



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Ontario Volleyball
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MISSION

The OVA is an athlete-centred association where dedicated volunteers and professional staff provide leadership in growth and development of volleyball for all Ontarians.

VISION

The OVA is a leading sport organization in Canada.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2015/16 volleyball season marked a year of growth and progress for volleyball in Ontario and has truly been a significant stepping stone in the evolution of our sport. This past year was an ambitious kickoff to our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, designed to leverage the infrastructure that was built over the previous five year plan, with a vision of establishing the OVA as a leading sport organization in Canada.

With revenue increasing by 21% in 2016, the Association continues to grow and deliver more volleyball programming throughout the province than ever before. Collectively, we continue to build on our accomplishments and also address our shortcomings. For example, we strived to improve our high performance programs so Ontario athletes can reach international podiums by closing the knowledge gap between our coaches and those in more passionate volleyball nations. As such, our Canada Games coaches were given the opportunity to learn overseas by observing and working with the Italian Youth National Training Centre. Similarly, Team Ontario hired Data Volley statisticians and a dedicated strength and conditioning trainer to provide our athletes with the resources they need to achieve success at the next level.



On the greatest stage for our sport, the Olympic Games, Canada's men's indoor team qualified for the first time in 24 years. Two men's and two women's teams, the maximum allowed under IOC rules, qualified in beach volleyball, and Ontario was lucky enough to host the final men's qualifying match in North Bay. Team Ontario athletes also found great success, some graduating to the Junior National Team and some even taking home top international honours. As an Association, we are well-positioned to feed off of this success and influence more Ontarians to become engaged in our sport.

Our marquee event, the Ontario Championships, was held in Waterloo for the ninth consecutive year and was our largest ever with over 700 teams in attendance, consisting of nearly 10,000 athletes and coaches. Ontario also played host to Indoor and Beach Nationals competitions this year, and will do so again next year, in an effort to provide our athletes with more meaningful, experiential competitions.

More athletes in Ontario are choosing volleyball than ever before, and more athletes in Ontario are succeeding at volleyball than ever before. This is the evolution that we envisioned when our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan was formulated, and with the support of our stakeholders, the OVA staff, and the rest of the Ontario Volleyball community, that evolution is occurring right before our eyes.

Sincerely,

Amedeo Bernardi
OVA President

STRATEGIC UPDATE

A number of key initiatives were identified in the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan to help the OVA achieve its mission over the coming years. There are distinct steps that we can take that will benefit Ontarians today, but also lay the foundation for the future of volleyball in the province. The following updates the accomplishments of the Association in fiscal 2016 and provides insight into what to expect in fiscal 2017.

COACHES & OFFICIALS

The OVA will develop athletes by supporting coaches and officials with professional development opportunities.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 348 coaches participated in NCCP courses, a 31% increase over prior year
- Officials Mentorship initiative was launched and held at 21 events
- The “Rules R” program was used by 88% of beach officials and 33% of indoor officials
- Secured a wage subsidy grant for Beach Development Coach
- Female coach apprenticeship provided during provincial and regional programs

RESULTS

- 157 Ontario officials worked or supervised the various youth national championships
- More coaches are qualified emphasizing the development of athletes

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- More coaches and officials certified by offering courses
- Host a coaching conference
- Run a Data Volley training course
- Organize an international professional development coaching opportunity
- Support Trillium Grant deliverables addressing officials’ development including online training
- Assign mentor officials to 10% of OVA competitions

OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE

The OVA will support athletes through excellent customer service and sustainable infrastructure.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Social media followers increased (Twitter +65%,

Instagram +60%) and launched new platform (SnapChat)

- Revamped beach tour ranking points
- Indoor and beach competition task forces launched
- Team Ontario beach and indoor athletes profiled to create role models for young athletes
- Created Concussion Policy and Protocol

RESULTS

- Association revenue has grown 21%
- Greater capacity to support growth and program initiatives

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- Complete Ministry Sport Recognition application and achieve full compliance
- Create Membership Policy including new club requirements
- Activate True Sport donor program
- Create and implement a sponsorship acquisition strategy

FACILITIES

The OVA will provide athletes with more and better facilities across Ontario.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- All indoor tournament facilities secured
- Cost analysis prepared for indoor facilities
- More beach facilities secured for satellite events
- Explored potential new beach facilities and investigated Horseshoe Resort further

RESULTS

- Increased number of events (beach +5% and indoor +10%)

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- Grade each facility for quality and age suitability
- Adjust hosting model to include OVA to source quality cost effective facilities

- Secure facility for 2019 and 2020 Indoor Ontario Championships
- Build international calibre beach courts at Horseshoe Resort

COMPETITIONS

The OVA will inspire athletes of all ages and abilities with quality opportunities for meaningful, experiential competition.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported Ontario Summer Games for both beach and indoor
- Hosted 15U and 16U Indoor Eastern National Championships and Youth Beach Nationals
- Indoor Ontario Championships participation increased 10% to 712 teams

RESULTS

- More athletes experienced meaningful competition
- 92% of attendees rated Ontario Championships experience good to excellent

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- Host successful 15U and 16U Indoor Eastern National Championships and Youth Beach Nationals
- Publish 2017-18 and 2018-19 indoor competition calendar
- Support Ontario Paraport Games, Invictus Games, and other multi-sport events

HIGH PERFORMANCE

The OVA will produce athletes who will represent Canada internationally and reach the podium.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Obtained Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative funding for beach
- Secured Sport Priority Fund grant for high performance coach development
- Team Ontario athletes competed in international competitions in both indoor and beach
- Launched revamped athlete identification and selection process
- Ran Tall Maples athlete development programs
- Started integrating Team Ontario programs directly with the National Team program

RESULTS

- Beach international medal at US High Performance Competition
- First indoor international medal at US High Performance Competition
- 80% of target elite group were selected to national programs

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- Obtain Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative funding for beach and indoor
- Publish High Performance Plans for both indoor and beach
- Add 14U athlete development beach/indoor program
- Improve athlete identification to provide players with individualized feedback
- Achieve Canada Games podium finishes
- Deepen integration of Team Ontario with National Team program

PROGRAMS

The OVA will engage athletes by offering inclusive programming, on a foundation of physical literacy, for all ages and abilities.

