

Proposed Adjustments to the 2009 Youth Beach Tour

In an effort to give youth beach athletes an opportunity to play to their ability and make entry to the sport easier the following adjustments have been proposed:

- Combine the 18U and 21U age divisions with the 24U division. This category will be referred to as the Youth Open division.

Under this system Ontario's best beach athletes will have an opportunity to play each other at each tournament and allow every athlete the ability to compete at their level.

- Offer age categories with 1-year age divisions to athletes 16 years of age and younger. For example, 16U, 15U 14U 13U and (12U for girls).

This system will allow easier entry to the sport for young beach athletes by reducing the number of opponents who have the advantage of an extra year of development.

Both adjustments will reduce the number of uneven or lopsided matches.

To see the adjusted point system [click here](#)

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions regarding the proposal:

1) What will happen with will my 2008 points?

2008 Beach Tour points will be applied to the new 2009 divisions for the 1st and 2nd event only. For and after the 3rd event, you will enter the Youth Beach Tour with zero points.

To see an example of the top Youth Open division [click here](#)

2) How will I be ranked for National Championships if I play in an OVA division that is not offered at Nationals?

Points will be applied to the National Championship youth division in which the athlete has registered. For example, the team with the most youth points who registers for 18U National Championships will be seeded as 18U Ontario 1 going into Nationals.

3) Will I play on Saturday or Sunday?

Elite/Adult Open, 15U, 14U, 13U and 12U will play on Saturday

Youth Open and 16U will play on Sunday

4) Will I be able to use my 16U points for seeding in the Youth Open if I decide to play up?

Yes, youth points can be applied to any youth division.

Questions or concerns about the proposed adjustments to the 2009 Youth Beach Tour can be directed to Jason Trepanier jtrepanier@ontariovolleyball.org or the Beach Coordinator beach@ontariovolleyball.org