

The OVA is happy to announce that starting the weekend of July 31/August 1, the OVA Beach Tour will be moving back to full-day events at select locations as we have moved into Step 3 of the Ontario Roadmap to Re-Opening plan sooner than anticipated! Due to demand from members to return to a “true” Tour event, and the fact that we are anticipating a 2-day Ontario Championships at the end of August, we feel that everyone will be better prepared for that longer format of play by offering full-day events starting later this summer.

Full-day events will include:

- Regular OVA pool play formats and full brackets for playoffs – no more tiers and timed matches!
- Player referees will be assigned as per years past – make sure to brush up on the rules before your event!
- Tournament price will be \$95+HST per team
- All teams will be in the same playoff bracket fighting for 1st place.

Starting July 31/August 1, full-day events will be offered at the following locations:

- Barrie, Brampton, London, Milton, North Bay, Ottawa, Pickering, Windsor

For those that prefer the shorter, half-day formats, the following locations will still be offering half-day events and no changes will be made to those registrations:

- Ancaster, Keswick, Kitchener, Markham

Age Categories:

Age Category	
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
- **OVA Tournament Fee:**
 - Half-day events: \$80.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
 - Full-day events: \$95.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
- **OVA Registration deadline:**

- Registration deadline is the Monday 4:00 PM prior to the weekend's event, unless noted otherwise. A late fee of \$20/team will be added to the registration fee on MRS once the deadline has passed. OVA reserves the right to accept or refuse late entry teams based on whether adding the team is beneficial for the tournament draw and format.

PLEASE NOT: IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED for an event for July 31/August 1 or later at one of these locations, the OVA will be combining the AM and PM wave events in our registration system MRS and all teams will be automatically placed in a full-day event at all of the above locations. Teams that have already registered will need to make a top-up payment of \$15+HST per team before the tournament to account for the increased price of the full day event. Please use the below links to pay the **top up only** amounts for events that you have already registered in.

- [July 31](#)
- [August 1](#)
- [August 7](#)
- [August 8](#)
- [August 14](#)
- [August 15](#)

Teams who have not yet registered for any event July 31st or later can use the event registration links on the OVA website or in the [MRS](#) event calendar to register for the new full day events.

If you are unable to attend the new full-day event or would like to switch to another location or a half-day event, please contact Kelvin Cheng at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org by Friday July 23rd at 12:00pm noon.

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)

Event Format

Half-day events – AM and PM 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.

- 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.

Full-day events:

- All matches will begin at 9am and teams can begin check in at 8:15am. Check in will remain open for 30 minutes.
- During round robin pools of 3 will play 2 out of 3 sets (21, 21, 15) with no time limit.
- Pools of 4 will play two sets to 15, with no third set.
- All playoff matches will be 2 out of 3 (21, 21, 15)
- No tiers in the playoffs.
- No timed matches.

A number of variables 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

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@ontarivolleyball.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.

Ontario Beach Championships:

Average of best three (3) available results in the age group from the current OVA Beach Tour. Please be aware that this qualification might change for the 2021 season due to the shortened season. For the latest information, please visit our website [here](#).

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 or point differential
- 3b. **Between 3 or more teams:** point differential between tied teams
4. Point differential overall.
5. Pre-event seeding.

Beach Tour Events Points:

Points during the beach tour will be awarded to all age divisions according to the following point system:

	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

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 format, location and registration fee 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 in each age group they want to qualify for.
- 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 Age groups:
 - August 21/22: 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult
 - August 28/29: 12UG, 14U, 16U, Youth Open
- Ontario Championships Location: TBD
- Ontario Championships Registration Fee: TBD

Exceptions:

- Indoor Provincial Team – must play in at least one (1) OVA Beach Tour event.
- Beach Provincial Team – must play in the minimum required tournaments as stated or played in other provincial team approved tournaments (proof required).
- National Team athletes – must play in at least one (1) OVA Beach Tour event.
- Region 1 athletes – there are NO provincial eligibility requirements.
- 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 Friday August 13th, 2021.

Ontario Championships points:

Points will be awarded to all age divisions and tiers according to the following point system:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1050	17	970	33	890	49	810	65	730	81	650
2	1045	18	965	34	885	50	805	66	725	82	645

3	1040	19	960	35	880	51	800	67	720	83	640
4	1035	20	955	36	875	52	795	68	715	84	635
5	1030	21	950	37	870	53	790	69	710	85	630
6	1025	22	945	38	865	54	785	70	705	86	625
7	1020	23	940	39	860	55	780	71	700	87	620
8	1015	24	935	40	855	56	775	72	695	88	615
9	1010	25	930	41	850	57	770	73	690	89	610
10	1005	26	925	42	845	58	765	74	685	90	605
11	1000	27	920	43	840	59	760	75	680	91	600
12	995	28	915	44	835	60	755	76	675	92	595
13	990	29	910	45	830	61	750	77	670	93	590
14	985	30	905	46	825	62	745	78	665	94	585
15	980	31	900	47	820	63	740	79	660	95	580
16	975	32	895	48	815	64	735	80	655	96	575

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 divisions and 18U Championship, Challenger and Trillium divisions:**
 - 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.
- Complete list of 2021 OVA Outdoor Competition Regulations Rule Modifications for COVID-19 Mitigation can be found [here](#).

Player referees

- For the half-day events, 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.
- For the full-day events All teams will be required to score and officiate matches in their pool. A schedule is handed out for pool play detailing when you play and when you are expected to officiate. During playoffs, teams are assigned scoring/officiating duties in the first round of playoff matches and must score one match after they have been eliminated. Failure to complete officiating duties will result in a \$100.00 sanction from Ontario Volleyball and must be paid before registering in the next OVA event or players will be ineligible to participate in future events.

No Show or forfeit:

- If a team fails to show up within 10 minutes of the start of the match, their first set will automatically be forfeited. After a subsequent 10 minutes the entire match will be forfeited.

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.

Weather Policy:

- Half-day events: If there is lightning during an event, the event will be cancelled immediately. For teams that have played a minimum of 2 matches, there will be no refunds or transfer options. For teams that haven't completed 2 matches, they will have the option to transfer their registration fee to another event later in the summer. No re-scheduling or refunds will be provided. All refunds, should they be necessary, will be at the OVA's discretion.
- Full-day events: Teams are required to remain "on-call" and "on-site" until 4pm unless otherwise instructed. It is up until this time that a decision can be made as to whether the event can be played out.
- A decision will be made by the Beach Ad Hoc Committee in the case of a cancelled event affecting minimum requirements for Ontario Championships eligibility.

Suspended Play & Tournament Cancellation Policies

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the collective Beach Tournament Committee but ultimately the final judgment lies with the Tournament Director.

Play shall be suspended if the Tournament Director and/or Committee foresee:

- Inclement weather – lightning (Note: If it is raining, play generally will not stop unless there is lightning)
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Safety concerns
- Other discretionary reasons to clear the beach (i.e. darkness).

Tournaments will be cancelled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the Tournament Committee (head referee, tournament director & player representative). The general guideline is once lightning hits, play is suspended for 30 minutes and weather is re-evaluated at that time.

- Points – If the event is cancelled mid-way through playoffs, all teams who remain in the division will split the remaining points. If pool play has not been completed, then no points are awarded.
- Prizing – If there is no winner, prizes will not be awarded