FISCAL 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Executed grant deliverables for Smashball
- Supported Hoops and Spikes grant deliverables
- Secured community grant for Spikes on the Beach
- 6 Ontario clubs attained Volleyball Canada Accreditation

RESULTS

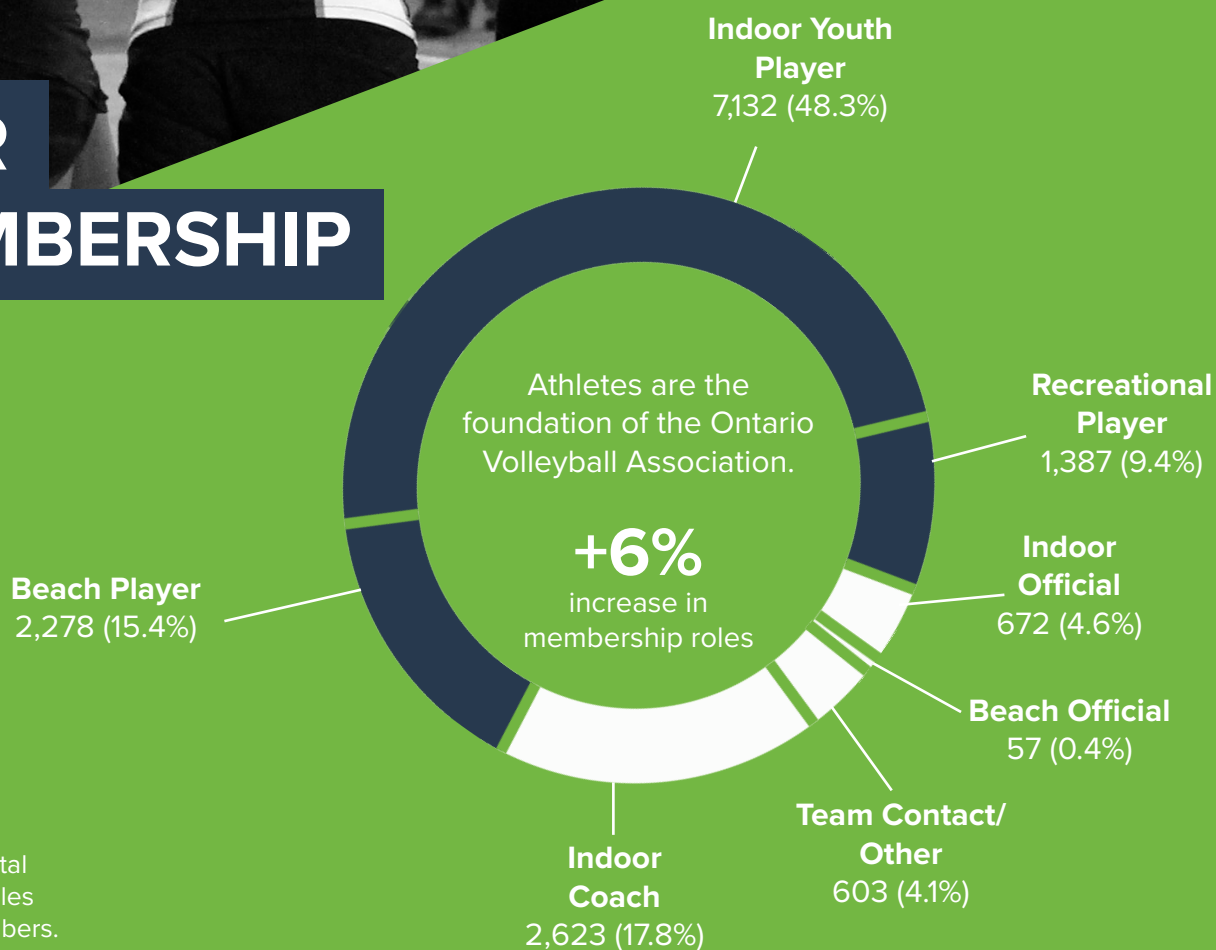
- Youth membership has grown 7%
- Our younger members have a stronger foundation of physical literacy

FISCAL 2017 GOALS

- Recruit sitting athletes for Ontario ParaSport Games
- Complete grant deliverables for Smashball and Spikes on the Beach
- Continue to support completion of Hoops and Spikes grant
- Deliver an adult beach volleyball league at Horseshoe Resort
- Update club accreditation requirements

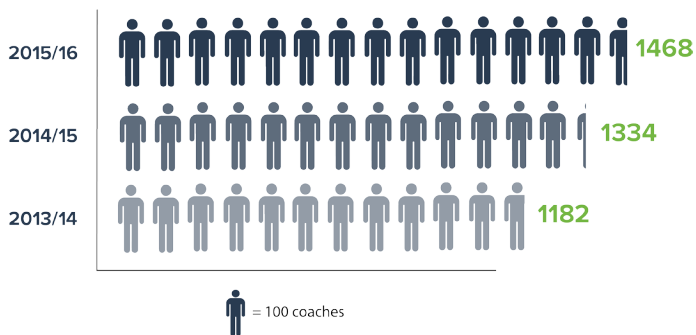
STATISTICS

OUR MEMBERSHIP



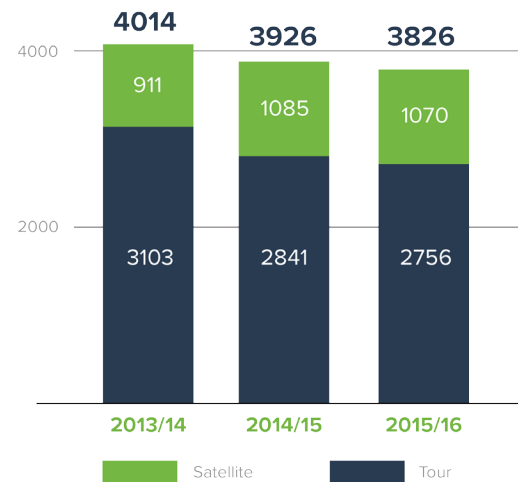
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REGISTERED OVA COACHES



