

The 2021 Beach Tour will be building off the 2020 Beach Friendlies model with the addition of small playoff brackets at the conclusion of pool play.

The OVA will be working with previous satellite hosts to run OVA Beach Tour events in multiple venues across the province and the athletes will earn points and have rankings with the plans of a modified Ontario Beach Championships if Ontario regulations allow for it.

For the 2021 Beach Tour season, there will be no satellite events, and all events across Ontario will be considered Beach Tour events. To help alleviate need for travel outside an athlete's region, there will be no difference in points based on venue and all events will award Beach Tour points.

Age Categories:

| Age Category | |
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| 12 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2008 |
| 13 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2007 |
| 14 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2006 |
| 15 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2005 |
| 16 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2004 |
| 18 & Under | born on or after September 1 st , 2002 |
| Youth Open | born on or after September 1 st , 2000 |
| Adult | No age restriction |

Event Registration Fee and Membership

Athletes must purchase a Beach Recreational Player membership prior to participation in their first OVA Beach Tour event of the 2021 season.

Registration for the event can be completed in [MRS](#) and the registration deadline is the Monday 4:00pm prior to the weekend's event.

Beach Recreational Player Membership Fee

- A one-time only fee of \$12.91 (tax included)
- If you have already purchased an indoor Recreational Player membership, you will be able to add this membership level at no additional cost
- Tournament Fee: \$80.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.

Refunds

The OVA will deduct a \$20 administration fee on all cancellations prior to the registration deadline (Monday prior to the tournament 4:00PM). For any cancellation requests after the deadline, there will be no refund or credit issued for any reason, except injury.

In the case of an injury a refund will be made, less a \$20 administration fee. All cancellations and request for refunds must be presented in writing by the person who registered to the OVA Operations Lead prior to the event and accompanied by a doctor's note within one week of the missed event.

Information that **must** be included in the cancellation/refund request:

1. Full name of both teammates
2. Division
3. Date of tournament to be withdrawn/cancelled
4. Transaction number of registration confirmation email
5. Full name on credit card
6. Doctor's note (only needed if past registration deadline)

Ontario Championships Information:

- Please note that due to the ongoing changes to the Ontario regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic, information on the Ontario Championships age group, format, location, registration fee and dates will be made available at a later date.
- To be eligible to compete in a single age division in Ontario Beach Championships, each partner must participate in a minimum of one (1) Beach Tour event.
- A **recreational membership only** is required to participate at the Beach Ontario Championships. Please note, it is at OVA's discretion when the events will take place and the OVA can combine age groups/events during Ontario Championships if the number of registered teams does not meet minimum number.
- Ontario Championships Dates: August 21/22 and August 28/29
- Ontario Championships Location: TBD
- Ontario Championships Registration Fee: TBD

Exceptions:

1. Indoor Provincial Team – must play in at least one (1) OVA Beach Tour event.
2. Beach Provincial Team – must play in the minimum required tournaments as stated or played in other provincial team approved tournaments (proof required).
3. National Team athletes – must play in at least one (1) OVA Beach Tour event.
4. Region 1 athletes – there are NO provincial eligibility requirements.
5. Exceptional circumstances – Must present case to OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee by **Friday August 13th, 2021**. Exemptions need to be emailed to Kelvin Cheng (kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) stating why the athlete/team couldn't fulfill the required number of tournament and explain why the athlete/team should be accepted into Ontario Championships. **Exemption requests for 16U or higher must be submitted directly by the athlete (not the parent).**

NOTE: a medical note does not count as participation in an event. If participation is not possible due to illness or injury, the case needs to be presented to the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee no later than Monday July 19, 2021.

Event Waves:

- Each day will consist of two waves (AM/PM wave). The AM wave start at 9:00AM and the PM wave will start at 1:30PM. Schedules and court assignments will be posted on the OVA website. Teams can check in 45 minutes before the start of each wave.

Beach Tour Pool Play and Playoff Schedule:

- Pools of 3 and 4 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 30-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.

- Pools of 5 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 35-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.
- Pools of 3 and 4 playoff matches 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.

Pre-Event Seeding

In 2021, teams will be seeded in tournaments based on current 2021 Beach Tour points as an average of each player's **best three (3)** available results in that age group. If you have not participated in the 2021 season, then your 2019 final ranking points will be used. Zeroes are not included if the athlete has not participated in a minimum of three (3) events.

