



Volleyball for Life

**OVA Beach Tour
Player's Handbook**

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Welcome to the 2015 OVA Beach Tour

Welcome to the 2015 OVA Beach Tour! I would like to welcome back returning athletes and parents, and introduce the Ontario Beach Program to new members. It's great to have you all participating in one of the most successful beach programs in North America. In 2014, we had over 560 teams participating in Ontario Championships at Toronto's Ashbridges Bay for four days of intense competition. Since 2010, the tour has increased in size by almost 20% and we look forward to more growth and greater opportunities for all athletes in the 2015 season.

This year, we are making improvements and providing more opportunities for athletes to enter the sport, succeed and develop their beach volleyball skills. Not only do we have numerous Youth and Adult Beach Tour events, but Satellite events are in full force. The 2015 season will be continuing the implementation of the Service Reception Rule.

The OVA Beach Players Handbook or Parent & Athlete Guide is designed to provide you with essential information necessary for you to prepare yourself for the 2015 beach season. If at any time you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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1.2 What's new in 2015?

We have a lot of exciting changes in store this year for the 2015 OVA Beach Tour!

A couple of new programs will be introduced for the 2015 Beach Tour season. A youth "Intro to Beach" division will be added for youth ages 10-13 yrs old on Sunday's of our Toronto Beach Tour stops. This division will offer both a girls and boys 4 on 4 program for those looking to start out on the sand. For our adult players, we will also be adding a co-ed 4 on 4 division on Saturday's of our Toronto Beach Tour stops. We hope to bring more adults back to the OVA Beach Tour with some great co-ed action!

The Player of the Year prize returns to the OVA Beach Tour this summer. This award will be given out at the end of the season to the 2 men's and 2 women's adult players that have accumulated the most total points. The winners of this award will receive \$1000 in prize money, while the second place players will receive \$500. More information can be found in section 5.4.5.

For any additional questions regarding the OVA Beach Tour in 2015, please email:
kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org.

Chapter 2 Technical Organization

2.1 Divisions

This year the OVA Beach Program is using the 2015 tournament model in line with Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). The divisions for 2015 are:

Age Divisions

Girls: 12U born in 2003 or later

Girls & Boys: 13U born in 2002 or later

Girls & Boys: 14U born in 2001 or later

Girls & Boys: 15U born in 2000 or later

Girls & Boys: 16U born in 1999 or later

Girls & Boys: 18U born in 1997 or later

Youth Open: All divisions 24U born in 1991 or later

Adult / Elite: No age restrictions

2.2 Costs and Fees

There is a one-time membership fee to be paid prior to participation in your first OVA Beach Tour event of the 2014 season. All fees must be paid online at <http://www.nrs.volleyball.ca>.

Beach Membership Fee:

- A one-time only fee of \$78.11 to be paid before entering in any event for all Beach Players. Current indoor OVA members will need to upgrade their current membership for free.
- Adult Membership fees (Non-elite players i.e. no prize money involved): \$10.91

OVA Regular Tournament Fee:

- \$90.00 (plus tax) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
NOTE: Satellite fees, Ontario Championships and National championships fees may be adjusted.
- **Ontario Championship Fees:**
 - 1-day event (12U, 13U, 14U, Adult Open) - \$100.00
 - 2-day event (15U-16U, Youth Open, Elite) - \$140.00
- **Grand Slam Adult Fees:**
 - 2-day event - \$150.00

Where does your money go?

To view how the OVA distribute tournament costs, please see Appendix VIII.

2.3 Registration

2.3.1 How to register

Teams may register for all tournaments via the secure VC/NRS online registration system. Please go to <http://nrs.volleyball.ca>

2.3.2 Registering for Elite

Teams who wish to take part in the Elite divisions, should select the box indicating Elite qualifier. If the teams who registered in the Elite Qualifier have enough points for the Elite main draw, they will not be required to play in the qualifier and be seeded accordingly. All registrants in the Adult Open divisions will be seeded according to points in divisions AA-A5 (FYI – this may seed you in an

unexpected division, **if you would like to play Elite, register in the *Elite Qualifier***). The OVA website will indicate if there is a qualifier prior to the tournament.

Elite Exemption

If you do not want to play in Elite regardless of your points average please contact Kelvin Cheng before the deadline closes. kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org

2.3.3 Free Entries

Teams who finish first in any Adult Elite tournament with no cash prize are eligible for a free tournament.

Conditions:

- The free entry must be used in the same season
- You **must** play with the same partner in the free entry event.
- The free entry is not exchangeable for cash value
- The free entry is not transferable (to another player)
- There is NO Free Entry into the OVA Grand Slam(s) or Ontario Championships.

To redeem your free entry, send email (before the registration deadline) to kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org including:

1. Full names of both teammates
2. Division of tournament where team finished first
3. Date of tournament where team finished first
4. Date of tournament to enter

2.3.4 Deadline

Registration deadline is the Monday (by 11:59 PM) prior to the weekend's event, unless noted otherwise. Late registrations are NOT accepted.

2.4 Beach Teams/Partners

Throughout the regular season, you may change partners as often as you wish, provided registration is completed prior to the Monday (11:59PM) deadline.

If a partner change is required **after** registration has closed, you must submit a written request to the OVA via email to kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org providing the following information **by** Thursday (11:59PM) before the tournament (NOTE: the new partner **must** be a current OVA member):

- **Original** teams full names
- Division of **original** team
- **New** teams full names
- Division of **new** team
- Updated seeding points with new partner will be applied

After Thursday (11:59pm) to the beginning of the tournament, if a partner change is required or if a team arrives at the tournament with a different partner, a doctor's note must be received the following week in order to count the "new" teams points and results from the event. Also the "new" team will be seeded with no points (last) in their division.

2.5 Team Check-in and Players Meeting



2.5.1 Check-in

Team check-in takes place between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Both partners **must** check-in together. If you AND your partner have not checked in by **9:00 a.m. SHARP**, you and your partner risk defaulting your first match.

Please give yourself ample time to arrive early. It is the players' responsibility to check directions and road closures prior to the event, as there is NO

excuse for lateness.

(Exception: Elite teams must arrive for their first match or for their officiating duties. Elite teams do not need to check-in).

2.5.2 Players Meeting

The Players Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. when Check-in has closed. It is at this meeting where the Tournament Director will debrief the participants with the days schedule and any new or relevant information. Please see Appendix V for typical Players Meeting Notes. However, please be advised that it is the responsibility of all athletes to listen for any new and relevant information on the day of the event.

It is the responsibility of all athletes to listen to what is said and to question anything that is not understood. Sanctions can be levied to teams who do not follow the format and the basic rules of the tournament. It is the athlete's responsibility to make sure they understand.

2.5.3 No-show or Forfeit

Teams are expected to begin their match 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match. If a team fails to show up for their scheduled match, it will result in loss of the match as well as possible elimination from the tournament.

NOTE: the eliminated team has a responsibility to officiate, if the team is not present for their duties, they will consequently be sanctioned \$50.00, payable before the next OVA event. If a sanction has not been paid, team members are ineligible to play in any OVA event.

2.6 Medical Services

Throughout the 2015 Beach Tour, an athletic therapist will be on-site at every tournament. The OVA will supply a Sports First Aid kit as well as ice for injuries. The Athletic Therapist can be found at the control tent, or contact your Court Supervisor to call the therapist over to a court.

If an athlete becomes injured or ill during the tournament and as a result cannot continue to compete, no refund will be issued. Points will be awarded to point of loss during the tournament. If the injury or illness occurs before the tournament you may be eligible for a refund of the tournament fee, please see the *section 3.8* regarding refunds for further details.

2.7 Officials

2.7.1 Player Referees

All teams will be required to score and officiate matches in their pool. A schedule is created detailing when you play and when you are expected to officiate (handed out for pool-play). 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 \$50.00 sanctions from Ontario Volleyball and must be paid before registering in the next OVA event or players will be ineligible to participate in future events. A detailed guide on player officiating for athletes can be found in Appendix IV.

2.7.2 Role and Responsibilities of the Player Referees

Player referees are important to the operation of the OVA Beach Tour events. As a player referee, it is your duty and responsibility to officiate matches. You represent officials when acting as a player referee and you have the same role and responsibility as certified officials.

The following are important aspects of your responsibilities which should be enforced:

- The officiating person MUST be standing, the scorekeeper may sit on the opposite side of the court
- NO umbrellas in-between courts
- ONLY the scorekeeper and player official are allowed between courts. NO family, friends, spectators, other athletes etc. are allowed to sit/stand with scorekeeper or officiator.

2.7.3 Certified Officials

There will be OVA officials on site who will answer any questions and address any concern the players may have about rules, regulations, etc. They will supervise the beach throughout pool play and will attempt to officiate all gold medal matches. Officials may also monitor warm-up times and are instructed to start matches after 10 minutes of warm-up. Failure to limit warm-ups to 10 minutes will result in \$50.00 sanctions from Ontario Volleyball to players and teams and must be paid before registering in the next OVA event.

2.8 Coaching

Coaching is permitted for ONLY the 16U and younger divisions. Coaches must identify themselves to all parties participating in the match including the opposing team, the player referees and the OVA referee supervisor in the area. The coach's name must be included on the match score sheet. The coach must abide by the following set of rules:

1. Coaches CANNOT call time-outs for their athletes nor coach them to do so.
2. Coaches may coach their athletes before the match begins, during time outs and between sets only.

Coaching is NOT allowed in the 18U, Youth Open and Adult Divisions.

Chapter 3 Competition Regulations

3.1 Provincial Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2015 Ontario Beach Championships, each partner must participate in a minimum of 3 events (at least one **must** be an OVA event; the remaining 2 may be OVA sanctioned Satellite events). If youth teams want to play up in Adult divisions, they must compete in 3 adult events during the 2015 Beach Tour season.

NOTE: The Ontario Championships do NOT count as one of the three events. Exceptions:

1. Indoor Provincial Team – there are NO provincial eligibility requirements.
2. National Team athletes – there are NO provincial eligibility requirements.
3. Girls & Boys 12 & under – must compete in 1 OVA Beach Tour event.
4. Region 1 athletes – there are NO provincial eligibility requirements.
5. Exceptional circumstances – Must present case to OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee by **Monday July 20, 2015**.

(**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 Monday July 20, 2015. A medical note can be used to get a refund of the entry fee or a partner substitution).

If the Beach Ad Hoc Committee grants an exception into Ontario Championships without the minimum criteria, the team must pay the penalty fee of up to \$150.00 to the OVA before the Ontario Championships.