BEACH TOUR PARTICIPATION

Cumulative # of teams registered for all events



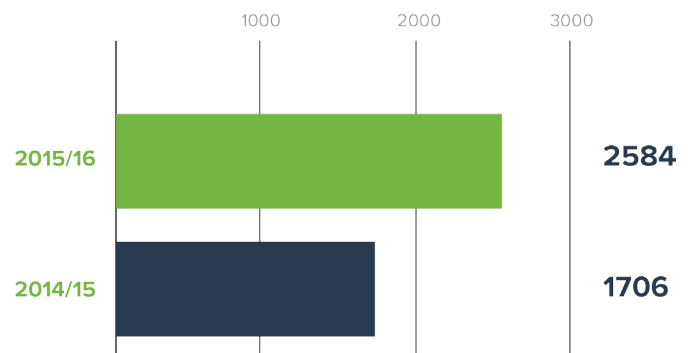
NATIONAL TEAM MAKEUP

Ontarians comprised **37%**
of Canada's national teams
(Youth, Junior, Senior, Beach and Sitting)



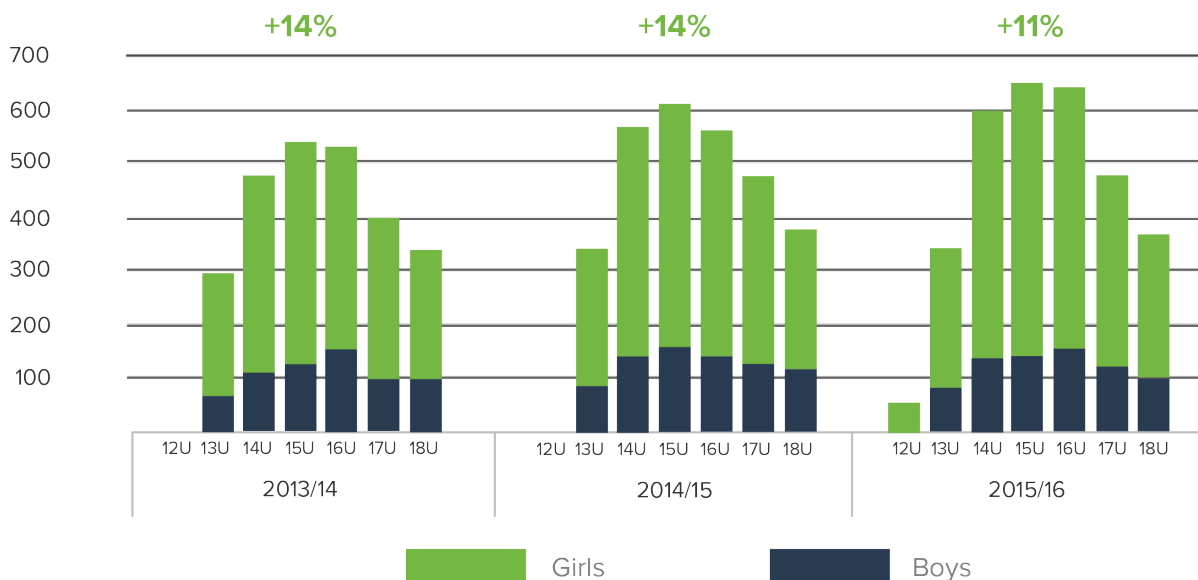
GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

of participants



TEAM PARTICIPATION INDOOR COMPETITIONS

Cumulative # of teams registered for all events





COACHING

"I benefitted from Chris Lawson's [Learning Facilitator] ability to give a broad perspective on the required teachings as well as relate topics to his own coaching experiences at all levels. It was good to meet other coaches aspiring to develop their certifications and discuss their goals."

– Anonymous Survey Respondent

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,468 individuals registered as head and assistant coaches
- 348 coaches participated in NCCP volleyball courses
- The OVA delivered 14 Development Coach courses and 2 Advanced Development Coach courses
 - 139 coaches participated in these courses

COACHING OUR COACHES

Brad Graham and Chris Wilding completed their Learning Facilitator training and are now NCCP trained to deliver Development Coach Workshops. Five Learning Facilitators started their training for delivery of the new Advanced Development Coach Workshop. Also, a NCCP Core Training workshop, which is required to become a Learning Facilitator, was provided for 14 coaches.

In conjunction with CIS Men's Volleyball Nationals at McMaster University, 69 coaches attended the OVA Coaching Symposium as part of their professional development and maintenance of NCCP certification. Presenters included John Barrett, Vincent Pichette, Brian O'Reilly, LP Mainville, Larry McKay and Mettle Sports Training.

OFFICIATING

"It was rewarding to witness the sharing of information and ideas amongst officials...focused on inclusion, sharing and a high standard of expectations."

– Terry Sonoda, Head Official on the new Referee Mentorship initiative

HIGHLIGHTS

- 667 individuals registered as indoor and beach officials
- The OVA delivered 14 indoor clinics and 1 beach clinic, certifying 147 new officials (every region ran at least one indoor clinic)
- 15 officials completed the Provincial Upgrade Program (indoor or beach)
- Two officials completed 1st year Regional Upgrade Program and three completed 2nd year Regional Upgrade Program
- 88% of beach officials and 33% of indoor officials used the Rules R program to continue their professional development
- Ali Sharifalam completed the Indoor National Upgrade; David Williams is entering year two and four new candidates are entering in 2016-2017
- Rob Galipeau, Dwayne Ramage, Geoff Stuart, Khan Vu and John Gillis completed the Beach National Upgrade
- Andrew Robb, Andrew Cameron and Omid Mojtahedi received international assignments

MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

2016 marked the first year of the OVA's Officials Mentorship initiative which is designed to provide timely on-site feedback through debriefs and written reports to Local and Provincial officials. In total, valuable feedback was offered to 54 officials throughout the season by expert evaluators.

Terry Sonoda, Referee Evaluator and Head Official, commented on the program after its implementation at Ontario Championships:

"The addition of Evaluators was positively received by the officials, who found the feedback and non-threatening atmosphere to be beneficial and welcome. There were numerous comments concerning the Evaluators and how valuable the role is to making the tournament a learning experience for the officials. It was rewarding to witness the sharing of information and ideas amongst a group of officials, often directed by one of the Evaluators."



