



**ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL  
ASSOCIATION**

**OVA Beach Tour  
Player's Handbook  
2017**

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Welcome to the 2017 OVA Beach Tour

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Welcome to the 2017 OVA Beach Tour! We 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 2016, we had 474 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 2017 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 2017 season will see the implementation of a new hand setting rule, more points in our Sunshine Series and updated eligibility rules for Ontario Championships.

The OVA Beach Player's Handbook is designed to provide essential information necessary for you to prepare yourself for the 2017 beach season. If at any time you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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### 1.2 What's new in 2017?

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We have a lot of exciting changes in store this year for the 2017 OVA Beach Tour!

- Ontario Championships Eligibility

In order to compete in a **single age division** at Ontario Championships:

- Each athlete must participate in a minimum of 3 events in the age division the athlete wishes to qualify for
- Two (2) events must be OVA Beach Tour events, the 3<sup>rd</sup> event can be a Satellite event or a Beach Tour event.

In order to compete in **two age divisions** at Ontario Championships:

- An athlete can qualify for 2 age divisions at Ontario Championships by playing 2 OVA Beach Tour events in each of the 2 age divisions
- For Example, to compete in both 15U and 16U age divisions each athlete must compete in 2 x 16U and 2 x 15U Beach Tour events.

- Sunshine Series
  - In order to improve the effectiveness of our points system, the Sunshine Series has been created for youth divisions and will offer more points than other Beach Tour youth Events
    - For Example, 1050 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place finish (vs. 1000 at a regular OVA Beach Tour stop)
    - Please see section 3.5.2 of the OVA Beach Tour Player's Handbook for detailed point allocations
  - Sunshine Series Tournament Dates & Locations:
    - June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Toronto
    - June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Toronto
    - July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Cobourg
    - July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Toronto
  - These events were chosen as they are the Beach Tour locations that traditionally had the highest participation rates
  - Rationale: Events with high participation rates should award more points than events with fewer teams
  
- Hand Setting Rule for 12U – 16U (All Divisions) & 18U (Championship, Challenger and Trillium Divisions)
  - A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass, provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders and hips and the double contact involves only the hands
  - The intent of this rule is to encourage athletes to hand set during competition without penalty and to take full advantage of the benefits of hand setting
  
- Coaching
  - Each coach will now be given a badge for identification purposes that must be worn throughout the day and returned at the end of the day. 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 OVA is also pleased to announce our new Beach Player Recreational membership that can be purchased for only \$10.91. This membership is great for athletes who are not indoor members of the OVA, but want to play in OVA Beach Tour or Satellite events. This membership will not be eligible for Grand Slams, Ontario Championships, or Volleyball Canada Nationals. Athletes who have already paid for an indoor membership will not be charged this \$10.91.

Please be sure to also visit our [YouTube video](#) which is a step by step guide on how to register for 2017 OVA Beach Tour events and what to expect at all beach tournaments this summer.

For any additional questions regarding the OVA Beach Tour in 2017, please email Kelvin Cheng: [kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org).

## Chapter 2 Technical Organization

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### 2.1 Divisions

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This year the OVA Beach Program is using the 16-month age category model in line with Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). The divisions for 2017 are:

#### Age Divisions

12U Girls: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2004

13U Girls & Boys: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2003

14U Girls & Boys: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2002

15U Girls & Boys: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2001

16U Girls & Boys: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2000

18U Girls & Boys: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 1998

Youth Open: born on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 1992

Adult / Elite: No age restrictions

Please note: the 16-month age category model has not yet been accepted by Volleyball Canada for the beach season. Therefore, adjustments to your age category for Nationals will need to be considered.

### 2.2 Costs and Fees

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Athletes **must** purchase a Beach Player membership prior to participation in their first OVA Beach Tour event of the 2017 season. All fees must be paid online at <http://www.nrs.volleyball.ca> and all players must complete an OVA Release of Liability – Waiver of Claims – Informed Consent & Assumption of Risk Form. Please visit our website [here](#) for the waiver.