2019 final ranking points will be used in the following order of availability:

1. 2019 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in two age groups lower (i.e. 13U points used for first 15U event)
2. 2019 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in one age group lower currently participating in (i.e. 14U points used for first 15U event)
 - Exception: 12UG & 13UB – will look at 2019 12UG, 13UB first, then 13UG, 14UB
 - Exception: If an athlete finished with higher points in an older age group and would like to use those points for initial rankings instead, please notify the OVA (kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org).

For example, last season Stephen finished with 875 points in 14U and 950 points in 15U. The default is to use his 875 points from the age group lower (14U, 875 points) but Stephen can request to use 950 for his first initial ranking in 15U instead.

Ties between teams with the same seeding points going into an OVA Beach Tour event are broken by the following in priority order:

1. Most individual participations on the current OVA Beach Tour in the respective age division (combination of the team's individual participation).
2. Average of each highest individual finish per team on the current OVA Beach Tour.
3. 2019 final point average (team).
4. A coin toss would determine who would be ranked higher.

Rankings

Rankings will be determined by the points participants/teams have received in the specific age group they are registering to participate in (i.e. 15U participation give you points in 15U). If you play up an age division, your 16U points will only apply for ranking in 16U events. The 16U points will not be applied to your 15U ranking.

Your year-end ranking will be based on your two (2) highest available results and Ontario Championship result. If the athlete does not participate in Ontario Championships, their final ranking will be based on their three (3) highest tournament results.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

At the end of each match and/or round, one player from each team, must report the score at the control tent. Ties between teams within pool play going into playoffs are broken by the following procedure in priority order. ONLY tied teams will be taken into consideration.

1. Number of matches won – 2 points per match. (This step is only used when teams play full 2 out of 3 sets during pool play. For those in pools where only 2 sets are played, please skip to directly to #2)
2. Number of sets won – 1 point per game.
- 3a. **Between 2 teams: Result of head-to-head match**
- 3b. **Between 3 or more teams: point differential between tied teams**
4. Point differential overall.

5. Pre-event seeding.

Playoffs and Points:

- Playoff brackets are broken down to tiers, with a maximum of 4 teams per tier and at the end of the playoffs, each team will have a specific rank according to the point system below:

| | Premier | Championship | Challenger | Trillium 1 | Trillium 2 | Trillium 3 | Trillium 4 |
|------|---------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rank | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1000 | 900 | 800 | 700 | 600 | 500 | 400 |
| 2 | 985 | 885 | 785 | 685 | 585 | 485 | 385 |
| 3 | 970 | 870 | 770 | 670 | 570 | 470 | 370 |
| 4 | 955 | 855 | 755 | 655 | 555 | 455 | 355 |
| 5 | 940 | 840 | 740 | 640 | 540 | 440 | 340 |
| 6 | 920 | 820 | 720 | 620 | 520 | 420 | 320 |
| 7 | 900 | 800 | 700 | 600 | 500 | 400 | 300 |
| 8 | 880 | 780 | 680 | 580 | 480 | 380 | 280 |
| 9 | 860 | 760 | 660 | 560 | 460 | 360 | 260 |
| 10 | 840 | 740 | 640 | 540 | 440 | 340 | 240 |
| 11 | 820 | 720 | 620 | 520 | 420 | 320 | 220 |
| 12 | 800 | 700 | 600 | 500 | 400 | 300 | 200 |
| 13 | 780 | 780 | 680 | 580 | 480 | 380 | 180 |
| 14 | 760 | 660 | 560 | 460 | 360 | 260 | 160 |
| 15 | 740 | 640 | 540 | 440 | 340 | 240 | 140 |
| 16 | 720 | 620 | 520 | 420 | 320 | 220 | 120 |

Mask Usage:

- For outdoor volleyball including Beach Tour Events, masks are required to be always worn by all individuals/participants, **except by athletes while on court during the competition**. Athletes must wear a mask when they step off the court at the end of their match.

Event Daily Health Screening Questionnaire/Contact Tracing Info:

- Daily health screening questionnaire and the contact tracing information will be available to complete as of 12:01AM the day of the event. The contact tracing information can be found on the event schedule [here](#). An email with details about the event and a link to the contact tracing info and screening questionnaire will also be sent the athletes. Athletes must fill out the form prior to arriving at the venue. Athletes and parents/guardians must check in at the control tent, where an event staff will confirm completion of both forms.

Coaching:

- To minimize the number of individuals our participants encounter during 2021 Beach Tour events, coaches will not be allowed to check in and no coaching will be allowed in the playing field or during a match.

Player referees

- For the 2021 OVA beach season, all matches, pool play and playoffs including medal matches, will be self-refereed, and the playing teams are required to keep score and/or call out the score of the match. An OVA referee will also be on site to help answer any questions or settle any disputes between the playing teams.