3.2 National Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2015 National Beach Championships, each team must participate in the 2015 Ontario Championships. If an athlete/team is unable to participate in Ontario Championships, an email to appeal to participate in Nationals would be required and a committee decision would be rendered. If participation into Nationals is granted, the team seeding is decided upon by Volleyball Canada.

The deadline to appeal for exceptional access into Beach Nationals must be submitted by Tuesday August 4, 2015. If the Beach Ad Hoc Committee grants an exception into Nationals without the minimum criteria, the team must pay the penalty fee of the cost of Ontario Championships to the OVA before the National Championships.

Please email Kelvin Cheng at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org to apply for National Championship eligibility exemption.

3.3 Competition Information

	Youth Divisions	Adult Open (AA-A5)	Elite (AAA)																							
Competition format	Pool play Age Division - Pools of 3, 4 or 5* Open - Pools of 3, 4 or 5*	Pool play • Pools of 3,4 or 5*	Pool play • Pools of 3, 4 or 5*																							
Elite Qualifier format	N/A	N/A	1 game to 21 points, sides at 7's, technical time out at sum of 21 points.																							
Match format for pool play (May change at the discretion of the OVA)	Divisions with only pools of 3 <i>Match play</i> – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games Divisions with pools of 3 and pools of 4 • Pools of 3 – 2 games to 21 points • Pools of 4 – 2 games to 15 points Divisions with pools of 4 or pools of 5 • 2 games to 15 points		<i>Match play</i> – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game up to 15 points (no cap.)																							
Registration fee	Regular events: \$90+tax Intro to Beach 4's: \$125 + tax Ontario Championships : 12U-14U: \$100 + tax (1-day) Intro to Beach 4s: \$140 + tax (1-day) 15U-16U: \$140 + tax (2-day)	Regular events: \$90+tax Ontario Championships : \$100 + tax (1-day)	Regular events: \$90+tax Grand Slam \$150+tax Ontario Championships : \$140 + tax (2-day)																							
Prize money	N/A	N/A	Please see Elite Division 5.4.3 for further information																							
Official Mikasa Ball	12UG-Youth Open – VLS300	VLS300	VLS300																							
Court Dimensions	12UG/13U – 14m x 7m 14U-24U – 16m x 8m Intro to Beach Kids – 16m x 8m	16m x 8m	16m x 8m																							
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Intro To Beach 4's	Ages: 10-13 years old Format: 4's girls and 4's boys, no OVA membership required, match format follows the youth divisions format as noted above Rotation: no court rotation required, no limit on number of serves per player																									

Uniforms	Matching bottoms are strongly recommended for the Grand Slam and Ontario Championship's Elite Adult Division. In all other cases the OVA does not enforce a uniform policy, athletes may wear what they feel is comfortable along with what is appropriate according to the OVA Code of Conduct (Section 4.4), however, it is recommended that teams wear matching uniforms - but it is not mandatory in 2015.
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* Tiers and pools in all divisions are made at the discretion of the OVA Beach Tournament Director and may change without notice.

** Registration fee may change for Satellite events. Please see www.ontariovolleyball.org, for more details.

Guidelines

Ontario Volleyball has developed a set of guidelines for use when creating draws and schedules.

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 matches
- matches between closer seeded teams will be scheduled for the end of pool play

** Excluding extenuating circumstances such as team injury or defaults. Teams are not granted refunds for these cases.*

3.4 Rules of the Game

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules will be used for the 2015 OVA Beach Tour with the exception of the Volleyball Canada Rule Variations posted on the VC web site at: <http://www.volleyball.ca/content/beach-rules-playing-surface>. Please see www.fivb.org for more details (Page 25, Rule 11.3).



3.4.1 Contact with the Net

- Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.
- Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with the play.
- When the ball is driven into the net, causing it to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.

3.5 Points/Seeding/Rankings

3.5.1 Youth

Youth Open Point System

Points will be awarded to youth divisions according to the following point system.

Youth Open

Rank	Premier	Championship	Challenger	Trillium1	Trillium 2	Trillium 3	Trillium 4
1	800	700	600	500	400	300	200
2	775	675	575	475	375	275	175
3	750	650	550	450	350	250	150
4	730	630	530	430	330	230	130
5	710	610	510	410	310	210	110
6	690	590	490	390	290	190	90
7	670	570	470	370	270	170	70
8	650	550	450	350	250	150	50
9	630	530	430	330	230	130	30
10	620	520	420	320	220	120	20
11	610	510	410	310	210	110	10
12	600	500	400	300	200	100	9
13	590	490	390	290	190	90	8
14	580	480	380	280	180	80	7
15	570	470	370	270	170	70	6
16	560	460	360	260	160	60	5
17	550	450	350	250	150	50	4
18	540	440	340	240	140	40	3
19	530	430	330	230	130	30	2

Seeding

In 2015, youth open teams will be seeded in tournaments based on the following:

1st event: 2014 average points

2nd event: 2015 average (if played week 1) or 2014 average points

3rd event: 2015 average points (if played weeks 1 or 2) or 2014 average points

4th event: 2015 average points (if played weeks 1, 2, or 3) or 2014 average points

5th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

6th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

7th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

Ontario Championships: Average of **best** three results from the current OVA Beach Youth Tour.

Teams may self-declare to play down a division, if desired.

All seedings posted on the OVA website prior to the tournament are tentative seedings that the OVA reserves the right to change without notice prior to the tournament. If a discrepancy regarding points is noticed, you must contact the OVA Operations Coordinator at (416) 426-7233 or kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org by Friday at 11:59AM to submit a request to review points. Requests made on the beach will be reviewed the following week.

NOTE: Due to time required in re-seeding, changes may not be posted on the website before the tournament.

Rankings

Year-end final ranking is the average of best 3 events of 2014, this may include Ontario Championships.

Youth Age Division Point System

Points will be awarded to youth age divisions and tiers according to the following point system. For example, if there is a Tier 3 in the 16U division, this is represented by “16U3” and would receive the same points as 14U Tier 1 and 15U Tier 2.

Age Categories (12U-18U & Intro to Beach)

Rank	18U1	16U1 18U2	15U1 16U2 18U3	14U1 15U2 16U3 18U4	13U1 14U2 15U3 16U4 18U5	12U1 13U2 14U3 15U4 16U5	12U2 13U3 14U4 15U5	12U3 13U4 14U5 Intro to Beach
1	700	600	500	400	300	200	150	100
2	675	575	475	375	275	175	120	87
3	650	550	450	350	250	150	96	73
4	630	530	430	330	230	130	75	57
5	610	510	410	310	210	110	60	51
6	590	490	390	290	190	61	49	45
7	570	470	370	270	170	51	43	35
8	550	450	350	250	150	46	39	32
9	530	430	330	230	130	44	37	30
10	520	420	320	220	120	43	36	29
11	510	410	310	210	110	39	33	27
12	500	400	300	200	100	38	32	26
13	490	390	290	190	90	39	31	25
14	480	380	280	180	80	35	29	23
15	470	370	270	170	70	34	28	22
16	460	360	260	160	60	33	27	21
17	450	350	250	150	50	32	26	20
18	440	340	240	140	40	31	45	29
19	430	330	230	130	30	30	24	18

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3.5.2 Adult

Adult Open Point System

The point system is a single, linear scale that compares AAA (Elite) players to athletes that play in A7. There is an overlap that allows for movement. For example, first in A1 is better than 5th in AA but not 4th. Athletes that play in AAA events will be recognized according to the grid, but participation in an AAA or AA qualifying event will not.

Rank	Grand Slam	Elite	AA	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7
1	1050	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200
2	1010	960	860	760	660	560	460	360	260	160
3	980	930	830	730	630	530	430	330	230	130
4	965	915	815	715	615	515	415	315	215	115
5	940	890	790	690	590	490	390	290	190	90
6	920	870	770	670	570	470	370	270	170	70
7	900	850	750	650	550	450	350	250	150	50
8	880	830	730	630	530	430	330	230	130	30
9	860	810	710	610	510	410	310	210	110	10
10	859	809	709	609	509	409	309	209	109	9
11	858	808	708	608	508	408	308	208	108	8
12	857	807	707	607	507	407	307	207	107	7
13	856	806	706	606	506	406	306	206	106	6
14	855	805	705	605	505	405	305	205	105	5
15	854	804	704	604	504	404	304	204	104	4
16	853	803	703	603	503	403	303	203	103	3
17	852	802	702	602	502	402	302	202	102	2
18	851	801	701	601	501	401	301	201	101	1
19	850	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100	0

Seeding

In 2015, youth open teams will be seeded in tournaments based on the following:

1st event: 2014 average points

2nd event: 2015 average (if played week 1) or 2014 average points

3rd event: 2015 average points (if played weeks 1 or 2) or 2014 average points

4th event: 2015 average points (if played weeks 1, 2, or 3) or 2014 average points

5th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

6th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

7th event: Average of **best** 3 events in 2015 or if have not played in 2015, then 2014 average.

Ontario Championships: Average of **best** three results from the current OVA Beach Tour.

All seedings posted on the OVA website prior to the tournament are tentative seedings that the OVA reserves the right to change without notice prior to the tournament. If a discrepancy regarding points is noticed, you must contact the OVA Operations Coordinator at (416) 426-7233 or kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org by Friday at 11:59AM to submit a request to review points. Requests made on the beach will be reviewed the following week.

NOTE: Due to time required in re-seeding, changes may not be posted on the website before the tournament.

Important notice for Elite teams:

Teams who wish to take part in the “Elite” division should register in the *Elite Qualifier*. If the teams who register in the Elite qualifier have enough point for the Elite main draw, they will be seeded accordingly. All registrants in the Elite/AA-A5 divisions will be seeded according to points (FYI – this may seed you lower than expected, **if you would like to play Elite, register in the *Elite Qualifier***). The OVA website will indicate if there is a qualifier prior to the tournament.

Rankings

Year-end final ranking is the average of best 3 events of 2014, this may include Ontario Championships.

3.6 Tie-Breaking Procedure

3.6.1 End of Pool Play Ranking

Ties between teams within pool-play going into playoffs are broken by (ONLY tied teams are taken into consideration):

1. Number of matches won – 2 points per match
2. Number of games won – 1 point per game
3. Point differential between tied teams (Head to head).
4. Point differential overall.