#### Beach Competitive Membership Fee:

- A one-time only fee of \$80.11.
- Current indoor OVA members will be able to upgrade their current indoor membership to a Beach Competitive Membership at no cost.
- This membership allows athletes to be eligible for all OVA Beach Tour Events, including Grand Slams, Ontario Championships, and Volleyball Canada National Championships.

#### Beach Recreational Membership Fee:

- A one-time only fee of \$10.91.
- This membership is intended for athletes who are not indoor members of the OVA, but want to play in OVA Beach Tour or Satellite events.
- This membership level will not be eligible for Grand Slams, Ontario Championships, or Volleyball Canada Nationals.

#### OVA Regular Tournament Fee:

- \$90.00 (plus HST) per team/event in the Youth and Adult/Open divisions.
- NOTE:** Satellite team fees are adjusted by satellite host.

#### Ontario Championship & Grand Slam Fees:

- 1-day event (12U, 13U, Adult Open) - \$100.00 (plus HST) per team
- 2-day event (14U-18U, Youth Open) - \$140.00 (plus HST) per team
- 2-day event (Adult Elite) - \$150.00 (plus HST) per team

## 2.3 Registration

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### 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> to register.

For a tutorial on how to register for a beach event, please refer to this YouTube video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjXHPkb2\\_xM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjXHPkb2_xM)

### 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 will 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](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org)

### 2.3.3 Free Entries

Teams who finish first in any Adult Elite tournament 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 an email (before the registration deadline) to [kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto: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

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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](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) providing the following information **by** Thursday (11:59AM) before the tournament (NOTE: the new partner **must** be a current OVA member):

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

After Thursday (11:59am) until 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 for the player that was substituted out 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.

Looking for a beach partner? Fill out our online form [here](#).

## 2.5 Team Check-in and Players Meeting

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### 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 will be removed from the tournament.

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 day's schedule and any new or relevant information. Please see Appendix II 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 what is presented at the player's meeting.

### 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 within 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match, their first set will automatically be forfeited. After a subsequent 10 minutes the entire match will be forfeited.

**NOTE:** the eliminated team still has a responsibility to officiate. If the team is not present for their duties, they will consequently be sanctioned \$50.00, payable prior to registration in the next OVA event. If a sanction has not been paid, team members are ineligible to register in an OVA event and are placed as members in bad standing until the fine is paid.



## 2.6 Medical Services

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Throughout the 2017 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 an OVA Beach Crew member 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 up to the to the point of withdrawal from 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.

For the Adult and Youth Open divisions only, athletes will only be allowed 1 medical timeout per day. If any athlete requires more than 1 medical per day, they will forfeit all of their matches for the rest of the day.

## 2.7 Officials

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### 2.7.1 Player Referees

All teams will be required to score and officiate matches in their pool. A schedule is handed out for pool play detailing when you play and when you are expected to officiate. 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 a \$50.00 sanction 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 I.

### 2.7.2 Role and Responsibilities of the Player Referees

Player referees are extremely 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 must be enforced:

- The officiating person **MUST** be standing, the scorekeeper may sit on the opposite side of the court
- **NO** umbrellas are allowed in-between courts
- **ONLY** the scorekeeper and player official are allowed between courts. **NO** family, friends, spectators, other athletes etc. are permitted 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 for pool play matches 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 a \$50.00 sanction from Ontario Volleyball to players and teams and must be paid before registering in the next OVA event.

## 2.8 Coaching

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The OVA Beach Tour defines coaching as advice, instruction, or external assistance of any kind to a team/player.

Coaching during match play is NOT allowed in the Youth Open and Adult Divisions.

Coaching during match play is ONLY permitted in 12U – 16U (all Divisions) and 18U (Championship, Challenger, and Trillium Divisions only). All coaches must be OVA members in good standing and add the Beach Coach role to their NRS account. All beach coaches must also have current screening records (police record check, vulnerable sector screening and the screening disclosure form). All documents must be submitted to Kelvin (kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org).