INDOOR YOUTH COMPETITIONS

"I love seeing the level of sportsmanship that these athletes have! My son met a lot of players from other teams that were polite and respectful of the athletes they competed against. It was wonderful to watch such talented athletes!" – Anonymous Survey Respondent

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cumulative participation in Indoor Youth Competitions grew 11% from the previous year, continuing a long-term trend of growth
- The OVA ran a total of 332 tournaments across Ontario, a 10% increase over the previous season
- A 12U Girls division was introduced to expand competitions into a younger age category. Cumulatively, 53 teams registered over three regular season events, with 20 teams attending Ontario Championships
- A Youth Competitions Task Force, with representation from regions 2 to 6, was activated to provide insight into potential changes that may be introduced throughout the next season
- Six Ontario clubs (Ottawa Mavericks, Forest City Volleyball Club, Kitchener-Waterloo Predators, Cambridge Scorpions, Pakmen Volleyball Club and Halton Region Volleyball Club) were the only clubs in the nation to receive Volleyball Canada Accreditation

2016 ALL-STARS

The mission of the OVA is to be an "athlete-centred association" and as such, athletes are the core focus of Youth Competitions. One of the most prestigious honours for our athletes is to be named an OVA All-Star. This outstanding group of players is determined by a voting process among coaches from the top six ranked teams in their respective age division. In 2016, the 16U division was added to the All-Star selections to help identify promising athletes at a younger age. Your 2016 OVA All-Stars are:

16U BOYS

Mark Naqui
(Storm Volleyball Club)

Justin Lui
(Durham Attack)

Saad Shaikh
(Pakmen)

Matthew Powell
(Pakmen)

George Busecan
(KW Predators)

Trystan Morris-Fraser
(Durham Attack)

16U GIRLS

Kate Von Camp
(Durham Attack)

Jasmine Safar
(Defensa)

Amelia Oliverio
(South County Bandits)

Emily Teehan
(Storm Volleyball Club)

Katelynn Grasman
(Forest City Volleyball Club)

Maggie Greenfield
(Forest City Volleyball Club)

Danae Campana
(Pakmen)

17U BOYS

Brady Fidler
(Lakeside)

Zane Grossinger
(Scarborough Titans)

Jackson Dunning
(Ottawa Mavericks)

Andrew Tauhid
(Scarborough Titans)

Alexandre Nsakanda
(Ottawa Mavericks)

Bennett Swan
(Lakeside)

Navreet Singh Suhan
(Pakmen)

17U GIRLS

Caitlin Le
(Pakmen)

Julia Wiercigroch
(Pakmen)

Andrea Mitrovic
(E381)

Laura Madill
(Halton Hurricanes)

Madeline Lethbridge
(LVC)

Jenna Woock
(Storm Volleyball Club)

Kiara Shannon
(Storm Volleyball Club)

18U BOYS

David Doty
(London Volleyball Club)

Daenan Gyimah
(Scarborough Titans)

Jordan Pereira
(Pakmen)

Kevin LeBreux
(Ottawa Mavericks)

Nick Trewern
(Storm Volleyball Club)

Taylor Jordan
(London Volleyball Club)

Sharone Vernon-Evans
(Pakmen)

18U GIRLS

Layne Van Buskirk
(South County Bandits)

Emie Gaboury
(Ottawa Mavericks)

Hazel Brown
(Oakville Thunder)

Julia Balatbat
(Pakmen)

Kristina Curcin
(E381)

Lauren Veltman
(Pakmen)

Janelle Albert
(Pakmen)



ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

"I loved how I got to spend time with my friends and coaches and overall have fun! The Ontario Championships was a great event that I hope to attend for many years to come."

– Anonymous Survey Respondent

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ontario Championships took place over four weekends in April with 28 courts running each weekend
- The event continued to grow in 2016 with 713 teams participating, 10% more than the previous year
- Approximately 10,000 athletes and coaches, along with 256 referees and over 300 event staff and volunteers were in attendance over the course of the event
- A 12U Girls division was added for the first year

2016 ONTARIO CHAMPIONS - DIVISION 1 TIER 1

BOYS

13U Pakmen
14U Pakmen
15U Pakmen
16U Durham Attack Black
17U Scarborough Titans
18U Pakmen Gold



GIRLS

12U Unity
13U Storm Monsoon
14U Hurricanes Black
15U Hurricanes Black
16U Storm Typhoon
17U Storm Vortex
18U Pakmen Gold



CELEBRATION OF VOLLEYBALL

OLYMPICS/PARALYMPICS

The 2016 Olympic Games in Rio featured a coming out party of sorts for Canadian volleyball. The men's indoor national team qualified for the first time in 24 years and experienced thrilling victories over rivals USA, Mexico and Italy.

Meanwhile, the Canadian beach team qualified four teams for Rio (two men's and two women's), the maximum allowable under IOC rules. The pairs of Kristina Valjas & Jamie Broder, Sarah Pavan & Heather Bansley, Josh Binstock & Sam Schachter and Chaim Schalk & Ben Saxton represented Canada admirably, with Pavan & Bansley finishing 5th. A special men's qualifying event was held at the VSE Canada beach facility in North Bay to determine the final men's pair between Binstock & Schachter and Grant O'Gorman & Sam Pedlow.

In Sitting Volleyball, the men's national team fell just short of an Olympic bid at the 2016 World ParaVolley Intercontinental Olympic qualifier. The women's national team punched their ticket to Rio by winning a Bronze medal at the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games. They had a great showing in Rio finishing 7th while representing Canada for the first time ever in Sitting Volleyball at a Paralympic Games.

FIVB

The 2016 Swatch Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour Finals touched down at Polson Pier in Toronto, the first time the city had hosted an FIVB event in 16 years. Canada was thoroughly represented by four teams – Kristina Valjas & Jamie Broder and Heather Bansley & Brandie Wilkerson on the women's side, and Sam Schachter & Josh Binstock and Chaim Schalk & Ben Saxton for the men.

Josh Binstock retired from the sport at the conclusion of the event, ending a historic career that featured two Olympic Games and an FIVB Open Championship win in Argentina in 2014 with Sam Schachter.

Heather Bansley was named the FIVB's Best Defender for the second consecutive year.

CIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

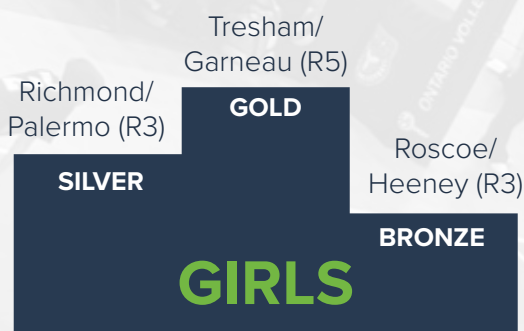
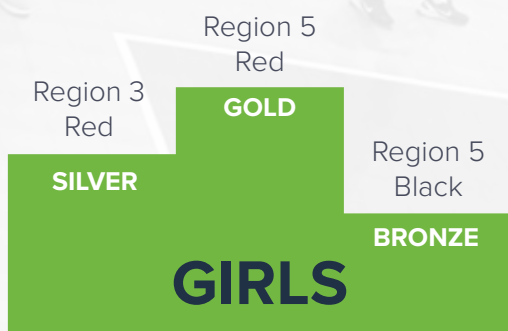
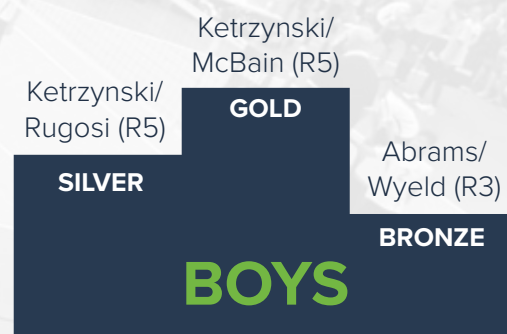
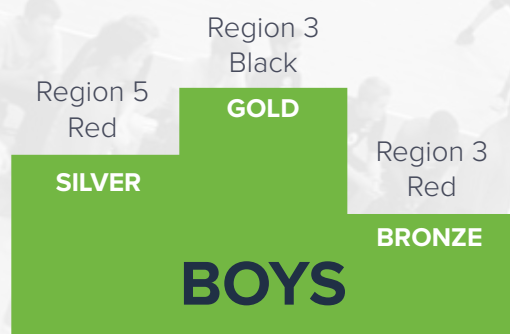
The Toronto Varsity Blues made history with their victory in the final of the CIS women's volleyball championship, marking the first women's national volleyball title, and medal, in school history, and the first women's volleyball national championship by an Ontario team in 40 years. OVA alumni Caleigh Cruickshank was named the championship's Most Valuable Player. The title capped a remarkable season for the Varsity Blues, who went 25-0 over the course of the OUA regular season, playoffs and nationals, led by Cruickshank and fellow Ontarians Alina Dormann (named CIS Rookie of the Year), Tessa Davis and Anna Feore. The team was coached by former OVA President Kristine Drakich.

On the men's side, McMaster University just fell short of a Championship, winning silver behind former OVA superstar Blake Scheerhorn (named tournament MVP) and the Trinity Western Spartans. McMaster was led by OVA alumni Stephen Marr, Andrew Kocur and Danny Demyanenko.

ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES

Indoor volleyball was accepted into the Summer Games in 2016 in the 14U age category. In total, 192 athletes from all six OVA regions participated at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga, along with 48 team staff and 12 OVA officials.

In beach volleyball, the 16U age category was represented by 21 female teams and 15 male from OVA Regions 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 in Brampton and Mississauga.



OVA BEACH TOUR & SPECIAL EVENTS

"It's nice to see so many girls involved, especially in my age group. Loving beach! Can't wait 'till next year."
– Anonymous Survey Respondent

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Beach Tour reached more communities than ever before with a total of 46 satellite and tour events across the province
- New satellite and tour stops were added in Innisfil, Kitchener, Oakville, Stratford and Windsor
- The Winter Beach Tour expanded in its second year with participation doubling from 46 participants in 2015 to 98 in 2016

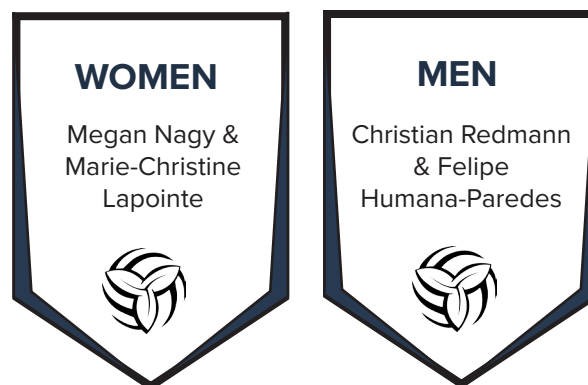
SPECIAL EVENTS

The 2016 Beach Ontario Championships featured 474 teams spanning divisions from 12U up to Adult Elite.

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS



NORTH BAY GRAND SLAM



TORONTO GRAND SLAM



The OVA Grand Slams are the marquee events on the OVA Beach Tour and bring together the top athletes in our sport. The Toronto stop features both an Adult and Youth Open division, providing an opportunity for young athletes to experience a tournament venue and structure similar to that of an international event.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2016 VOLLEYBALL CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The OVA hosted the 2016 15U and 16U Eastern National Championships over two weekends in May at RIM Park in Waterloo. A total of 262 Ontario teams competed in National Championships tournaments across the country, securing 24 Division 1, Tier 1 medals:

18U Boys Pakmen Gold	17U Girls Hurricanes Black	
18U Girls Pakmen Gold	16U Boys Durham Attack	
17U Girls LVC Intensity	16U Girls Storm Typhoon	
17U Boys Pakmen Gold	16U Boys Pakmen Gold	17U Girls Pakmen
16U Girls Scarborough Titans	15U Girls Hurricanes Black	17U Boys Maverick Rangers
15U Girls Scorpions Synergy	15U Boys Pakmen	16U Girls Hurricanes Black
15U Boys Storm Riptide	14U Girls Storm Avalanche	16U Boys Predators Legacy
14U Girls Leaside Lightning	14U Boys Maverick Bandits	15U Boys PVB
14U Boys Forest City Green		14U Girls Ms Pakmen
		14U Boys Georgetown Impact
SILVER	GOLD	BRONZE

MEDALS BY ONTARIO

ONTARIANS ON TEAM CANADA

BOYS' YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM

Kevin Lebreux
Alexandre Nsakanda
Joel Rudd
David Doty

Coaches:

Nathan Groenveld

WOMEN'S JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Caylee Parker
Laura Madill
Olivia Saunders
Layne Van Buskirk

Coaches:

Dale Melnick

WOMEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Danielle Brisebois
Jen Cross
Michaela Reesor
Alina Dormann
Charlotte Sider
Shaniah Joseph

MEN'S JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Jordan Pereira
Sharone
Vernon-Evans
Matt Mawdsley
Daenan Gyimah
Taryq Sani
Charlie Bringloe
Matthew Passalent

Coaches:

Frank St-Denis
Jeff Chung

MEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

TJ Sanders *
Adam Simac
Dan Lewis
Stephen Maar

B Team

Jori Mantha
Bryan Duquette
Blake Scheerhoorn
Ray Szeto
Arthur Szwarc
Steven Wood

NATIONAL SITTING TEAM

MEN:

Jamoi Anderson
Massoud Khanmohammad
Jesse Buckingham

WOMEN:

Chantal Beauchesne *
Anne Fergusson *
Jolan Wong *

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BEACH TEAM

Heather Bansley *
Sarah Pavan *
Melissa Humana-Paredes
Kristina Valjas *
Caleigh Whitaker
Brandie Wilkerson
Sophie Bukovec

MEN'S NATIONAL BEACH TEAM

Josh Binstock *
Grant O'Gorman
Samuel Pedlow
Sam Schachter *
Cameron Wheelan
Aaron Nusbaum
Garrett May
Daniel Dearing
James Battiston
Andrew Hinchey
Christian Redmann
Ryan Vandenburg

* 2016 Olympian



HIGH PERFORMANCE

“There was a definite high performance feel to the program this year versus previous years. Coaches were very professional, assistant coaches and specialty coaches contributed in a great way to [the] success of the program. Consistent message from staff about sticking to the process and Canada Games preparation was awesome.” – Team Ontario Athlete

BEACH HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2016, several high performance programs were delivered to strengthen the position of Ontario as a leader in athlete development in Canada
- 34 athletes participated in Team Ontario Beach programs
 - 30 of these athletes were part of the Full-Time Training Group which provided athletes with physical training, nutrition and mental performance training.
 - All athletes were able to experience international competition in North Bay at the NORCECA event. Team Ontario coaches and athletes also had the opportunity to mentor Regional Team athletes and coaches at that event.

TEAM ONTARIO BEACH

JUNIOR GIRLS

Anette Kowara
Brittney Sestric
Halle Rider
Iris Flethcer
Jasmine Safar
Kate Ferguson
Katey Merksamer
Kendall Stephan
Lea Monkhouse
Mikayla Law-Heese
Molly McBain
Sofia Szechynski

SENIOR WOMEN

Alley Newman
Amanda Harnett
Daniella Trodel
Gabriela
Maciagowski
Kelsey Veltman
Kersti Sorra
Laura Condotta
Rian Lenarduzzi
Veronica Derylo

- Coached by Angie Shen, Eddie Coleman, Brad McClure, Darren O’Neil, Greg Simone, Brett Hagarty, Adam Thompson and Melissa Clifford.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

NORCECA North Bay:

- Sergey Grabovsky (5th)
- Kelsey Veltman & Amanda Harnett (6th)

NORCECA St-Lucia:

- Sergey Grabovsky (4th)
- Amanda Harnett (5th)

NORCECA Puerto Rico:

- Kelsey Veltman & Amanda Harnett (6th)

FIVB Korea Challenger:

- Kelsey Veltman & Amanda Harnett (5th)

US High Performance Championships California:

- Adam Child & Jack McBain (3rd)
- Molly McBain & Lea Monkhouse (9th)

JUNIOR BOYS

Adam Child
Jack McBain
Kenni Dobson
Ryan Pratt
Tomas Sorra
Xander Ketrzynski

SENIOR MEN

Adam Thompson
Gabe Burlacu
Liam Kopp
Sergey Grabovsky
Sven Trodel
Will Hoey

INDOOR HIGHLIGHTS

- A new identification process was used to select players for the indoor High Performance Center (HPC). More than 530 athletes in the 15U-17U age groups were evaluated throughout the indoor season, with 168 athletes receiving invitations to attend the HPC.
- Team Ontario Indoor was comprised of 84 athletes with two teams per gender for 16U and one team per gender for 17U.
- 45 coaches were involved in the indoor programs, 24 of which worked directly with the Team Ontario teams. This included a dedicated physical trainer, an apprentice coach from the Canada Games Aboriginal Coach Apprenticeship program and 2 Data Volley coaches who worked with the 17U team.
- The OVA secured a Sport Priority Fund grant with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport that was used to develop high performance coaches to support our 17U Team Ontario indoor athletes.
 - A physical trainer (Brent Linker) and 2 Data Volley coaches (Jonathan Lam & Gabriel DeGroot) were hired and trained with the men's National Team experts.
 - 17U Team Ontario Head Coaches Richard Eddy and Matt Harris visited the Italian Youth National Training Centre and shadowed the men's National Team coaches to develop their knowledge about international volleyball standards.
- The OVA ran the first ever Tall Maples summer camp where young athletes with above average physical attributes came together to experience training catered specifically to taller athletes. 32 boys and girls participated in the indoor and beach camps that took place in conjunction with Team Ontario training. Both camps were a huge success and the OVA is looking to expand the program in 2017. The Tall Maples athletes learned from the following inspiring coaches and current high performance athletes:
 - Indoor Tall Maples Camp: Frank St-Denis, Daphne Choi, Kerish Maharaj, Team Ontario Indoor 17U Boys and Girls
 - Beach Tall Maples Camp: Brad McClure, Alex Poletto and Junior FIVB World Champion Sophie Bukovec

TEAM ONTARIO INDOOR

17U GIRLS

Megan Beedie
Katrine Eistrat
Lucy Glen-Carter
Holly Jarvis
Alexandra Kells
Lindsay Kleuskens
Madeline Lethbridge
Rebecca Maxwell
Brittney Sestric
Kiara Shannon
Julia Wiercigroch
Jenna Woock
Mia Workman
Savannah Davison

Coached by:

Richard Eddy
Tine Lee
Larissa Byckalo
Amy Wilson
Gabriel DeGroot
Brent Linker
(physical trainer)

3rd at US High
Performance
Championships

17U BOYS

Hayden Cavender
Anthony DeGriolamo
Brady Fidler
Logan House
Cole Ketrzynski
Xander Ketrzynski
Justin Lui
Mitchell Neuert
Ryan Scott
Navreet Singh
Tomas Sorra
Bennett Swan
Andrew Tauhid
Matthew Wlordarski

Coached by:

Matt Harris
Ian Eibbitt
Nathan Janzen
Jonathan Lam
Shayne White

6th at US High
Performance
Championships

16U GIRLS

Vanessa Roscoe
Maya Sokolowski
Chloe Garneau-
Haley
Jovana Babin
Katelyn Grasman
Kristina Ignjatovic
Caprice Clarke
Danielle Gravina
Haley Armstrong
Maggie Greenfield
Maddi Mulholland
Kate Van Camp
Alexandra Zakutney
Biamba Kabengele