3.6.2 Pre-Event Seeding

Ties between teams with the same seeding points going into an OVA Beach Tour event are broken by:

1. Best average result as a combination of average individual results from the current OVA Beach Tour.
2. Most individual participations on the current OVA Beach Tour (combination of the teams individual participation)
3. Higher finish on the current OVA Beach Tour (per team).
4. 2014 final point average (team).
5. A coin toss would determine who would be ranked higher.

3.7 Moving Up Age Divisions

Teams are encouraged to play up in an older age divisions for better competition opportunities. If a team plays up a division, points will be awarded based on the results of the higher division.

3.8 Cancellation and Refund Policy

3.8.1 Cancellation

The OVA will deduct a \$20.00 administration fee on all cancellations prior to the registration deadline (Monday prior to the tournament at 11:59PM). For any cancellations done 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 done in writing to the OVA Operations Coordinator prior to the event and accompanied by a doctor's note within one week of the event.

Information that **must** be included in the email includes:

1. Full names 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. Doctors note (only needed if passed registration deadline)

3.8.2 Refunds

All refunds are reimbursed to the payee's credit card. To receive a refund, all above-mentioned information must be emailed to the OVA Operations Coordinator at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org.

3.9 Weather Cancellation/Rain-Out

Teams are required to remain "on-call" and "on-site" until 3pm. It is up until this time that a decision can be made as to whether the event can be played out. If the event gets cancelled before playoffs, all teams will receive a refund less 10% administrative fee. (The OVA crew will do all possible to prevent this from happening).

A decision will be made by the Beach Ad Hoc Committee pertaining to Ontario Championships Eligibility in the case of a cancelled event and minimum requirements.

3.9.1 Suspended Play Policy

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the collective Beach Tournament Committee (section 6.1.3) but ultimately are the judgment of the Tournament Director.

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

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

Upon notification of suspended play:

- All athletes must immediately evacuate the beach and go to cars or indoor facilities and **NOT UNDER TREES**.
- Athletes PLAYING are responsible for recording the score and taking note of the court they are playing at.
- Officiating teams are responsible for taking the clipboard and ball with them.

Notification to resume play:

- Play will resume 15 minutes following the horn sounding.
- Athletes are responsible for being within a given distance to hear the horn.
- Following a 10-minute warm-up, officials and athletes will continue to finish the game from where the score left off.
- Modified play may ensue at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Committee.

3.9.2 Cancellation Procedures

Delay caused prior to 1:00 p.m.: Can last up to a three-hour delay. After a three-hour delay or 3:00 P.M., the tournament will be cancelled.

Delay caused after 1:00 p.m.: Can last up to two hours. After a two-hour delay, or 3:00 p.m., the tournament will be cancelled.

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

The following procedures shall be used when dispersing monies after the first match has been completed if a tournament is cancelled:

- Double Elimination format:
 - Teams remaining in the winners bracket will receive 2 shares
 - Teams remaining in the losers bracket will receive 1 share
- Pool Play format:
 - Divide money equally between remaining teams.
 - If cancelled prior to completion of pool play, all teams with the ability to advance will receive an equal share of the money (eg. If all teams advance than every team, if only top 2 advance and it is clear that a team is not in the top 2 than they do not receive any share of the money.)
- Refund – A full refund, less a 10% administrative charge, will be granted if athletes did not finish pool play. Once playoffs begin OR after 1:00pm no refund will be granted.
- Free Entry – If the tournament is cancelled, there will be no free entry provided for the next tournament.

Chapter 4

Specific Regulations and Sanctions

4.1 Court Supervisors

For the 2015 OVA Beach Tour, Tournament/Court Supervisors will be on site for all the youth divisions' 12U-15U. The Court Supervisors have the responsibility to make sure that matches start within 10 minutes of the end of the previous match and can sanction the athletes if warm-ups times are prolonged. These supervisors will also be available to assist the athletes with questions and concerns and will be in contact with the control tents at all times. Any questions, concerns and problems relating to equipment, set-up, officiating should be directed towards your Court Supervisors before coming to the control tent.

Court Supervisors will be introduced during the players meeting and will be easily found throughout the day.

4.2 Maternity Leave Policy

Athletes are not penalized for pregnancy. Athletes who miss or have missed some portion of the OVA Tour during the period of time extending from six (6) months before giving birth until six (6) months after, will retain all points from the last event that was played. The points will carry over for one year and will be used to seed teams at the first event upon return from Maternity Leave. The points from the result of the first event post-maternity leave will replace all points carried over from prior to the leave. The time period specified above might be altered by petition to the Tournament Committee (section 6.1.3) if circumstance during or after the pregnancy warrant it.

To apply for Maternity Leave point retention, please email Operations Coordinator kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org with information regarding the period of leave, when the last event was played and anticipated date of return.

4.3 Catastrophic Injury Policy

Athletes are not penalized for catastrophic injuries (injuries that result in medical inability to compete for all or a substantial portion of a season). Athletes who miss some portion of the OVA Tour because of a catastrophic injury will retain points for 1 year without competition, and will be used to seed teams at the first event upon return from injury. The points from the result of the first event post-injury will replace all points carried over from prior to the injury-induced absence. The time period specified above might be altered by petition to the Beach Ad Hoc Committee if the particular medical circumstances warrant it. All athletes who wish to invoke this catastrophic injury policy must provide full medical documentation (physicians' and therapists' notes, medical imaging reports, hospital or surgical summary notes, and so on) to the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee for consideration by a medical consultant, who will advise the committee on whether this policy should apply on a case-by-case basis.

To apply for Catastrophic Injury Leave point retention, please email Operations Coordinator kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org with the following information:

1. The exact nature of the injury.
2. Clinical evidence that shows you were functionally unable to play (MRI report/test results, surgery dates, therapist's or physician's chart notes, etc).
3. Any additional relevant information regarding the date of last event played, date of trauma and the anticipated date of return.

Decisions of the Beach Ad Hoc Committee may be appealed to OVA Operations Coordinator kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org by filling out the Appeal/Complaint Form (Appendix I) and submitting it no later than 1 (one) week after the initial decision was rendered.

4.4 OVA Code of Conduct

*** This Code of Conduct replaces and supersedes all pre-existing alternate OVA codes of conduct including those that exist in a) the Directors' Responsibilities Policy, b) the Directors' Handbook, c) the Participation Agreement, d) the Officials Handbook, e) the Coaches Handbook, f) the Beach Tour Players' Handbook, and g) any other handbook, guidelines or policy posted on the OVA website prior to October, 1st, 2012. ***

Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Code:

a) *"Individuals"* – All categories of membership defined in Section 2.1 of the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) Constitution and By-laws, as well as, all individuals engaged in activities with the OVA, including but not limited to, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, directors and officers of the OVA, spectators of OVA events and parents of OVA members.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Code of Conduct ("Code") is to ensure a safe and positive environment (within OVA programs, activities, and events) by making all Individuals aware that there is an

expectation, at all times, of appropriate behavior consistent with the values of the OVA, as set out in section 3 of this Code.

3. The OVA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. The OVA supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices. Individuals are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the OVA that include fairness, integrity, accountability, excellence, accessibility, innovation, and respect.

4. Conduct that violates this Code may be subject to sanctions pursuant to the OVA's Discipline and Complaints Policy.

Application of this Code

5. This Code applies to conduct that may arise during the course of OVA business, activities, and events, including but not limited to: its office environment, competitions, practices, training camps, tryouts, travel, and any meetings of the OVA.

6. This Code also applies to the conduct of Individuals that may occur outside of the OVA's business, activities, events, and meetings when such conduct adversely affects relationships within the OVA (and its work and sport environment) and is detrimental to the image and reputation of the OVA. Such applicability will be made by the OVA in its sole discretion.

Responsibilities

7. All Individuals have a responsibility to:

a) Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of OVA members and other Individuals by:

- i. Demonstrating respect to individuals regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, gender, ancestry, colour, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, religious belief, political belief, disability or economic status
- ii. Focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees and members
- iii. Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership and ethical conduct
- iv. Acting, when appropriate, to prevent or correct practices that are unjustly discriminatory;
- v. Consistently treating individuals fairly and reasonably
- vi. Ensuring adherence to the rules of volleyball and the spirit of those rules

b) Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment, where harassment is defined as comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading, or malicious. Types of behavior that constitute harassment include, but are not limited to:

- i. Written or verbal abuse, threats or outbursts
- ii. The display of visual material which is offensive or which one ought to know is offensive in the circumstances
- iii. Unwelcome remarks, jokes, comments, innuendo or taunts

- iv. Leering or other suggestive or obscene gestures
- v. Condescending or patronizing behavior which is intended to undermine self-esteem, diminish performance or adversely affect working conditions
- vi. Practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety, or negatively affect performance
- vii. Any form of hazing where hazing is defined as *"Any potentially humiliating, degrading, abusive, or dangerous activity expected of a junior-ranking athlete by a more senior team-mate, which does not contribute to either athlete's positive development, but is required to be accepted as part of a team, regardless of the junior-ranking athlete's willingness to participate. This includes, but is not limited to, any activity, no matter how traditional or seemingly benign, that sets apart or alienates any team-mate based on class, number of years on the team, or athletic ability."*
- viii. Unwanted physical contact including, but not limited to, touching, petting, pinching, or kissing
- ix. Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, requests, or invitations
- x. Physical or sexual assault
- xi. Behaviors such as those described above that are not directed towards a specific individual or group but have the same effect of creating a negative or hostile environment
- xii. Retaliation or threats of retaliation against an individual who reports harassment to the OVA

c) Refrain from any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment, where sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature. Types of behavior that constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- i. Sexist jokes
- ii. Display of sexually offensive material
- iii. Sexually degrading words used to describe a person
- iv. Inquiries or comments about a person's sex life
- v. Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions
- vi. Persistent unwanted contact

d) Abstain from the non-medical use of drugs or the use of performance-enhancing drugs or methods. More specifically, the Ontario Volleyball Association adopts and adheres to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. Any infraction under this Program shall be considered an infraction of this Code and shall be subject to disciplinary action, and possible sanction, pursuant to the Ontario Volleyball Association Discipline and Complaints Policy. The OVA will respect any penalty enacted pursuant to a breach of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, whether imposed by the OVA or any other sport organization

e) Refrain from associating with any person for the purpose of coaching, training, competition, instruction, administration, management, athletic development or supervision of the sport of competitive volleyball, who has incurred an anti-doping rule violation and is serving a sanction involving a period of ineligibility imposed pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and/or the World Anti-Doping Code and recognized by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)

- f) Refrain from the use of power or authority in an attempt to coerce another person to engage in inappropriate activities
- g) In the case of adults, avoid consuming alcohol in situations where minors are present, and take reasonable steps to manage the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages in adult-oriented social situations associated with OVA events
- h) Respect the property of others and not willfully cause damage
- i) Promote volleyball in the most constructive and positive manner possible
- j) Adhere to all federal, provincial, municipal and host country laws
- k) Comply at all times with the bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Ontario Volleyball Association, as adopted and amended from time to time.