Coaches must first identify themselves at the main control tent at the start of the day. Each coach will be given a badge to identify them as a coach during the tournament day. The badge is returned at the end of the day. 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 only coach their athletes before the match begins, during time outs (including technical timeout) and between sets.
3. Coaches may NOT coach on side switches.

### Examples of Coaching Infractions

- The team/player receives coaching during or between a rally
- The coach gives signals during the match.
- The coach signals to their team/player to call a time out

Parents, family, friends and spectators can cheer during matches. While cheering, no advice, instruction, or external assistance may be given to the team/players.

If a coach, parent, family member, friend or spectator associated with a team is breaking the OVA Coaching rules, the following sanction process will be enforced.

### Process for coaching infractions:

1. Verbal warning is given by OVA Official or Tournament Director. This warning is recorded at the control tent.
2. If illegal coaching continues, the coach is removed from the court where their team is playing for that match.
3. If illegal coaching continues, the coach is fined \$200 and removed from the tournament and suspended for the next tournament. The fine must be paid before the coach participates at their next tournament (including satellites).

**This stepped sanction process will apply within events and will also carry on throughout the season. All sanctions will be tracked to the coach for the entire 2017 Season.**

## Chapter 3 Competition Regulations

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### 3.1 Ontario Beach Championships Eligibility

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- To be eligible to compete in a **single age division** in the 2017 Ontario Beach Championships, each partner must participate in a minimum of 3 events in the age category they wish to participate in at Ontario Championships. At least two of those events **must** be an OVA Beach Tour event. The remaining tournament may be an OVA sanctioned satellite event or an OVA Beach Tour event.
- If an athlete wants to play **in two age divisions** at 2017 Ontario Championships, they must compete in two (2) events in **each** age division they wish to qualify for (Both of these events **must** be OVA Beach Tour events.) Example: An athlete is eligible for 14U and 15U Ontario Championships if they have competed in two 14U OVA Beach Tour events and two 15U OVA Beach Tour events.

**NOTE:** Ontario Championships does NOT count as an event played towards qualifying.

Exceptions:

1. Indoor Provincial Team – must play in at least 1 OVA Beach Tour event.
2. National Team athletes – must play in at least 1 OVA Beach Tour event.
3. Girls 12U & Boys 13U – must compete in 2 events (minimum 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 17, 2017**.

**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 17, 2017.

If the Beach Ad Hoc Committee grants an exception for entry into Ontario Beach Championships without the minimum criteria, the team may pay the penalty fee of up to \$150.00 to the OVA before participation in the Ontario Championships. Exception decisions are non-appealable and exception fees are non-refundable.

### 3.2 National Eligibility

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To be eligible for the 2017 National Beach Championships, each team must participate in the 2017 Ontario Beach 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 1, 2017. If the Beach Ad Hoc Committee grants an exception into Nationals without the minimum criteria, the team must pay the penalty fee equal to the cost of Ontario Championships for the respective age division/category to the OVA prior to participation in the National Championships.

### 3.3 Competition Information

	Youth Divisions	Adult Open (AA-A5)	Elite (AAA)															
<b>Competition format</b>	<b>Pool play</b> - Pools of 3, 4 or 5																	
<b>Elite Qualifier format</b>	N/A	N/A	1 set to 21 points, sides at 7's, technical time out at sum of 21 points.															
<b>Match format for pool play</b> (May change at the discretion of the OVA)	<b>Divisions with only pools of 3</b> <i>Match play</i> – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game (if necessary) to 15. <b>Divisions with pools of 3 and pools of 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pools of 3 – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game (if necessary) to 15</li> <li>• Pools of 4 – 2 games to 15 points</li> </ul> <b>Divisions with pools of 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 games to 15 points</li> </ul> <b>Divisions with pools of 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 games to 15 points</li> </ul>		<b>Pools of 3:</b> <i>Match play</i> – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game (if necessary) to 15. <b>Pools of 4:</b> <i>Match play</i> – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 15 points, third game (if necessary) to 11. <b>Pools of 5:</b> 2 games to 15 points															
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<b>Prize money</b>	N/A	N/A	Please see section 5.4.3 for further information															
<b>Official Mikasa Ball</b>	VLS300																	
<b>Court Dimensions</b>	12UG/13UB – 14m x 7m 13UG,14U-24U – 16m x 8m	16m x 8m																
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<b>Uniforms</b>	Matching tops and bottoms are strongly recommended for OVA Grand Slams and Ontario Championship's Elite Adult Division. For all age groups at Ontario Championships, teams are strongly encouraged to wear tops of similar style and colour.																	

