Zones
  - Appendix I: Mikasa Volleyball Cleaning Guidelines
  - Appendix J: Back to Operations - Questions for Facilities
  - Appendix K: Event Hosting Guidelines
  - Appendix L: Graduated Return to Play Post COVID-19 infection
  - Appendix M: Safety Plan
7. Suzanne Wallace, Manager of Beach Program will be designated as the staff member to follow up with any individuals who become unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 during OVA Beach Tour activities.
8. Daily session tracking sheets and health screening forms will be kept online via Formstack for 1 year.
9. If it is determined that an OVA Beach Tour member has been tested for COVID-19, we will inform all OVA Beach Tour members via email that may have been in close contact

with that individual. Information on OVA's return to play protocols, what each member's next steps should be and their public health unit contact information will also be provided.

10. If it is determined that an OVA Beach Tour member/attendee has tested positive for COVID-19, we will inform all OVA Beach Tour members/attendees via email that may have been in close contact with that individual. Information on OVA's return to play protocols, what each attendees next steps should be and their public health unit contact information will be also provided.
  - a. Suzanne Wallace, Manager of Beach Programs will ensure the public health unit has been made aware of the member/attendee having tested positive for COVID-19.
  - b. Suzanne Wallace, Manager of Beach Programs will ensure the facility and Ontario Volleyball are informed of the member/attendee having tested positive for COVID-19.

## **SECTION 6 - BEACH TOUR STAFF TRAINING AND PROTOCOL REVIEW PLAN**

**The following steps will be taken to ensure that all OVA Beach Tour staff, hosts and referees are aware and understand all COVID-19 Return to Play and safety protocols. This will ensure that our events are executed for a safe return to beach volleyball.**

- An online meeting will be delivered to all hosts and staff from all locations to update them on new protocols for this year.
  - The meeting will be recorded for those that cannot attend the live session.
- OVA staff will be on site to help train new staff.
- The Referee kickoff meeting will ensure that all referees are aware of new protocols.
  - This meeting will also be recorded for all referees that cannot attend.
- Resources are posted online for reference in Return to Play section of the website.
- The following documents will be shared with everyone for their review:
  - Beach Tour Information Sheet
  - What's New 2021
  - Modified Outdoor Competition Regulations
  - OVA Beach Tour Safety Plan

**This document will be reviewed at the release of each new Step of the Ontario's Re-Opening plan to ensure we are compliant with all new regulations. We will do this by reviewing the laws and consulting our board of directors and senior management team as well as seek legal advice from our lawyer(s) and insurance company.**

- OVA staff will stay up to date on regulation changes via weekly updates from senior management.
- Return to Play and Safety protocols will be updated as necessary according to government regulations.
- Weekly staff and department meetings will be held to keep everyone informed of all new protocols.