Board/Committee Members and Staff

8. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), Board and Committee Members and Staff of the Ontario Volleyball Association will:

- a) Function primarily as a member of the board and/or committee(s) of the OVA; not as a member of any other particular member or constituency
- b) Act with honesty and integrity and conduct himself or herself in a manner consistent with the nature and responsibilities of OVA business and the maintenance of Member confidence
- c) Ensures that the financial affairs of the OVA are conducted in a responsible and transparent manner with due regard for his or her fiduciary responsibilities
- d) Conduct oneself openly, professionally, lawfully and in good faith in the best interests of the OVA
- e) Be independent and impartial and not be influenced by self-interest, outside pressure, expectation of reward or fear of criticism
- f) Behave with decorum appropriate to both circumstance and position and be fair, equitable, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
- g) Keep informed about the activities of the OVA, the provincial volleyball community, and general trends in the sectors in which it operates
- h) Exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill required in the performance of his or her duties pursuant to the laws under which the OVA is incorporated
- i) Respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature
- j) Ensure that all Members are given sufficient opportunity to express opinions, and that all opinions are given due consideration and weight

- k) Respect the decisions of the majority and resign if unable to do so
- l) Commit the time to attend meetings and to be diligent in preparation for, and participation in, discussions at such meetings
- m) Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of all OVA governance documents
- n) Conforms to the bylaws and policies approved by the OVA, in particular this Code of Conduct as well as, for Directors, the Conflict of Interest Policy and Confidentiality Agreement

Regions, Clubs, and SPIKES programs

9. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), Regions, Clubs, and SPIKES programs of the Ontario Volleyball Association will:

- a) Deliver their services in compliance with the constitution, bylaws, policies, rules, regulations and procedures of the OVA, and, where necessary, amend their own rules to comply with those of the OVA
- b) Ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in sanctioned competitions are registered Members, in Good Standing, of their respective organizations
- c) Engage only authorized coaches and sanctioned athletes

Coaches

10. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), coaches have additional responsibilities. The coach-athlete relationship is a privileged one and plays a critical role in the personal, sport, and athletic development of the athlete. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it, consciously or unconsciously. Coaches will:

- a) Meet the highest standards of credentials, integrity and suitability, including but not limited to such considerations established by the OVA Screening Policy, so that the volleyball community is satisfied it has minimized the risk of an unsafe environment
- b) Report any ongoing criminal investigation, conviction or existing bail conditions, including those for violence; child pornography; or possession, use or sale of any illegal substance
- c) Under no circumstances provide, promote or condone the use of drugs (other than properly prescribed medications) or performance-enhancing substances and, in the case of minors, alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco
- d) Respect all other teams and athletes from other teams and, in dealings with them, not encroach upon topics or actions which are deemed to be within the realm of 'coaching', unless first receiving approval from the coach who is responsible for the team or athlete(s) involved

e) Not engage in a sexual relationship with an athlete of under the age of 18 years, or an intimate or sexual relation with an athlete over the age of 18 if the coach is in a position of power, trust or authority over such athlete

f) Recognize the power inherent in the position of coach and respect and promote the rights of all participants in sport. This is accomplished by establishing and following procedures for confidentiality (right to privacy), informed participation, and fair and reasonable treatment. Coaches have a special responsibility to respect and promote the rights of participants who are in a vulnerable or dependent position and less able to protect their own rights

g) Dress professionally, neatly and inoffensively

h) Use inoffensive language, taking into account the audience being addressed

Athletes

11. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), athletes will have additional responsibilities to:

a) Report any medical problems in a timely fashion, where such problems may limit the athlete's ability to travel, train or compete

b) Participate and appear on time, well-nourished and prepared to participate to one's best abilities in all competitions, practices, training sessions, events, activities, or projects

c) Properly represent oneself and not attempt to enter a competition for which one is not eligible, by reason of age, classification, or other reason

d) Adhere to the OVA's rules and requirements regarding clothing and equipment

e) Never ridicule a participant for a poor performance or practice

f) Act in a sportsmanlike manner and not display appearances of violence, foul language, or gestures to other players, officials, coaches, or spectators

g) Dress in a manner representative of the OVA with focus being on neatness, cleanliness, and discretion. Designated official clothing, if applicable, must be worn when traveling and competing

h) Act in accordance with the OVA's policies and procedures and, when applicable, additional rules as outlined by coaches or chaperones

Officials

12. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), officials will have additional responsibilities to:

- a) Accept an assignment to officiate at a match only if one intends to honour that commitment. If, for any reason, one is unable to attend, let the person in charge of officials know as soon as possible
- b) Be fair and objective
- c) Avoid situations in which a conflict of interest may arise
- d) Be as impartial, unobtrusive and inconspicuous as possible
- e) Conduct all events according to the rules of the OVA
- f) Make independent judgments

Parents/Guardians and Spectators

13. In addition to paragraph 7 of the OVA Code of Conduct (above), parents/guardians of Individuals and Spectators at events will:

- a) Encourage athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- b) Never ridicule a participant for a poor performance or practice
- c) Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same
- d) Not question the judgment or honesty of an official or an OVA staff member
- e) Respect and show appreciation to all competitors and to the coaches, officials, and other volunteers who give their time to the sport
- f) Keep off of the competition area and not interfere with events or calls

4.4.1 Misconduct Sanction Scale

Failing to adhere to OVA's Code of Conduct may result in (but not limited to) penalties determined by a standing Disciplinary Committee.

Composition OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee

The standing OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee will consist of 3-4 members as outlined below:

- OVA Beach Program Manager or designate (Tournament Director)
- OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee Chair or designate (ie. member of the executive, staff or Beach Ad Hoc Committee).
- OVA Beach ROC or designate (ie. head official, court supervisor, etc)
- IF Open Division Players are involved than one player will be included – an OVA beach player representative or designate (if the discipline impacts a female player, a male player will be the representative AND if the discipline impacts a male player, a female player will be the representative).

Authority OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority over athletes, game officials and tournament participants, on and off of the court at a tournament, where participant conduct is concerned. The

Committee may impose disciplinary measures against any individual(s) if deemed necessary as per the code of conduct.

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to make decisions:

- To settle any and all disputes
- To enforce the Code of Conduct at an event or after/before and event and sanction appropriately.
- The Decision of the Disciplinary Committee is final at an event.
- All decisions by the Disciplinary Committee are reviewed by the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee and/or OVA Executive.
- When discipline is being considered for an athlete, the same gender player representative may discuss and have input in the decision, however they will not be involved in the final decision.

The tournament committee will still exist in its current formation and will handle all decisions required to complete the event

Actions and Sanctions:

- a) Committing an act which is considered an offense under any duly promulgated law.
Penalty – Suspension for up to one year and/or fine.
- b) Accepting money or other consideration for losing a match or winning by a particular margin; or being a party to any payment of money or other consideration to another person to lose a match or win by a particular margin.
Penalty – Suspension for up to one year and/or fine.
- c) Betting or action as a “bookmaker” on matches or tournaments.
Penalty – Suspension from one month up to one year and or fine.
- d) Willfully damaging property.
Penalty – *Responsible for* replacement of property and suspension from one month up to one year and/or fine.
- e) Cheating:
 - a. Entering a competition and then failing to appear without valid reason and adequate notice;
 - b. Defaulting a game or match in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reason;
 - c. Withdrawing a team from a match except as a result of injuries or other valid reason;
 - i. Playing in a competition under an assumed name, falsifying a team entry form or giving false information to a tournament official.
 - d. Failure to complete assigned player/officials duties.*Penalty* – Forfeit for the tournament plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks/two events up to one year for each athlete/team or individual.
- f) Violence:
 - a. Showing outward displays of temper;
 - b. Deliberately throwing or hitting a ball in the direction of an official, spectator, or opponent;
 - c. Threatening bodily injury to anyone*Penalty* – Verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine.
- g) Poor attitude:
 - a. Swearing at an official, line judge, scorekeeper, spectator, or opponent,

b. Using profanity or obscene language or gestures.

Penalty – Suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine

Minor Misconduct Scale

Category	Times	Offender	Sanction	Card to Show	Consequence
Minor Misconduct (Unsportsmanlike)	First	Any Member	Warning	None	Prevention, No Penalty
Minor Misconduct (Unsportsmanlike)	Second	Same Member	Warning	Yellow	Prevention, No Penalty
Minor Misconduct (Unsportsmanlike)	Third	Same Member	See Rude conduct		

Misconduct Sanction Scale

Category	Times	Offender	Sanction	Card to Show	Consequence
Rude Conduct	First	Any Member	Penalty	Red	Loss of rally
Rude Conduct (same set)	Second	Same Member	Penalty	Red	Loss of rally
Rude Conduct (same set)	Third	Same Member	Expulsion	Both together	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set
Rude Conduct (new set)	First	Any Member	Penalty	Red	Loss of rally
Offensive Conduct	First	Any Member	Expulsion	Both together	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set
Offensive Conduct	Second	Same Member	Disqualification	Both Separately	Team declared incomplete for the match, loss of match.
Aggression	First	Any Member	Disqualification	Both Separately	Team declared incomplete for the match, loss of match

In any circumstance where it is a *coach, parent or spectator, etc.* conducting themselves in a manner detrimental to the sport and/or in violation of the OVA Code of Conduct the Court Supervisor, Tournament Director or any OVA official can recommend same sanctions to the Disciplinary Committee.

For example, if a parent or spectator were to harass another participant of the tournament, any Official, player or Court Supervisor can inform the Tournament Director about the behaviour which may result in a consequence/fine to the athlete supported by the parent/spectator by the Discipline Committee.

ALL participants have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner and avoid all conduct and practices, which are in violation of the OVA's Code of Conduct and/or which are detrimental to the sport. All parents have a responsibility to adhere to the OVA Code of Conduct as well as the Parent's Code of Conduct as presented by Canadian Sport for Life – A Sport Parent's Guide, Appendix III.

