

Winter Beach Tour Half Day Events

Half-day events follow a similar format to the regular full day beach tournaments, with a modified round robin and tiered playoff bracket.

Event Format:

- Round robin pools of 3 and 4 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 30-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.
- Round robin pools of 5 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 35-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.
- Playoff matches for pools of 3 and 4 will be 2 out of 3 sets (21, 21, 15) or 45-minute rounds.
- Pools of 5 will not have a playoff round and final standing will be determined at the end of pool play.
- Tiered playoff brackets with a maximum of 4 teams per tier.
- Each team will have a specific rank in their division after teams complete playoffs.
- If teams are tied at the end of the time allotted in sets, points scored will be used to determine the winner.
- All teams are required to check in from 8:30-8:50AM. Late teams will be subject to removal from the tournament.

Event Registration & Membership:

Registration for the event can be completed in [MTC](#). All tournament deadlines at the Downsview location are at 4PM on the Monday immediately preceding the event weekend. Tournaments at the London location have a deadline of 2 Monday's prior to the event weekend.

*If a division does not meet the minimum 3 teams, changes will be made 2 Mondays prior to the event to accommodate other divisions.

OVA reserves the right to charge a \$20 late fee for registrations after the deadline and to accept or deny late entry teams based on whether adding the team is beneficial for the tournament draw and format.

OVA Tournament Fee:

- Half-day events: \$90.00+HST per team.

Schedules:

Several variables, such as the number of teams registered, the number of courts we have and the parameters of the facility and rental permit, may affect how tournament draws and schedules are created impacting our ability to adhere to some of these guidelines. As often as possible:

- teams will play a minimum of three matches per day*
- teams will play a maximum of six matches per day*
- teams of similar ability will compete against one another
- the outcome of a match will impact the team's final placement
- re-pools and playoffs will avoid re-matches
- higher seeded teams will receive more rest between playoff matches
- matches between closer seeded teams will be scheduled for the end of pool play

Rankings:

Winter Beach Tour rankings will be the average of the 2 partner's points averages. The points used to rank an athlete will be:

- 2026 Winter Beach Tour Points Average (average of 2 highest finishes from the Winter Beach Tour)

If the athlete has not played on the Winter Beach Tour yet, then the highest of the following will be considered:

- 2025 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in one age group lower (i.e. 13U points used for 14U Winter Beach Tour)
- 2025 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in the same age group (i.e. 14U points used for 14U Winter Beach Tour)

If the average of a team is tied, the following tiebreaker will be used:

- Total number of Winter Beach Tour events played by both partners in the age group
- Average of OVA Beach Tour Final Points
- Coin Flip

Rules and Age Specific Rules:

- 16U and younger serve reception
 - For OVA & VC 16U and younger competitions - after a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During the rally each athlete has the right to position him/herself anywhere on the court. Outcome for violation: 1. Official ends rally immediately upon contact by the server. 2. Point awarded to the serving team.
- Hand setting rules - The following hand setting rule will be used **for 16U and younger**
 - A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips (i.e. the player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.
- Beach First Contact Rule
 - Volleyball Canada, 16U and younger competitions, receiving serve or a first contact with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact. The first referee will use the "double-contact" signal to indicate this infraction
- OVA Ceiling Rule
 - The ball shall remain in play on your own side if it touches the ceiling as a result of your own contact. If the ball hits the ceiling and then crosses the net on your opponent's side, it is out.

Beach Coaching

Beach Coaches are required to meet the Beach Coach eligibility requirements and check-in during the WBT events.

- Be a registered **Beach Coach** on [MRS](#).
 - Complete the [Screening Disclosure Form](#).
 - Submit a [Vulnerable Sector Screen or Enhanced Police Information Check \(E-PIC\)](#) completed within three (3) years.
- Complete [Making Head Way](#)
- Complete [Safe Sport](#)
- Complete [Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#)
- Complete [Foundations of Volleyball](#)
- Complete [Anti-Racism in Coaching](#)

Player Referees:

For the half-day events, all matches, pool play and playoffs including medal matches, will have scheduled player referees where possible. If no teams are available, then matches will be self-refereed and the playing teams are required to keep score and/or call out the score of the match. Failure to complete refereeing duties will result in a sanction of \$100 per team per match.

