



Town Hall

Outdoor Program Updates

March 1, 2021

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Return to Play Updates

- White to Red zone athletes cannot play in OVA events
- Members in Grey Zones:
 - *Indoor not allowed only own household*
 - *Outdoor –10 people*
- Members in white Zones (Stay at Home Orders):
 - *Every individual shall remain at the residence at which they are currently residing at all times unless leaving their residence is necessary for one or more of the following purposes....". And the only approved form of exercise is "Exercising, including,*
 - *i. walking or moving around outdoors using an assistive mobility device, or*
 - *ii. using an outdoor recreational amenity that is permitted to be open."*
- Daily health screening forms updated again Feb 24th to fall in line with Ontario Government regulations
- All updates can be found online at: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/ova-return-to-play>



2021 Season Overview

- Building off the 2020 Beach Friendlies model with the hopes of pivoting and running full day events over the summer, if the government regulations begin to ease and more vaccinations are administered
- Will still be a modified Beach Tour, but athletes will earn points and have rankings, with the plans of a modified Ontario Championships to fall in line with government regulations
- Must follow Return to Play protocols and Public Health guidelines to operate events safely
- Will be working with previous satellite hosts to run OVA Beach Tour events at as many locations across Ontario that we can
- Also looking at developing Grass Volleyball Leagues and tournaments for across Ontario



Beach COVID Protocols

- All tournaments must follow OVA RTP Protocols
 - Currently event game play sessions are no longer than 180 minutes (of on court activity) - *under Board review*
 - As per OVA Board approved directive, mask usage is mandatory at all OVA programs and events – this includes during on court play. - *under Board review*
- Each player & spectator must complete their daily health screening & provide contract tracing details the day of the event.
 - Limit of 1 spectator per athlete under the age of 18
- Sanitization of equipment after each match/wave
 - Nets, balls, scoreboards, tables, pens, etc.
- Events can only take place in Green to Orange Zones
 - All participants can only participate if they live outside a Red/Lockdown zone/White Stay at Home zone





Beach Tour - Age Groups

Athletes are to participate in the age category associated to their Chronological Age Class. The categories for 2021 are:

Age Category	Chronological Age Class
12 & Under	Born 2009 or later
13 & Under	Born 2008 or later
14 & Under	Born 2007 or later
15 & Under	Born 2006 or later
16 & Under	Born 2005 or later
18 & Under	Born 2003 or later
Youth Open	Born 2001 or later
Adult	No age restriction

Those athletes who are new to the sport of beach volleyball and whose birthdate fall in the extended age category may be eligible to play down an age category.

Extended age categories are as follows:

Age Category	Extended Age Class
12 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2008 and December 31 st 2008
13 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2007 and December 31 st 2007
14 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2006 and December 31 st 2006
15 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2005 and December 31 st 2005
16 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2004 and December 31 st 2004
18 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2002 and December 31 st 2002
Youth Open	Born between September 1 st 2000 and December 31 st 2000

Those who are eligible to play down an age class must apply for exemption from the OVA by emailing Kelvin Cheng (kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org). The email must have a description of their objective and rationale for playing down.



Event Format

Pool play, with small playoff brackets

- Building off Friendlies model from 2020
 - All teams playing, limited teams sitting off, self-ref'd, 2 or 3 waves per day (facility dependant)
- Multiple venues across the province
- Teams encouraged to play in their area, and not travel to multiple venues
 - Teams are recommended to play in only 1 event per weekend
- No difference in points based on venue
- All players required to have OVA competitive membership
- Cancellation/Weather Policy
 - Immediate cancellation of event
 - Based on number of matches played, athlete may have option to change to a later event.

	Time	Pool of 4 on 2 courts 2 sets to 21		Pool of 3 2 sets to 21
	9:00	1 vs 4	2 vs 3	1 vs 3
	9:30	10-minute break		
	9:40	1 vs 3	2 vs 4	2 vs 3
	10:10	10-minute break		
	10:20	1 vs 2	3 vs 4	1 vs 2
	10:50	10-minute break		
R1 Playoff	11:00	Playoffs		
	11:45	10-minute break		
R2 Playoff	11:55	Playoffs		

Locations/Cost

Team cost for regular season Beach Tour events will be \$80 + HST per team.

The following locations will be tentatively utilized for the 2021 season:

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|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| ✓ Ancaster | ✓ Keswick | ✓ Ottawa |
| ✓ Barrie –
Horseshoe | ✓ Kingston | ✓ Pickering |
| ✓ Brampton | ✓ Kitchener | ✓ Sudbury |
| ✓ Cobourg | ✓ Leamington | ✓ Toronto |
| ✓ Hamilton | ✓ London | ✓ Windsor |
| ✓ Innisfil | ✓ Milton | |
| | ✓ North Bay | |





Points/Ranking/Playoffs

- All events will award Beach Tour points, no satellite point structure this year
 - Help to alleviate need for travel outside region
- Teams ranked on 2019 Beach Tour points, or current 2021 Beach Tour points (if available)
 - Tie Breaker rules would be used when required for ranking prior to event and end of pool play
- Points would be associated to specific age division
 - Player could have 13U & 14U points, points only count toward age division entered

	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



Playoffs (Con't)

- Playoff brackets broken down to 4 teams max (time constraints)
 - Winners of first round play for 1st and 2nd in their tier
 - Losers of first round play for 3rd and 4th in their tier
- Playoff rounds are best 2 out of 3 (21, 21, 15)
- Each team will then have a specific rank after teams complete playoffs
- Medals/prizing for 1st & 2nd in each draw

Beach Tour 8 Team Draw					
				2 Pools of 4	
Tier 1				A	B
A1	Loser is 2nd	Winner is 1st		1	2
				4	3
B2				5	6
				8	7
B1		Loser is 4th	Winner is 3rd		
A2					
Tier 2					
A3	Loser is 6th	Winner is 5th			
B4					
B3					
A4		Loser is 8th	Winner is 7th		
				Division:	

Referees/Coaching

- All matches self-refereed
 - Players are responsible for making own calls/keeping score
- One (1) OVA referee onsite (minimum)
 - Not required to ref all finals
- No coaching allowed
 - Reduce number of people on playing field
 - Coaching to be performed more at training sessions, not tournament play





Ontario Championships

- Province wide OC's is tentative, might have to consider more of a regional approach
 - Decision should be made by mid-June to give everyone enough time to plan accordingly
- Teams register for the event, not a specific venue
 - Multiple venues will be utilized, sites with 12 courts preferred
 - Might have to consider additional weekend to accommodate all age divisions
- One-day event, instead of typical 2-day
- Earlier registration deadline, venue assignment week before event
 - Try to keep them all central so teams can still make appropriate travel plans





Grass Volleyball Opportunities

- Currently looking at running OVA grass leagues across the province this summer to create some new opportunities for our clubs and athletes to participate in
 - Would be ideal for athletes that are not comfortable playing beach
 - Allow Clubs to run programming and keep athletes engaged
- Based on permits available at each location, could be weekday or weekend leagues and/or tournaments
- If interested in hosting events in your town/city, please contact us!





Another Town Hall session to follow in mid-April with further beach updates.



Questions? Thank you for your time!



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