4.4.2 Misconduct Sanction Guidelines

All rude, offensive and aggressive sanctions **MUST** be assigned by the Disciplinary Committee **UNLESS** the offenses occur during a match, where the official has the right to expel or disqualify.

All FINES & expulsions/suspensions not issued during a match need to be decided by Discipline Committee:

Sanctions do not have to occur in the order as they appear. The behavior (poor attitude, disrespectful behavior and violence) will indicate which sanction is appropriate:

- a) **Optional** verbal warning from Official, Tournament Director or OVA Representative. **Optional** verbal warning acknowledged (e.g. first minor offence – kicking the ball, delaying game, etc.)
- b) If competing, yellow card signifying a warning sanction, which is recorded and acknowledged (e.g. first offence of unsportsmanlike conduct). Instance of offensive conduct and aggressive conduct will be sanctioned by the match official with the expulsion or disqualification of the offending player from the game or match as described in the Misconduct Sanction Scale.
- c) If competing, red card signifying a penalty sanction resulting in a point or side out (e.g. continued repeated offence of unsportsmanlike conduct or first offence of rude conduct).
- d) Fine of \$100.00-\$200.00 (payable before registration accepted for the next competition) (e.g. serious misconduct and repetition of a), b), c), verbal abuse, minor displays of physical aggression, etc.)
- e) Expulsion from current tournament (e.g. continued repetition of actions a), b), c) and d) or actions of a very serious nature, physical aggression, rude conduct, etc.)
- f) Suspended from current and next tournament (e.g. gross misconduct and repetition of a-e)
- g) Suspended from the OVA Tour (e.g. gross misconduct after already being expelled or suspended).

4.5 Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions

Violations of OVA Code of Conduct can result in some form of discipline or sanctions levied against the accused player. The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for administering discipline and sanctions pursuant to the Code of Conduct. The Committee will follow the rules of procedure outlined below in determining whether a violation occurred and what should be the appropriate discipline or sanctions.

4.5.1 Complaints

- A. Complaints of violations of the Code of Conduct may be lodged at the Tournament by any athlete, official, OVA representative, VC representative, tournament organizer, staff or volunteer.
- B. Complaints may be made to the Tournament Director and any member of the Tournament Committee and/or the Disciplinary Committee who have a responsibility to inform the Tournament Director.
- C. The Tournament Director will determine if the Disciplinary Committee must convene to address the complaint.
- D. A member of the Discipline Committee will notify the accused player(s) of the complaint, and notify them of the time and place for the hearing of the complaint.
- E. Complaints must be received and heard, and orders issued, before the accused player(s) has played his/her next match. The Discipline Committee may postpone affected matches until its hearing and decision are completed.

4.5.2 Hearings

- A. Should the violation need to be administered immediately (in order to finish the event) then the Discipline Committee will follow these actions. If the alleged infraction does not impact the completion of the tournament, the Tournament Director or designate will prepare a written report to the Disciplinary Committee and follow these actions.

The Discipline Committee will:

- Describe the section of the Code of Conduct which the accused player is alleged to have violated;
 - Ask the complainant to describe the events surrounding the alleged violation; and
 - Allow the accused player(s) to describe the events surrounding the alleged violation.
- B. The Committee may call any other person(s) that, in its sole discretion, considers to have relevant information about the alleged violation.
 - C. The Disciplinary Committee will review the report from the event and may contact the people involved for further information.

4.5.3 The Decision

- A. The Disciplinary Committee may hold a private meeting to discuss the evidence and the alleged violation. A majority of the Disciplinary Committee must approve any sanction or discipline orders to be issued.
- B. Before the accused player has played his/her next match, the Disciplinary Committee shall report to the accused player and the complainant of its findings of fact, and shall issue the appropriate sanction or discipline order. The Disciplinary Committee shall summarize its findings and orders in writing and provide them to the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee.
- C. Sanctions & Discipline orders issued by the Disciplinary Committee will be effective immediately, unless otherwise specified by the Disciplinary Committee.

4.5.4 Appeals

- A. The accused player(s) or the complainant may file, in writing, an appeal to the OVA of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee after the tournament has finished.
- B. The appeal will be forwarded to the Beach Ad Hoc Committee for their review, in private.
- C. The Beach Ad Hoc Committee or OVA Appeals Committee can reverse a decision, and issue whatever corrective order it deems appropriate, only if it finds that the Disciplinary Committee misinterpreted the Code of Conduct or rules of procedure. The Beach Ad Hoc Committee or OVA Executive may not reverse a decision only if it disagrees with the findings of fact of the Disciplinary Committee.

4.6 Protest Procedures

The 2014 OVA Beach Tour Protest Procedures are similar to Volleyball Canada's Procedures. The protest should be settled immediately by the head official.

4.6.1 Protest Protocol During a Match

Any player may ONLY legally protest AN ERROR IN APPLYING A RULE OR RULE INTERPRETATION.

THE REFEREE'S DECISIONS REGARDING BALLHANDLING FAULTS ARE NOT OPEN TO PROTEST.

- In order to lodge a protest, the player must pay \$100 upfront to the Beach Program Coordinator. If the player refuses to do this, the protest will not be lodged.
- The player must lodge the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged.
- The protest is then referred to the appropriate higher authority (i.e. Head officials) for acceptance or refusal.
 - Refusal means that the game or match continues or result stands as played.
 - Acceptance involves replaying of the point/set/match in whole or in part depending on the judgment and on the next available court allocated by the Beach Tournament Director.

4.6.2 Complaint Protocol - General

Issues regarding the technical aspects of the tournament or OVA Policy can be documented on an official Complaint Form (available at the Control Tent) and will be handled by the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee within the following week.

- The Tournament Directors CANNOT change the policies and will relay your concerns as well as the Complaint Form to the Beach Program Coordinator for Beach Ad Hoc Committee review.
- Please see Appendix I for the Appeal Form.

Chapter 5

Ontario Beach Volleyball Program Information

5.1 Beach Athlete Development Programs

OVA High Performance Beach Tryouts: May 22-24, 2015

OVA's High Performance Beach programs are partnered with Volleyball Canada's Beach National Team program, and the Canadian Sports Institute of Ontario.

The objective of OVA's High Performance Beach programs is to expose athletes new to beach to the high performance beach culture, and to prepare experienced athletes for current or future international success at U17, U19, & U21 World Championships and beyond!

Athletes interested in being selected to the beach provincial team and/or Junior Fulltime Training Group are required to attend OVA High Performance Beach Tryouts.

18/17U Beach Provincial Team

5 three day camps throughout the summer.
(Dates TBC)

- Camp #1: June 5-7
- Camp #2: June 24-26
- Camp #3: July 15-17
- Camp #4: August 7-9
- Camp #5: August 18-20

Ontario Junior Fulltime Training Group

4-5 days of lead training sessions per week in a high performance setting partnered with the national training centre. Programming includes strength & conditioning, mental performance workshops, nutrition, therapy support, and coaching during competition.

June 2, 2015 – August 23, 2015

Tall Maples Identification

The Tall Maples identification program is geared towards identifying athletes who will have an immediate and long-term impact representing Canada internationally in beach volleyball. Identified athletes that meet the minimum body height criteria with little or no experience in high performance sport are given the opportunity to dedicate themselves to a high performance beach volleyball environment.

Athletes are placed within a Fulltime Training Group and provided additional skill sessions and support to help accelerate the learning process.

Tall Maples Body Height Criteria:
Women - 183cm (6'0")
Men - 195cm (6'5")

Summer Open Training Group *NEW*

With 2-3 Lead training sessions a week, this new program will provide athletes at the more beginner and or novice developmental level the opportunity to train and develop their beach skills during the competition season. This program is suited for indoor athletes new to beach, experienced athletes preparing for the OVA Summer Beach Tour.

June 2, 2015 – August 23, 2015

What's up for beach after September?

Beach is now a year round sport! Keep an eye out for training opportunities in the fall/winter after a break from the summer season!

All Dates and activity details are to be confirmed. The most up to date and detailed information to be posted on the OVA website. For any questions please feel free to contact OVA Beach Development Coach Angie Shen ashen@ontariovolleyball.org.

Ontario Summer Games

There is no Ontario Summer Games program for the 2015 season. Next Games are in Mississauga in 2016.

5.2 Beach Leadership

5.2.1 Coaching

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is run through the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and provides volleyball coaching certification at five levels. Each of the first three levels are broken down into three components each; theory, technical and practical.

In order to become certified at a certain level, a coach must complete all three components. The theory portion is not sport specific and is managed by the Leadership Development Centre. For more information, please see www.coach.ca.

The technical and practical components are managed by Ontario Volleyball. A coach must complete the technical component before embarking on the practical component.

Note: NCCP certification for beach volleyball begins at Level 2. The Development Coach Workshop is required.

Development Coach Workshop (Indoor and Beach)

- Time requirement: 16 hours
- The objective is to introduce the beginning coach to the basic skills of the game and provide a fundamental exposure to simple team tactics
- The clinic content includes basic movements, lead-up games, teaching basic game skills, teaching basic game tactics, learning basic coaching skills, ethics and more.

Level 1 Portfolio (Indoor & Beach)

- The practical portion will be obtained after the coach has trained a team (either head or assistant coach) for a full season (year) with a minimum of 40 hours and has submitted the Practical Form, along with the Practice Observation form. The candidate must be a full member of Ontario Volleyball during this time.

Level 2 Technical (Beach)

- Time requirement: 20 hours
- The objective is to provide the candidate with advanced technical and tactical experience of the game in a manner which will enable the candidate to apply this knowledge in practical situations
- The clinic content includes the fundamentals of beach doubles, skills analysis, player development, game coaching, planning, and more.

Level 2 Portfolio (Beach)

- Coach for one season with a minimum of 40 training hours after the completion of the Level 2 Beach Technical Course.
- Observe and evaluate the training session of higher level coach
- Submit two (2) practice plans
- Observation by a mentor coach at a Provincial Championship

Level 3 Technical

- Time requirement: 24 hours
- Beach volleyball NCCP Level 3 Technical CBET course
- The clinic content includes subjects such as seasonal planning, periodized training sessions, competition management, and training player autonomy
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Level 3 Portfolio

- Coach for one season with a minimum of 60 training hours after the Level 3 Technical course
- Mentor coach monitoring of three (3) training sessions (early season, mid-season, and late-season) and one competition

Levels 4 and 5

- Requirements not yet finalized.

