



## What's New?!

### OVA Beach Tour 2021

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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. The OVA will continue to work

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:

- Ancaster, Keswick, Kitchener, Markham

#### Return To Play

- The 2021 Beach Tour season will be following the OVA [Return To Play](#) protocols and Public Health guidelines to operate safely.
- Athletes and parents/guardians must maintain physical distancing at all times when off the court.
- All participants must complete the online daily health screening questionnaire and contact tracing information on the day of the event prior to arriving at the venue.
- 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 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.

### Check-In

- For half day events check in will open at 8:15 AM for the morning wave and at 12:45 PM for the afternoon wave. Check-in will remain open for 30 minutes and will close 15 minutes before the start of each wave.
- Athletes and parent/guardian must complete the daily health screening (DHS) questionnaire online before arriving at the event. The link to the DHS can be found on the event schedule posted [here](#).
- Athletes are required to check in prior to beginning their on-court warm up, daily health screening questionnaire will be verified of the participant and their parent/guardian onsite.

### Player Referees

- For half day events all matches for pool play and playoffs will be self-refereed and players are responsible for making their own calls.
- Certified referees will be available to answer questions; however, they are not required to referee all playoff matches.

### Time Outs

- Technical Time Out - For the 2021 season, there will be no technical timeouts, however, each team is allowed one timeout of 30 seconds, per set (including the third sets to 15).
- Medical Time Out - In order to avoid lengthy delays and for matches to not exceed the allocated time on the schedule, the medical timeout for the 2021 OVA Beach Tour season must not last more than 3 minutes total, with the time starting from the moment the athletic therapist and/or OVA referee arrives on the court.

### Fees/Registration/Membership

- Participation in Beach Tour Events will only require the purchase of a Beach Recreational Player membership (\$12.91) in order to participate at a Beach Tour event.
- Registration fee for Half-day events: \$80.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
- Registration fee for Full-day events: \$95.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
- Refunds and cancellations will now incur a \$20 administration fee.

### Age Categories

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

### Policies

- **Person in Authority (PIA) Code of Conduct** - The OVA values the safety, rights and wellbeing of our athletes and their families. It is the responsibility of every OVA club, coach, volunteer and staff member to participate in the effort to create a safe environment for all OVA participants.
- This Person in Authority code of conduct is intended to protect OVA participants from abuse. It provides guidelines for conduct that are consistent with the development of healthy relationships between adult

persons in authority and youth sport participants. The Code provides behavior guideposts that identify inappropriate or concerning behavior at an early stage to help better protect athletes and coaches.

- See Appendix IV in the OVA Beach Tour Handbook for the OVA Safe sport Abuse Prevention Person In Authority Code of Conduct.
- **Concussion Code of Conduct** - Under Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, every sport organization will ask you to confirm that you reviewed one of the Concussion Awareness Resources in this website (Ontario.ca/concussions) before you can register/participate in a sport.
- You must review one of the resources once a year, and then confirm that you have completed the review every time you register with a sport organization.
- Sport organizations must also establish a Concussion Code of Conduct and individuals must confirm that they have reviewed the sport organization's applicable Concussion Code of Conduct prior to registration/participation in a sport.
- Please see Appendix V in the OVA Beach Tour Handbook for the full details.

#### **Ontario Championships:**

- 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

#### **Weather Policy:**

- For 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.
- 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.