Coached by:

Jimmy El-Turk
Sean Pellow
Tammy Dibbits
Gillian Henderson
Angeline Bellehumeur
Matthew Cheung
Tyler Robinson

2nd and 4th at National Team
Challenge Cup in Richmond

16U BOYS

Saad Shaikh
Matt Ganzhorn
Erik Siksna
Mark Naqvi
Jackson Bere
Ian Talbot
Amit Sayal
Joshua Janzen
Grady McClure
Nolan Spencer
Calum Doherty
Thomas Williams
Michael Donovan
Samuel Pearson
Alexander Mrkalj

Coached by:

Gerry DeGriolamo
Patrick Johnston
Matt Schnarr
Danny Gosselin
Niko Rukavina
Pete Millsap

1st and 5th at National Team
Challenge Cup in Kingston

GRASSROOTS PROGRAMMING

"My 13 year old daughter is in the SPIKES program and it is not only teaching and reinforcing the fundamentals of volleyball, it is inspiring greater self confidence in her and she is having fun! [The] coaches are doing a great job demonstrating technique and offering praise, constructive criticism and positive reinforcement, while ensuring a positive and relaxed atmosphere." – SPIKES parent



HIGHLIGHTS

- SPIKES continues to be the OVA's flagship grassroots program with 2,309 children participating in 102 programs across Ontario in 2016
- The OVA obtained a grant through the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) for a two year subsidy to aid with a Spikes on the Beach pilot program, aimed at creating a formal development model for beach volleyball in Ontario. The pilot is intended to reach 300 children in 12 communities through the following partners:
 - Barrie Spikes
 - Cornwall Vikings
 - Twin Bridges Volleyball Club (Sarnia)
 - Unity Volleyball (Markham)
 - The Church on the Queensway (Toronto)
 - Waterloo Predators
 - Vision Volleyball (North Bay)
 - Lakehead University (Thunder Bay)
 - Sudbury (TBD)
 - Ottawa Valley Vikings
 - Sky Volley (Windsor)
 - Kingston Volleyball Club
- 96 children and 31 coaches took part in the first year Smashball pilot program, with 231 more children and 22 coaches participating in non-pilot programs thanks to administrators and coaches from Brant Youth, Galaxy Volleyball, North Bay Lakers, Vision Volleyball, London Sharks and the Ottawa Mavericks
 - Special thanks to Master Clinician, Fraser McIntosh, for leading the first year pilot and for the valuable feedback which was incorporated into manuals and supporting resources.
- Resources for Hoops & Spikes, a three year collaboration between Ontario Basketball and the OVA, with the goal of developing physical literacy in children ages 7-9 are in production
 - Unity Volleyball Markham implemented the program in 2016.
- A partnership with the Toronto Catholic School Board (TCSB) was established to introduce Spikes into ten elementary schools, allowing students to continue participating in volleyball during after school hours

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Over the last year, the OVA invested heavily in grassroots programs with a view to reach more children, establish a starting point for new coaches, and to develop quality programs and resources for member clubs to attract new participants. This investment has seen a significant increase in grassroots participation of OVA programs, from 1,706 in 2014/15, to 2,636 in 2015/16.

Along with the work done by the OVA, grassroots volleyball has been growing in our province through the creative and hard work of the clubs who are trying non-traditional avenues to increase participation. We encourage you to network with your fellow clubs and share the best practices and challenges of your grassroots programming or community outreach. Some recent grassroots initiatives by OVA clubs include:

- **Vision Volleyball and North Bay Lakers**
 - Partnered Smashball program
- **Unity Volleyball**
 - Unity Academy, volleyball with a life skill focus
- **Cambridge Scorpions Spikes**
 - Boys Development Program
- **London Sharks**
 - “Volleyball For Life” program in partnership with ACFOLA (African Canadian Federation of London and Area)
- **Scarborough Titans**
 - Hero League
- **Barrie Spikes**
 - Using volleyball for positive social community outreach
- **Upper Ottawa Valley Vikings**
 - Base Petawawa’s Spikes-Smash program

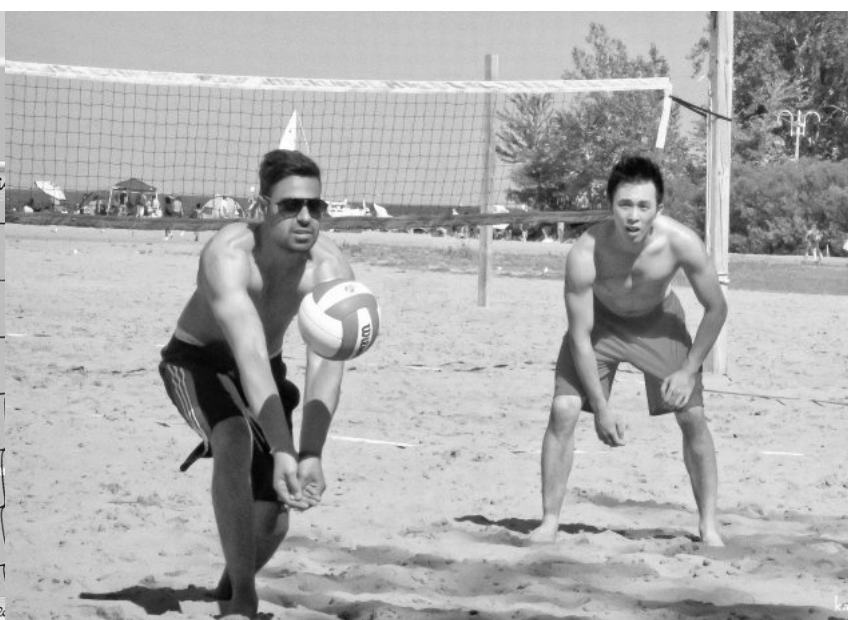
SITTING VOLLEYBALL

"The OVA has been a leader in Canada in developing sitting volleyball programming and working together with local and provincial para sport groups to help further grow the sport. They are an example that we hope will encourage other PSO's to take further initiatives to develop sitting volleyball domestically."