\*Registration fees for Satellite events may vary. Please see [www.ontariovolleyball.org](http://www.ontariovolleyball.org), for more details.

## **Draws & Schedules – 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.*

**NOTE:** Final decisions regarding tiers and pools in all divisions are made at the discretion of the OVA Beach Tournament Director and may change without notice.

### **3.3.1 Protest Protocol During a Match**

The 2017 OVA Beach Tour Match Protest Procedures are similar to Volleyball Canada's Procedures. The protest should be settled immediately by the Head Official.

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 protesting player must pay \$100 upfront to the Tournament Director. If the player refuses to do this, the protest will not be lodged. If the protest is won, the \$100 will be returned. If the protest is lost, no money will be given back.
- The player must lodge the protest immediately to the first referee who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged and play must stop immediately.
- 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.

### **3.3.2 Complaint Protocol – Tournament/Playoff Schedules**

For pre-event team seeding complaints, please see section 3.5 in this handbook.

Once all the games are finished in pool play, completed pool play sheets must be given to the control tent along with the clipboard. One member per team MUST initial the sheet upon completion ensuring its accuracy.

The playoff schedule will be shared with all teams during the playoff meeting for each age group after the completion of pool play. Any concerns with the playoff bracket must be declared during the playoff meeting. If any errors are found **after playoff matches have begun, no changes will be made to the playoff draws.**

For all Adult Elite Grand Slam & Ontario Championship schedules, any complaints or concerns with pool play seeding or playoff structure must be sent in writing to [kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) by 11:59 PM the Thursday before the event. No changes will be made to the playoff draw once the first playoff match has begun.

### **3.3.3 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 Manager and Beach Ad Hoc Committee for review

## **3.4 Rules of the Game**

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FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules will be used for the 2017 OVA Beach Tour with the exception of the rule variations below and rules posted on the VC web site at: <http://www.volleyball.ca/content/beach-rules-playing-surface>. Please see [www.fivb.org](http://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.

### **3.4.2 16U and younger serve reception**

- For OVA & VC 16U and younger competitions - after a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During the rally each athlete has the right to position him/herself anywhere on the court. Outcome for violation: 1. Official ends rally immediately upon contact by the server. 2. Point awarded to the serving team.

### **3.4.3 Hand Setting Rule – 16U and younger (all Divisions) & 18U (Championships, Challenger and Trillium Divisions)**

- For the 2017 OVA Beach Tour Season, the following hand setting rule will be used for 16U and younger divisions and 18U Championship, Challenger and Trillium divisions, including Satellites events:
- A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the



player's hands, shoulders, and hips (i.e. the player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.

### 3.5 Points/Seeding/Rankings

**3.5.1 Adult** Points will be awarded to Adult divisions according to the following point system.

Adult Rank	Grand Slam & Ontario Championships	OVA Beach Tour			OVA Satellites*
		Elite	AA	A	
1	1050	1000	900	800	800
2	1035	985	885	785	785
3	1020	970	870	770	770
4	1005	955	855	755	755
5	990	940	840	740	740
6	970	920	820	720	720
7	950	900	800	700	700
8	930	880	780	680	680
9	910	860	760	660	660
10	890	840	740	640	640
11	870	820	720	620	620
12	850	800	700	600	600
13	830	780	680	580	580
14	810	760	660	560	560
15	790	740	640	540	540
16	770	720	620	520	520

#### Seeding

In 2017, Adult teams will be seeded in tournaments based on current 2017 Beach Tour points up to an average of your **best three** results. If you have not participated in the 2017 season, then your 2016 final ranking points will be used.