Visit our www.ontariovolleyball.org, *Beach, Coaches* for details on upcoming clinics.

If you have any questions with regard to coaching contact Kelvin Cheng, Operations Coordinator at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org.

5.2.2 Officiating

Ontario Volleyball offers clinics to certify and recognize individuals as qualified beach and indoor volleyball officials. There are four levels of beach certification:

- Local
- Provincial
- National
- International

The level of certification determines the category of competition the official is eligible to officiate: Elementary school, High school, Recreational leagues, OVA tournaments, Provincial Championships, College, University, National Championships.

In order to obtain the next level of certification, upgrade clinics must be successfully completed. Some levels also require participation in update clinics.

Visit our www.ontariovolleyball.org, Beach, *Officials* for details on upcoming clinics.

If you have any questions regarding beach officials, contact the OVA Beach Coordinator at kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org.

5.3 Satellite Events

A Satellite event is an event that is sanctioned by the OVA. To have OVA sanction your event, please fill out the application form (Appendix VI) and send to the Beach Manager, Suzanne Fogg at sfogg@ontariovolleyball.org.

5.3.1 Youth

Youth players in these designated satellite events may use these events to count as participation events towards the Ontario Championships (up to a maximum of 2 Satellite event participations per individual). This means you must participate in at least one OVA Beach Tour event in order to participate in Ontario Championships. OVA Beach Tour points will not be awarded at Satellite events. Satellite participants must be members of the OVA.

NOTE: Youth Ontario Championship ranking: Average of **best** 3 results from the current OVA Beach Tour.

5.3.2 Adult

Adult players in these designated satellite events may use these events to count as participation events towards the OVA Ontario Championships Beach Championships (up to a maximum of 2 Satellite event participations per individual), as long as they are current OVA members. This means you must participate in at least one OVA Beach Tour event in order to participate in Ontario Championships. OVA Beach Tour points will not be awarded at Satellite events.

NOTE: Adult Ontario Championship ranking: Average of **best** 3 results from the current OVA Beach Tour.

5.4 Elite Division

5.4.1 Qualifier

The elite qualifier will be held at 8:30 am sharp, the Saturday morning of each tournament. This will be one game. Teams that do not qualify will automatically be placed in the Open AA-A5 division and ranked based on their current points. 25% of the main draw can come from the qualifier. Two (2) teams per qualifying spot will be allowed entry into the qualifier based on points.

5.4.2 Wildcards (WC)

Wildcard spots in the main draw will be granted to those teams that will **increase the level of competition** or for **youth development**, those athletes competing on the Provincial Team or Youth World Championships. WC applications will be due Sunday at 11:59 pm prior to the tournament.

Teams should register into the Elite Qualifier division before the registration deadline.

Adult Open WCs will be seeded third in the tournament and Youth Open WCs will be seeded one seed above the qualifying teams.

The OVA reserves the right to not award a WC if the Committee does not see fit. The OVA Technical Director, the OVA Provincial Team Head Coach and OVA Beach Tour Coordinator will review all applications. The Committee will base their decision on the following information:

Open Wildcard

- Improve quality/level of play of the tournament
 - This team should improve the quality of play at this event. This wildcard team will be seeded 3rd and therefore the committee should feel that they can finish in the top 4 of the Elite Division.
- Support the National or Provincial Team Coach in athlete development
- Promotion of the event
 - Will this team’s involvement assist with the marketing/promotion of this event?

Youth Open Wildcard

- Enhance development of the age division
 - This team should have the potential to compete at a National/International level and would benefit from competing at the Elite level. This team will be seeded one seed above the qualifying team or according to their current adult points.

For the Wildcard application form, please see Appendix VIII or the OVA website www.ontariovolleyball.org, Beach.

5.4.3 Prize Money

Tournaments without prize money will offer merchandise prizing.

Elite Schedule									
Date	Location	Format*	Total Prize Money	# of teams per sex	Entrants based on points	Qualifier	Open WC	Youth Entrants	Youth WC
May-23	Toronto	PP	0	8-12	8-9	1	0-1	0	0-1
May 30	Toronto	PP	0	8-12	7-8	1	0-1	1	0-1
Jun-06	Toronto	PP	0	8-12	7-8	1	0-1	1	0-1
Jun-13	Cobourg	PP	0	8-12	7-8	1	0-1	1	0-1
Jun-26-28	Toronto	PP	\$10,000	12	6	3-4	0-2	0	0
July-11	Cobourg	PP	0	8-12	8	1	0-1	1	0-1
Jul-18	Cobourg	PP	0	8-12*	7	1	0-4	0	0
Aug 1-2	North Bay	PP	\$10,000	8-12	6	0	2-6	0	0
Aug 8-9	Toronto	PP	\$10,000	12-16	8	1	0-4	1	0-1

* PP – Pool play

5.4.4 Grand Slam Event

Toronto, Ashbridges Bay

The third annual OVA Grand Slam is scheduled for June 26-28, 2015 at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto. For more details regarding our Grand Slam events, please see our Grand Slam Handbook.

Twelve (12) teams per gender will be entered into OVA Grand Slams with the Main Draw being made up of:

- The top six (6) OVA Adult Elite Teams based on OVA Beach Tour points
- Two (2) Domestic Wild Cards (Application to be submitted by June 8th, 2015)
- One (1) U.S. Wild Card
- Three (3) Teams from the Qualifier

Note: Teams must have one 2015 OVA Beach Tour tournament result to qualify based on Tour points.

North Bay, Summer of the Park Festival

The OVA Grand Slam in North Bay is scheduled for August 1-2, 2015.

8-12 adult elite teams per gender will be invited on the following criteria:

- Top 2 teams from the Grand Slam Toronto
- 2-6 Domestic Wild Card Entries (Application to be submitted by July 13th, 2015)
- Top 4 teams from the 2014 Beach Tour standings

Note: Teams must have one 2015 OVA Beach Tour tournament result to qualify based on Tour points.

Points awarded for OVA Grand Slam finishes:

	Grand Slam
1st	1050
2nd	1010
3rd	980
4th	965
5th	940
9th	860

Total prize money at each OVA Grand Slam will be \$10,000 (\$5,000/gender) with the following prize breakdown:

- 1st - \$2,500
- 2nd - \$1,500
- 3rd - \$750
- 4th - \$250

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the 2015 Ontario Championships, each partner must participate in a minimum of 3 events (at least one **must** be an OVA event; the remaining 2 may be OVA sanctioned Satellite events). Participation in the Grand Slam's Main Draw will count as two (2) OVA event participations toward eligibility for the Ontario Championships.

TIE BREAKING: In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:

Tie between two teams:

- a) The winner of the head to head match is ranked higher.

Tie between three teams:

- a) Teams are ranked by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
- b) If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- c) If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding.

REGISTRATION: Registration will close the second Monday before the event at 11:59pm.

Wildcard Criteria:

- Improve quality/level of play of the tournament
- Promotion of the event

5.4.5 Player of the Year

Prize money will be awarded to the OVA Beach Tour "Player of the Year" at the conclusion of the season. The "Player of the Year" award will be given to an Adult Division player who has accumulated the most OVA Beach Tour Adult Division points throughout the 2015 season in both the men's and women's categories. The player with the most accumulated points will receive \$1000 in prize money; the next player with the most accumulated points will receive \$500 in prize money.

- Double OVA Beach Tour points will be awarded at the OVA Grand Slam
- Triple OVA Beach Tour points will be awarded in the Adult Elite Division at Ontario Championships

In case of a tie, the prize money will be split among tied players.

6.1 OVA Beach Staff/Contact Information

Ontario Volleyball Association
3 Concorde Gate, Suite 304
Toronto, ON M3C 3N7

Tel: (416) 426-7316
Fax: (416) 426-7109
www.ontariovolleyball.org

6.1.1 OVA Beach Staff

Beach Inquiries, Operations Coordinator: Kelvin Cheng
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Tel: (416) 426-7233

Beach Development Coach: Angie Shen
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Manager of High Performance (Indoor & Beach): Brian Finniss
Email: bfinniss@ontariovolleyball.org

Manager of Beach Programs: Suzanne Fogg
Email: sfogg@ontariovolleyball.org
Tel: (416) 426-7396

Director of Volleyball Operations: Alishia Lidums
Email: alidums@ontariovolleyball.org
Tel: (416) 426-7431

6.1.2 Beach Ad Hoc Committee

2015 Beach Ad Hoc Committee

Gord Ley - Region 4 Rep, Beach Ad Hoc Committee Chair
John Gillis - Beach Ad Hoc Committee Official's Representative
Andrew Hinchey- Player Representative

6.1.3 Beach Tournament Committee

Composition OVA Beach Tournament Committee

The beach tournament committee will consist of 3 individuals: the Tournament Director, and the tournament referee supervisor and head of beach crew, if appropriate.

The Tournament Committee has the authority to make decisions:

- In all activities in conjunction with the tournament that affect playing conditions, format, structure, etc.
- To change the format of the tournament if conditions warrant it (e.g. games played to 15 points due to a rain delay)
- To settle any and all disputes related to the tournament format and completion of the tournament.

- To determine appropriate actions if weather conditions warrant (suspension or cancellation of play)
- To deal with other conditions that may arise
- To make recommendations to the Disciplinary Committee or Beach Ad Hoc Committee if needed.

The decision of the Tournament Committee is final; however, further review may take place by the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee and/or OVA Executive.

6.1.4 Beach Disciplinary Committee

Composition OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee

The standing OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee will consist of 3-4 members as outlined below:

- OVA Beach Program Manager or designate (Tournament Director)
- OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee Chair or designate (ie. member of the executive, staff or Beach Ad Hoc Committee).
- OVA Beach ROC or designate (ie. head official, court supervisor, etc.)
- IF Open Division Players are involved than one player will be included – an OVA beach player representative or designate (if the discipline impacts a female player, a male player will be the representative AND if the discipline impacts a male player, a female player will be the representative).

Authority OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority over athletes, game officials and tournament participants, on and off of the court at a tournament, where participant conduct is concerned. The Committee may impose disciplinary measures against any individual(s) if deemed necessary as per the code of conduct.

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to make decisions:

- To enforce the Code of Conduct at an event or after/before and event and sanction appropriately.
- The decision of the Disciplinary Committee is final at an event.
- All decisions by the Disciplinary Committee are reviewed by the OVA Beach Ad Hoc Committee and/or OVA Executive.
- When discipline is being considered for an athlete, the same gender player representative may discuss and have input in the decision, however they will not be involved in the final decision.