— Ian Halliday, Volleyball Canada High Performance Director, Sitting Volleyball

HIGHLIGHTS

- Selected the Sport Organizing Committee for the 2017 Invictus Games
- The women's National Sitting Volleyball Team held a sport demo at the West Park Rehabilitation Centre in Toronto prior to the Rio Paralympics
- Four members of the men's national team held a drop-in session in Toronto this past July
- We are looking forward to being part of the Ontario Parasport Games in February 2017, with Sitting Volleyball being an inaugural event at these multi-sport games

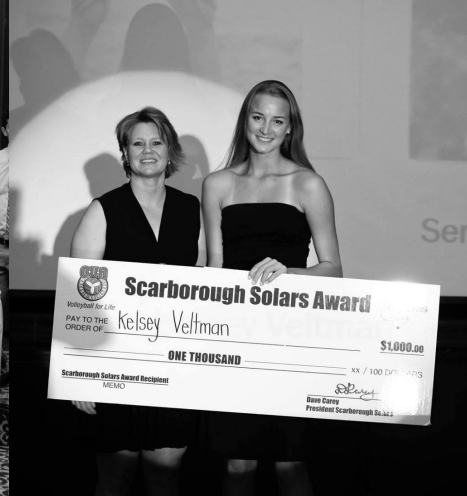


ASHBRIDGES BAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL

"The games were always fun! I love the atmosphere and getting to meet new people. Every week I would look forward to volleyball :)" – Anonymous Survey Respondent

HIGHLIGHTS

- The OVA operates 103 courts at Ashbridges Bay on behalf of the City of Toronto for the Ashbridges Bay Beach Volleyball adult recreational league
- In just its second year, the Spring individuals league grew from 95 participants to 137 participants
- Six youth clubs used Ashbridges Bay this year for camps, clinics and house leagues
- 1370 teams (approximately 5,500 athletes) participated in Spring, Summer and Fall Ashbridges Bay adult leagues, a 5% increase over the last year
- Courts were designated for rental for 38 events including corporate team building sessions, tournaments, school clinics and the TDSB Beach Volleyball Tournament that hosts over 60 school teams annually



ATHLETE & OVATION AWARDS

Recognizing outstanding athletic achievement and contributions to the OVA.

SCARBOROUGH SOLARS AWARD

Kelsey Veltman
Sergey Grabovsky

KEN DAVIES MEMORIAL AWARD

Jordan Figueira

EVELYN HOLICK AWARD

Emie Gaboury

JASON SENECHAL AWARD

Courtney Sestric

PAUL AND SHELLEY BROWNSTEIN BUILDER AWARD

Bill Seto
Dr. Marge Holman

DOUG ROBBIE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Toronto 2015 Pan Am & Parapan Am Games Indoor, Beach, and Sitting Volleyball Volunteers

DIANE WOOD SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

David Dobson
Hernan Humana
Brad Graham
Keith Wasyluk

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bernie Diesbourg
Howie Grossinger
Edward Carson
John & Sally Spack
Janet Cairns
Linda Melnick
Bob Rocque
Terry Sonoda
Reg Jang
Kelvin Hui

CORPORATE AND PARTNER AWARDS

Regional Tourism, Organization Four Inc. (RTO4)

RECOGNITION AWARD

Brian Singh
Daphne Choi
Haiqi Liu
Jason McCrudden
Jeff Miller
Karin Serre
Tom McNorton
Jen Herzog
Lynn Vivic
Owen Jones
Stephen Green
Tyrone Dowling
Peter Klassen
Paul Langan
Sean Stewart
Mark Armitage
Emil Enriquez
Ricardo Alvarez
Barb Rigg-Garbaty
Mark Sutton

MIKE BUGARSKI MALE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Howie Grossinger

SANDY SILVER FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jodi Zbyszewski

DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mark Wu
Caley Venn

OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE AWARD OF MERIT

Bob Rocque

SYLVIA JAKSETIC FEMALE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Samara Sevor

FINANCIALS

Statement of Financial Position as of August 31, 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 780,387	\$ 259,033
Investments	100,000	729,910
Accounts receivable	379,311	544,133
Inventory	9,881	9,550
Interest receivable	21,683	48,211
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	48,259	28,948
Prepaid expenses	24,545	55,360
	1,364,066	1,675,145
CAPITAL ASSETS	294,114	324,872
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	955,903	276,448
DEPOSITS	90,546	69,863
	\$ 2,704,629	\$ 2,346,328
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 588,711	\$ 390,877
Current portion of long term debt	2,353	2,719
Deferred revenue	385,019	407,330
Payable to members	248,749	222,841
	1,224,832	1,023,767
LONG TERM DEBT	-	2,041
DEFERRED REVENUE	16,016	27,789
	1,240,848	1,053,597
NET ASSETS		
Contingency reserve fund	1,463,781	1,292,731
	\$ 2,704,629	\$ 2,346,328

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go to www.ontariovolleyball.org/about/ova-reports

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of August 31, 2016.

	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Programs - tournaments, fees and other	\$ 3,879,596	\$ 3,401,278
Grants - Government of Ontario	498,737	354,992
Memberships	429,224	387,641
Other	271,923	29,220
Grants - Trillium Fund	114,466	115,229
Sponsorships	68,859	66,045
Grants - Other	48,500	22,500
Investment income	27,193	16,497
Publication sales	14,899	15,873
Fundraising	5,265	10,784
	5,358,662	4,420,059
EXPENDITURES		
Programs	4,284,226	3,529,064
Administrative salaries and benefits	392,541	361,119
Special events	253,385	31,975
Other administrative costs	148,089	103,115
Amortization	54,668	54,665
Meetings	31,400	48,712
Communications	22,466	17,828
Publication costs	837	16,610
	5,187,612	4,163,088
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 171,050	\$ 256,971

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dedicated to providing leadership in the development of volleyball.

OVA TEAM

Executive Director

Jo-Anne Ljubcic

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Alisha Lidums

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Director of Finance and Administration

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Carrie Campbell

Manager of Beach Programs

Suzanne Fogg

Josh Nichol (Interim)

High Performance Manager

Louis-Pierre Mainville

Membership Services Coordinator

Kaitlin Arscott

Youth Competitions Lead

Ryan Mercado

Indoor Program Coordinator

Mark Wiersma

Senior Beach Development Coach

Angie Shen

Beach Development Coach

Eddie Coleman

High Performance Coordinator/Apprentice Coach

Jennifer Neilson

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Kerish Maharaj

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Lia Edgell

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Jessica Braun

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Janet Cairns

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