\*Satellite events will earn OVA points. Points from satellite events will only be used in your seeding if it's to your advantage.

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 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](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) by Thursday at 11:59AM to submit a request to review points. Requests made at the tournament site will be reviewed the following week.

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

### Rankings

Rankings will be determined by the points that participants/teams have received in the specific age group they are registering to participate in.

Your year-end ranking will be based on your 3 highest available results.

### **3.5.2 Youth (12U – Youth Open (24U))**

#### Youth Age Division Point System

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

	OC's, Sunshine Series* & Youth Open Grand Slam	Premier	Champion ship	Challenger & Satellites**	Trillium 1	Trillium 2	Trillium 3	Trillium 4
Rank								
1	1050	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400
2	1035	985	885	785	685	585	485	385
3	1020	970	870	770	670	570	470	370
4	1005	955	855	755	655	555	455	355
5	990	940	840	740	640	540	440	340
6	970	920	820	720	620	520	420	320
7	950	900	800	700	600	500	400	300
8	930	880	780	680	580	480	380	280
9	910	860	760	660	560	460	360	260
10	890	840	740	640	540	440	340	240
11	870	820	720	620	520	420	320	220
12	850	800	700	600	500	400	300	200
13	830	780	780	680	580	480	380	180
14	810	760	660	560	460	360	260	160
15	790	740	640	540	440	340	240	140
16	770	720	620	520	420	320	220	120

### Seeding

In 2017, teams will be seeded in tournaments based on current 2017 Beach Tour points up to an average of your **best three** results. If you have not participated in the 2017 season, then your 2016 final ranking points will be used.

2016 final ranking points will be used in the following order of availability:

- 2016 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in one age group lower (i.e. 13U points used for first 14U event)
- 2016 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in the age group you are currently participating in (i.e. 14U points used for first 14U event)

#### \*Sunshine Series

In order to improve the effectiveness of our points system, the Sunshine Series has been created and will offer more points than other Beach Tour Events



- For Example, 1050 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place finish (vs. 1000 at a regular OVA Beach Tour stop)
- Please see section 3.5.2 of the OVA Beach Tour Player's Handbook for detailed point allocations
- Sunshine Series Tournament Dates & Locations:
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Toronto
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Toronto
  - July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Cobourg
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Toronto
- These events were chosen as they are the Beach Tour locations that traditionally had the highest participation rates
- Rationale: Events with high participation rates should award more points than events with fewer teams

\*\* Points from Satellite events will only be used in your ranking if to your advantage.

#### Ontario Beach Championships:

- Average of **best three available** results from the current OVA Beach Tour, if only playing in one age division.
- Average of **best two available** results from the current OVA Beach Tour, if playing in two age divisions

OC's Qualification Exceptions: Please see section 3.1 of the Beach Handbook.

Teams may self-declare to play down a division (if desired) by noon on the Thursday prior to the event.

All seedings posted on the OVA website prior to the tournament are tentative seedings that 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](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) by Thursday at 11:59AM to submit a request to review points. Requests made at the tournament site will be reviewed the following week.

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

#### Rankings

Rankings will be determined by the points participants/teams have received in the specific age group they are registering to participate in (i.e. 15U participation give you points in 15U). If you play up an age division, your 16U points will only apply for ranking in 16U events. The 16U points will not be applied to your 15U ranking.

Your year-end ranking will be based on your 3 highest available results.

## **3.6 Tie-Breaking Procedure**

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### **3.6.1 End of Pool Play Ranking**

Ties between teams within pool-play going into playoffs are broken by the following procedures in priority order:

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.

**Note:** ONLY tied teams are taken into consideration.

### **3.6.2 Pre-Event Seeding**

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

1. Most individual participations on the current OVA Beach Tour (combination of the team's individual participation).
2. Best average result as a combination of average individual results from the current OVA Beach Tour.
3. Higher finish on the current OVA Beach Tour (per team).
4. 2016 final point average (team).
5. A coin toss would determine who would be ranked higher.