6.2 Volleyball Canada Contact Information

Volleyball Canada - National Office
5510 Canotek Road, Suite 202,
Gloucester, ON K1J 9J5

Tel: (613) 748-5681

Fax: (613) 748-5727

General Email: info@volleyball.ca, beach@volleyball.ca

Web: www.volleyball.ca

VC Officials & Beach Coordinator

Andrea Bailie

Tel: (613) 748-5681 ext 234 Email: abailie@volleyball.ca

**Appendix I
Appeal Form**

This appeal will be reviewed by the Beach Ad Hoc Committee within 24 hours of receipt. Please provide as much detail as possible of your situation and a representative of the Committee will contact you as soon as a decision has been made or if more information is required to assess your situation.

Name: _____ **Date of Appeal:** _____

Contact Information: Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am a(n): **Athlete: 12U /13U / 14U / 16U / 18U / Youth Open / Adult Open / Elite**
 Parent of: (name of athlete) _____
 Coach of: (name of athlete) _____
 Official
 Other: _____

Please document the event here, or attach a separate sheet if necessary:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Appendix II
Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
(For those 17 years of age and younger)

WARNING!
By executing this document you will assume certain risks and responsibilities. Please read carefully.

1. This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the sport of volleyball and the programs, activities and events of the OVA, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

Disclaimer

2. The OVA and its directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the sport of volleyball, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the sport of volleyball and the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2.

Description of Risks

3. I am participating voluntarily in the sport of volleyball and the activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the sport of volleyball and any such programs, activities and events of the Organization and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards which can be severe and even fatal. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Exerting and stretching various muscle groups and strenuous cardiovascular workouts;
- b) Vigorous physical exertion, rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
- c) Falling, tumbling or hitting other participants;
- d) Falling to the ground or sand due to uneven, slippery or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- e) Contact, colliding or being struck by the volleyball, net, poles, other individuals, equipment, walls, stands, or benches;
- f) Failing to play within one's abilities and within designated areas;
- g) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- h) Animal attacks; including but not limited to, dogs;
- i) Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke or lightning strikes;
- j) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; or
- k) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Organization's activities.

4. Furthermore, I am aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- b) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs;
- c) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4.

Release of Liability

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the sport of volleyball and the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I agree:
- a) That my physical condition has been verified to participate in the activities, events and programs of the Organization by a medical doctor within the past twelve months;
 - b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the sport of volleyball and the activities, events and programs of the Organization;
 - c) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the sport of volleyball and the activities, events and programs of the Organization.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 and 6.

Acknowledgement

By typing in your name and the date below and clicking the "I Agree" icon, you and your child/ward agree to execute this agreement voluntarily and to be bound by this Legal Agreement, and this Agreement is binding upon yourself, your child/ward, your heirs, executors, administrators and representatives even if you have not read the Agreement.

Type Name of Participant

Type Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature

Appendix III
Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement
(For Those 18 Years Of Age And Older)

WARNING!
By executing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read carefully.

1. This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the sport of volleyball and the programs, activities and events of the OVA, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

Disclaimer

2. The OVA and its directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the sport of volleyball and any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2.

Description of Risks

3. I am participating voluntarily in the sport of volleyball and the activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in the sport of volleyball and the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the sport of volleyball and any such programs, activities and events of the Organization including injuries which can be **severe and even fatal**. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a. Exerting and stretching various muscle groups and strenuous cardiovascular workouts;
- b. Vigorous physical exertion, rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
- c. Falling, tumbling or hitting other participants;
- d. Falling to the ground or sand due to uneven, slippery or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- e. Contact, colliding or being struck by the volleyball, net, poles, other individuals, equipment, walls, stands, or benches;
- f. Failing to play within one's abilities and within designated areas;
- g. Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- h. Animal attacks; including but not limited to, dogs;
- i. Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke or lightning strikes;
- j. Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; or
- k. Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Organization's activities.

4. Furthermore, I am aware:

- e) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- f) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs;
- g) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- h) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4.

Release of Liability

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:
- d) That my physical condition has been verified to participant in the activities, events and programs by a medical doctor within the past twelve months;
 - e) To assume all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
 - f) To waive any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization;
 - g) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the sport of volleyball and the activities, events and programs of the Organization; and
 - h) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization, due to any cause whatsoever, even though such risks, injuries, loss, damage, claims, demands, actions or costs may have been caused by the negligence or breach of any duty of care of the Organization.

† I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 and 6.

Acknowledgement

By typing in your name and the date below and clicking the "I Agree" icon, you agree to execute this agreement voluntarily and to be bound by this Legal Agreement, and this Agreement is binding upon yourself, your heirs, executors, administrators and representatives even if you have not read the Agreement.

Name (Please Print)

Date

Signature

Appendix IV Player Officiating Guide

- It is **your** responsibility to know your officiating duties
- Sanctions can be given out for missing any part of your officiating duties
- Teams should check at the control tent if they are unsure of their officiating responsibilities
- Coaching is only permitted for 16U and younger divisions

Responsibilities of Player Referees

- Pick up the ball and the clipboard, and bring a scoreboard to the assigned court at least 10 minutes before match time
- Make sure the correct teams are present on the court and ready to play, and make sure that the match starts on-time
- Referee the match, while filling out the scoresheet and flipping the scoreboards
- Give the clipboard and ball to the losing team to bring back to the OVA control tent
- Note that at least one member of the officiating team must be standing, and both players must be on opposite sides of the court
- If you are unsure of any rules, ask a referee or court supervisor for clarification – if none are available re-serve the point

Important Rules

- Matches will be played best-of-three games **unless otherwise stated on pool play sheets**
- Please check pool play sheets for instructions on scoring
- Playoffs will always be best-of-three games

Side Switches and Timeouts:

- In games to 21, teams will switch every 7 points (cumulative) and there will be a technical timeout at the third side change (sum of 21 points)
- In games to 15, teams will switch every 5 points (cumulative) and there will be no technical timeout
- Each team is allowed one timeout of 30 seconds per team, per set (including third sets to 15)

Net Rules:

- Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.
- Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with the play.
- When the ball is driven into the net, causing it to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.

Setting:

- The ball must not be double contacted or held on a set
- The setter cannot change the direction of the set
- When the ball is being set over the net to the other side of the court, the player's shoulders must be in line with the direction of the set

Appendix V

Players Meeting Notes

1. Welcome to 2015 Beach Tour
2. Warm-up – There is **10-minute warm-up time** allowed between matches. If teams extend this warm up, they will be given a 30-second warning to begin their match and then \$50 sanctions per team will be levied.
3. Know your Schedule – It is your responsibility to know your schedule of when you are playing AND refereeing. Please check your pool play sheets for the schedule and during playoffs, pay attention to the announcements.
4. Player Referees – When you are a player referee, please ensure you are paying attention to the match. You will also be responsible for keeping score as well. We expect one partner to stand and officiates the match while the other partner sits on the opposite side of the court and keeps score. If you have questions, look for a referee supervisor and approach them right away. Do not wait for problems to occur on your court before you talk to a certified referee. If you do not complete your officiating duties as scheduled, your team will be sanctioned \$50.
NOTE: All sanctions (warm-up or missing officiating duties) must be paid prior to playing in another OVA Beach Tour event.
5. Coaching – There is no coaching allowed in the Adult division. In the Youth division, coaching is allowed during time-outs, between games and between matches. However, coaches are not allowed to call time-outs for their players or talk to them during a rally. Coaches must identify themselves to all participants at the court including players, player referees and court supervisors.
6. Pool Play Formats – It will vary depending on the number of teams in your pool. The number of points per game and games per match is written on your pool sheet, also, please make sure you are a paying attention when your divisions are being called out for the specific information.
7. Pool Play Sheets – Once all the games are finished in your pool, this sheet along with the clipboard must be returned to the control tent. Please complete the pool play sheet given to you on the clipboard fully and accurately. One member per team **MUST** initial the sheet upon completion ensuring its accuracy. All teams should help in completing the pool play sheet. If any errors are found **after playoffs have begun, no changes will be made to the playoff draws**. The most important information we need is who finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. If this sheet is not filled in when it is returned to the control tent, you will be called back to the tent to fill out the pool play sheet, this may delay the start of playoffs.
8. Game Balls – Each court receives one game ball. This game ball must be brought back to the control tent with the clipboard at the end of pool play. If the ball is not returned **all teams** in the pool will be held responsible for that ball.
9. Ontario Championships Eligibility – In order to be eligible for Ontario Championships, each partner must play in a minimum of 3 OVA events (maximum 2 participations from Satellite or FIVB events). This means you must play in at least one OVA Beach Tour event to be eligible for Ontario Championships.
10. Nationals Eligibility – In order to be eligible for Nationals, each partner must play in Ontario Championships. At Nationals, you do not have to play with the same partner you played with at Ontario Championships.
11. Garbage – Please pick up your garbage and put it in the garbage bags provided. Make sure you the garbage actually goes into the garbage bag and is not left on the sand.
12. Swearing – This is a family event. Please watch your language and set a good example for the younger beach athletes around you.

2015 OVA Beach Satellite Event Hosting Opportunities

Are you interested in hosting a Beach Satellite Event? Would you like to learn more about hosting an OVA youth or adult satellite beach volleyball competition?

What is a Satellite Event?

A Satellite event is a designated tournament that is sanctioned by the OVA. These events are typically smaller than regular OVA tournament, thus can be organized in smaller facilities throughout Ontario. Satellite events can be run by anyone approved by the OVA but must not conflict with OVA events (Satellite events will not conflict with OVA Tour events under certain conditions: 1) if the Satellite event is for 12U-16U age division, and 2) if the location of the Satellite event is **200 km or more** from the OVA Tour event for all other divisions).

How much does it cost to sanction a Satellite event?

OVA Satellite event fees will be depend on the number of teams registered for the event. The fees are as follows:

- \$275 fee for 0-24 teams registered
- \$400 fee for 25-48 teams registered
- \$600 fee for 49+ teams

Your OVA satellite sanctioning fee will cover the following:

- Event promotion on the OVA Beach Tour Schedule
- Use of OVA online registration through NRS
- The OVA will create the event ranking(s) to the host
- The OVA will send the schedule(s) to the host

As a Tournament Host, do I need to supply my own equipment?

- Yes, you are required to supply your own equipment (eg. Volleyballs, Nets, lines, antennas, etc)

As a Tournament Host, what other costs will I have?

