



Beach Tour Coach Eligibility

All athletes have the right to a safe, inclusive and responsible volleyball experience. As people in positions of authority, coaches have an important role to play in providing this type of environment. Coaches have the responsibility to:

- Complete the necessary training in order to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally and socially safe for all athletes and participants
- Complete the necessary training in order to provide a responsible learning environment that incorporates Volleyball Canada's teaching methodologies, technical guidelines and long-term athlete development principles
- Ensure that all of their coach training is current so as to be able to provide a safe and responsible volleyball experience for all

MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OVA BEACH TOUR COACHES

All individuals involved with youth athletes must complete the following requirements prior to their registration as an OVA Beach Coach on the Membership Registration System (MRS). These requirements apply to **all individuals**, regardless of certification status, experience, or years of involvement:

- Be a registered Beach Coach member in [MRS](#)
- Abide by the OVA Screening Policy
 - Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screen or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) completed within 3 years.
 - [Instructions on how to apply for a myBackCheck E-PIC.](#)
- Complete the following training
 - [Making Head Way](#) (Free)
 - Coaches Association of Canada [Safe Sports Training](#) (Free)
 - [Foundations of Volleyball](#) (\$89)
 - [Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#) (\$85 or free if course was completed)

Coaches that wish to coach at an OVA Beach Tour event, must complete the above items by the Wednesday 11:59PM prior to the weekend's event.

Coaching during match play in the OVA Beach Tour is ONLY permitted in 12U – 16U age divisions. Coaching is not allowed in the 17U, 18U, Youth Open or Adult divisions.

Coaches must first identify themselves at the main control tent at the start of the day. Each coach will be given a badge to identify them as a coach during the tournament day. The badge is returned at the end of the day. Coaches must identify themselves to all parties participating in the match including the opposing team, the player referees, and the OVA referee supervisor in the area before the match begins. The coach's name must be included on the match score sheet.

*Coaches attending Nationals should check [Volleyball Canada's Coach Certification Policy](#) to verify compliance.