**YOUTH COMPETITIONS MODIFIED LEAGUE STRUCTURE**
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH TOWN HALL SESSION FAQ**

1. **Would participants require a competitive athlete membership, or can you register as a rec player?**

Any participation in an OVA event, Indoor Friendly or Modified League Play will require a full competitive athlete membership or full coaching role.

1. **Can athletes who reside in a grey zone practice and compete with a team that is based in a green zone? Athletes in a red zone?**

There are no actual laws stating that athletes cannot participate in sport from the Grey Lockdown zone. It is highly recommended not to travel from a higher risk to lower risk Community and your public health unit may not allow it. It is the athlete, Club and team's decision if the athlete will be allowed to practice with the team while his or her community is in Lockdown.

Any member who resided in a Grey or Red cannot participate in OVA competitive events. I.e., Indoor Friendlies or modified Indoor Competition League play.

1. **If my team is currently in a red or grey zone, can I still register for a league wave?**

If your community is in a grey zone, it will unfortunately take at least two months to get to the orange zone and to the Ontario Tiered level that is allowed to participate in OVA competitions. For this reason, we do not advise registering for events until your Club and teams are out of the grey lock down zone. For Clubs in the Red Control Zone, if the numbers are continuing to climb in your community, it is not advisable to register for a wave until it looks like the numbers start trending in a positive way and you may be moved to the Orange zone.

OVA staff will be creating a waitlist event in in the MRS for those teams currently in the red zone at the time of the registration deadline. OVA staff will be looking at the earliest date, based on the Ontario government date the community was moved into the Red Zone to see if each Red one team will be eligible to participate in the OVA modified competitive League Play events.

1. **If the restriction is 50 people, how are you allowed to run a wave with 4 teams assuming each team has 12 athletes and 2 coaches, plus a referee.**

This is not a traditional youth competitions tournament format where all teams are at a facility at the same time. The concept is to play individual matches against the teams in your cohort. I.e. 2 teams play during an hour and half practice time slot. If 3 teams are available to play at the same time, that will also fall within 50 people in an indoor facility. Remember, each wave of teams will have 3 weeks to organize and complete all their matches.

1. **What are the standard requirements for the hosting facility?**
 You would need a minimum of a single gym with adequate serving space, proper equipment including antennas and a ref stand.
2. **How will this league affect our rankings for the 2021-2022 season?**

Teams will not be promoted/relegated during the 2020-2021 league and therefore there won’t be any final rankings to use for the 2021-2022 season

1. **What if weather causes a team to back out last minute? Will gym times be the responsibility of the hosting club? Most gyms require 24 hours or more to cancel gym time.**

Since a team is most likely hosting just one other team at a time, we would hope your teams would be able to look at the forecast and determine whether you should postpone the match or play it earlier. Unfortunately, if there is a cancellation fee, that will be on the Club(s) to cover as this booked facility time would have originally been planned for a team practice.

1. **What are the deadlines for the waves?**

The registration deadline for each wave will be approximately 3 weeks prior to the start of the wave. Please visit the OVA website for the most up to date information.

1. **What is the protocol for if a COVID outbreak occurs and our wave is identified as being a Spreader Event?**

Follow your Club COVID Safety plan and notify the OVA and your Public Health Unit to report the transmissions. Your local PHU will advise you on the next steps.

1. **What is the rule for uniforms in this League?**

The soft uniform rule will be in effect which means that teams will be permitted to participate without matching uniforms at first glance, numbers will be required on the uniforms.

1. **I understand the format is best 2/3 for ages 12U-16U and 3/5 for 17U-18U, can the younger teams play a 4th and 5th set if we wanted to?**

If both teams agree to play 5 sets then absolutely you can do so.

Feel free to also play the same teams twice within the 3-week wave if you have time. However, the registration fee only covers the costs of teams playing each other once during the wave. Any other organized scrimmages would be the financial responsibility of the teams involved.

Please note the OVA will only be covering the facility fee for 90 mins (12U-16U) and 120 mins (17U-18U) for a single round robin only (I.e., 3 matches per team for a total of 6 matches in the entire group of 4). Anything above that will be the responsibility of the Clubs.

The OVA will also keep track of the results for only a single round robin in a pool of 4. If the pool of 4 decides to play a double round robin they must decide which matches count as the single round robin.

1. **What does the wave fee include?**

The fee will cover the following:

* 3 Round Robin Matches per team in a group of 4
* Cost of your gym time will be paid up to:
	+ 90 minutes for a 2 out of 3 (11-16U)
	+ 120 minutes for a 3 out of 5 (17U & 18U)
* OVA official fees will be covered for 1 referee per match
	+ For the 11-16U age group, the referee will be paid for a 3-straight match to get more playing time in
* League administration
* League kit per team (hand sanitizer, scoresheets, lineup cards)
* Bonus previously loved MVA 200 volleyball for first 250 teams registered
1. **Do all matches need to be played at the same venue or hosted by the same Club?**

Not necessarily as this format allows for ultimate flexibility within each group of 4 teams based on venue availability. Not everyone will be able to get gym space so 1 team might have to host all, or each team might be able to host a single match. It will depend on which teams you are paired up with and what their availability is.