- Cost of the venue
- OVA Official(s) (1 official per 40 teams)
- NRS registration fees (NRS fees are 5.2% per team registration)
- Prizes
- Athletic Trainer or First Aid staff. (1 medical staff per 150 teams)
- Additional staff

How do we hire an official?

- The OVA will assign an official for your event. One (1) official is required for every 40 teams at the event.

- The host is required to pay the officials fee of \$135/day +travel and if necessary accommodation. The OVA will invoice the host for the cost and pay the official on behalf of the host.

Are OVA point awarded at Satellite events?

- Only participation credit will be awarded for attending Satellite events.

How do teams register for a Satellite event?

- All Satellite event registrations will be completed via the National Registration System (NRS). Tournament fees are determined by the host, thus can be set at whatever cost necessary.

What are the requirements for OVA to sanction a satellite event?

- OVA Satellite events are expected to maintain the same level of professionalism as the OVA Beach Tour. Thus the following criteria must be met without exception:
 - Equal prize distribution between genders
 - VC officials present (at least 1/40 teams)
 - First Aid staff on site (at least 1/150)
 - Provide the OVA with Pre and Post-event fulfillment reports (see attached)
- If the stated criteria is not met, the OVA reserves the right to enforce any or all of the following penalties:
 - Refuse any future Satellite event hosting requests,
 - Refuse to award participation credit to participating teams, and
 - Fine the host a maximum of all earnings of the event in question.

How are Revenues Distributed?

- All Satellite event registrations will be completed via the National Registration System (NRS) and tournament registration fees will be collected by the OVA
- Payment to Host = Total Registration Fees Collected - Sanction Fees - NRS fees (5.2%) - Officials Fees/Expenses
- The OVA will pay the host by cheque. Two (2) payments will be made throughout the summer.
 - All events prior to June 30th will be paid July 1-4th
 - All events after June 30th will be paid between August 11-15th

For more information regarding Beach Satellite events please contact:

OVA Operations Coordinator
(416) 426-7233 or kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org

OVA Beach Satellite Tournament Pre-Event Report

Tournament Director:		
Contact info:		
Address:		
City:	Postal Code:	
Phone: (H):	(C):	Fax:
Email:		
Tournament Date* (dd/mm/yy):	Start time:	
	End time:	
Tournament location:		
Division(s):	Youth (12U/13U/14U/15U/16U/Open)	Adult (Elite/Open)
Approximate size of event (number of courts required):		
Tournament format (eg. Pool play vs. double elimination, 2's, 4's, co-ed 4's, etc.)		
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Registration Cost per team:		
Please provide a list of prizing per gender:		
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Other requirements/information (attach separate sheet if necessary):		

***Note:** The tournament registration deadline through OVA will be the Monday before the weekend event at 11:59AM, please submit information a minimum of 3 weeks before the event to the OVA Beach Coordinator kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org

Submitted on: _____ by _____

OVA Beach Satellite Tournament Post-Event Report

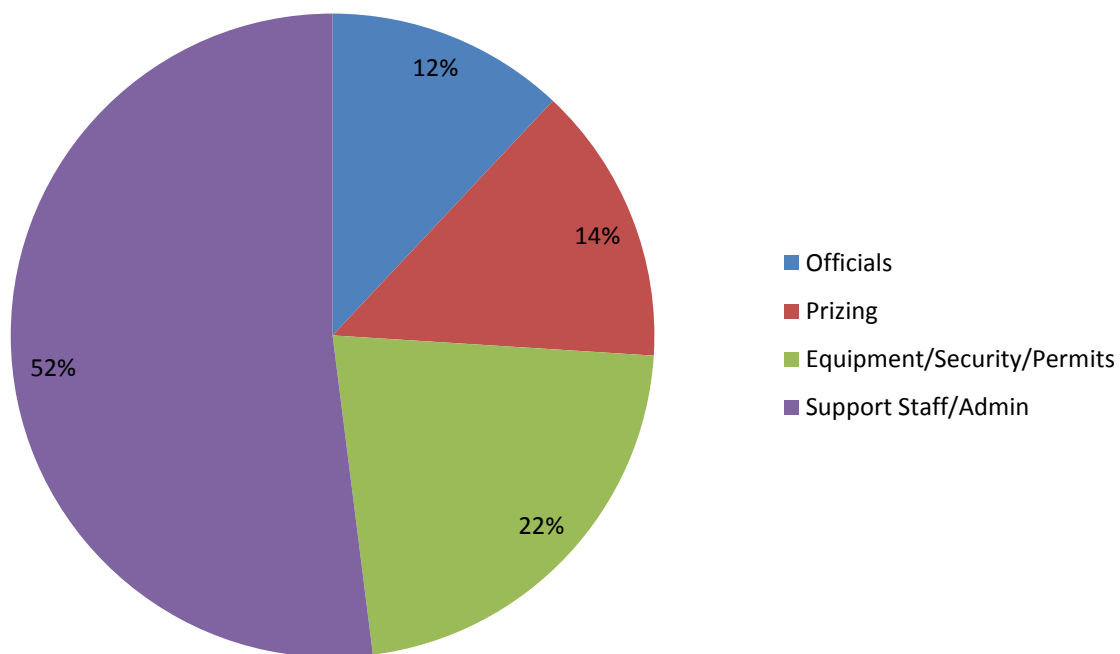
Tournament Director:		
Contact info:		
Phone: (H):	(C):	Fax:
Email:		
Tournament Date* (dd/mm/yy):	Start time:	
	End time:	
Tournament location:		
Division(s):	Youth (12UG/13U/14U/15U/16U/Open)	Adult (Elite/Open)
Size of event (number of courts required):		
Name of Head official present:		
Please list other officials who were involved:		
Please provide on a separate sheet the final results for all divisions.		
Please provide any additional information if necessary (attach separate sheet if required):		

*Note: To receive your payment, please submit Tournament Post-Event Report and all results by Tuesday at Noon to the OVA Beach Coordinator kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org.

Cheque payable to: _____

Submitted on: _____ by _____

OVA Beach Tour 2015 - Where does your money go?



**Appendix VIII
Wildcard Application Form**

Names:

Athlete 1: _____

Athlete 2: _____

Contact Info – Athlete 1:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NOTE: All Wildcard applicants should register for the Elite Qualifier.

If you are not selected as the Wildcard recipient, you will be placed in the Qualifier or ranked according to points. Applicants will not be contacted prior to event.

Date of tournament for which you are applying: _____

Recent competition results: (e.g. Provincial, National, International...) _____

Reason for application: (check one) Quality Enhancement
 Youth Development

Please elaborate on your reason for application: _____

Applications are due in the OVA office by Sunday at 11:59 PM prior to the event.

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.
It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the office has received it.
A confirmation e-mail will be sent out once received.

Fax: (416) 426-7109 OR Email: kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org

Appendix IX

2015 OVA Beach Tour Events Calendar (as of April 30th, 2015 – please see the OVA website for the most up to date schedule)

Date	2015 OVA Beach Tour	Satellite Events
May 16-17		Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Adult Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Chinguacousy Park, Brampton Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, 18U
May 23-24	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult, Adult Co-ed 4's Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open, Intro to Beach Youth 4's (Girls & Boys)	
May 30-31	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult, Adult Co-ed 4's Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open, Intro to Beach Youth 4's (Girls & Boys)	Cambridge, Emerald Lake Saturday - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Sunday - 12UG, 13U, 15U, 18U
June 6-7	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult, Adult Co-ed 4's Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open, Intro to Beach Youth 4's (Girls & Boys)	Cobourg, Victoria Park Beach Sunday: 12U, 13U, 14U, 16U, 18U, Youth Open
June 13-14	Cobourg, Victoria Park Beach Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open	Hamilton, Sandbox Saturday - 14U, 16U, 18U, Youth Open Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open, 18U, Adult Port Stanley Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, Adult Ottawa Saturday: 13U, 15U, 18U Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open
June 20-21	June 20 - Ottawa, Max Volley Shefford Courts 12U Girls, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U, Youth Open Grand Bend Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open *This event will be capped due to limited number of courts.	Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Beach Blast, Vaughan Sports Village Sun - 13U, 15U Chinguacousy Park, Brampton Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, 18U
June 27-28	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay OVA Grand Slam - Adult Elite (2-day competition) Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult, Adult Co-ed 4's Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open, Intro to Beach Youth 4's (Girls & Boys)	Wasaga Beach Saturday - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Sunday - 12UG, 13U, 15U, 18U
July 4-5	North Bay Saturday: 14U, 18U Sunday: 16U *this event will be capped due to limited court space Hamilton, Sandbox Saturday: 14U, 18U Sunday: 16U *this event will be capped due to available courts	Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open, 18U, Adult Beach Blast, Vaughan Sports Village Sat - 14U, 15U Girls Sun - 16U, 15U Boys
July 11-12	Cobourg, Victoria Park Beach Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open	Cambridge, Emerald Lake Saturday - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Sunday - 12UG, 13U, 15U, 18U Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open

July 18-19	Cobourg, Victoria Park Beach Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open	Hamilton, Sandbox Saturday: 13U, 15U, 18U Sunday: 14U, 16U Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U Sun - 14U, 16U, Youth Open, 18U, Adult Port Stanley Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, Adult Chinguacousy Park, Brampton Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, 18U
July 25-26	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Saturday: 12U Girls, 13U, 15U, 18U, Adult, Adult Co-ed 4's Sunday: 14U, 16U, Youth Open, Intro to Beach Youth 4's (Girls & Boys)	Grand Bend Saturday - 14U, 16U, Youth Open Sunday - 12UG, 13U, 15U, 18U Cobourg, Victoria Park Beach Sunday: 12U, 13U, 14U, 16U, 18U, Youth Open
August 1- 2	North Bay, Summer of the Park Festival OVA Grand Slam - Adult Elite (2-day competition)	
August 1-2	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Ontario Championships 2 Day Event: Youth Open, 16U Saturday Only: 12U, 14U	Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 13U, 15U Sun - 18U, Adult
August 8-9	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Ontario Championships 2 Day Event: Adult-Elite, 18U, 15U Saturday Only: 13U, Adult AA, Adult Co-ed 4's	
August 15-16		Beach Blast, Toronto Sat - 14U, 15U Sun - 16U, 18U Chinguacousy Park, Brampton Sat - 12U, 13U, 15U, Youth Open Sun - 14U, 16U, 18U
August 21-23	Toronto, Ashbridges Bay Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships (3-day competition) 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U, 22U, Adult	