## **3.7 Moving Up Age Divisions**

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Teams are encouraged to play up in an older age division for better competitive opportunities. If a team plays up a division, points will be awarded and recorded in that specific age division. As of the 2016 season, points were no longer be "shared" between age classes.

## **3.8 Cancellation and Refund Policy**

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### **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 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 presented in writing to the OVA Operations Coordinator prior to the event and accompanied by a doctor's note within one week of the missed event.

Information that **must** be included in the cancellation/refund request:

1. Full name 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. Doctor's note (only needed if past 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](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org).

## **3.9 Weather Cancellation/Rain-Out**

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Teams are required to remain "on-call" and "on-site" until 4pm unless otherwise instructed. It is up until this time that a decision can be made as to whether the event can be played out. If the event is cancelled before playoffs, all teams will receive a refund less a 10% administrative fee.

A decision will be made by the Beach Ad Hoc Committee in the case of a cancelled event affecting minimum requirements for Ontario Championships eligibility.

### **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 the final judgment lies with the Tournament Director.

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

- Inclement weather – lightning (Note: If it is raining, play generally will not stop unless there is lightning)
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Safety concerns
- Other discretionary reasons 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 on
- 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 Beach Tournament Committee.

### **3.9.2 Cancellation Procedures**

Tournaments will be cancelled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the Tournament Committee (head official, tournament director & player representative). The general guideline is once lightning hits, play is suspended for 30 minutes and weather is re-evaluated at that time.

- Points – If the event is cancelled mid-way through playoffs, all teams who remain in the division will split the remaining points. If pool play has not been completed, then no points are awarded.
- Prizing – If there is no winner, prizes will not be awarded (including weekly adult prize money & free tournament entry).

- Refund – A full refund, less a 10% administrative charge, will be granted if athletes did not finish pool play. If playoffs had already begun in a team’s respective division no refund will be granted.

The following procedures shall be used when dispersing prize money for either a Grand Slam Adult Elite event or Ontario Championships Elite adult division if a tournament is cancelled:

- Divide money equally between remaining teams if the quarter-finals have begun.
- Refund – A full refund, less a 10% administrative charge, will be granted if pool play or pre-quarter matches have not been completed

## **Chapter 4**

### **Specific Regulations and Sanctions**

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#### **4.1 OVA Beach Crew**

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For the 2017 OVA Beach Tour, OVA Beach Crew will be on site for all the 12U-15U youth division events. The Beach Crew along with OVA officials are responsible for making sure that matches start within 10 minutes of the end of the previous match and can sanction the athletes if warm-up time allotments are exceeded. OVA Beach Crew will also be available to assist the athletes with questions and concerns and will be in contact with the control tents at all times.

OVA Crew members will be introduced during the players meeting and will be easily found throughout the day.

#### **4.2 Maternity Leave Policy**

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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 the OVA Operations Coordinator [kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org) with information regarding the period of leave, when the last event was played and anticipated date of return.

#### **4.3 Concussion Policy**

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Please see the OVA website [here](#) for a full copy of our Concussion Policy and Protocol.

#### **4.4 Catastrophic Injury Policy**

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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 those points 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, etc.) 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](mailto: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.
4. Clinical evidence that you are cleared to return to play.

#### 4.5 OVA Code of Conduct

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For the official OVA Code of Conduct Policy, please see our website [here](#).

##### 4.5.1 Misconduct Sanction Scale

Volleyball, because of its regulations and its traditions, offers a philosophy of competition guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship.

For that reason, all participants (teams, players, coaches, officials, spectators, parents, managers and administrators) in tournaments and meetings under the authority of the OVA, have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices which are, in the opinion of the OVA, detrimental to the sport. Whenever a penalty occurs, a fine will be given. Such acts include but are not limited to:

Violation	Fine	Sanctions
Teams skipping or not fulfilling their player officiating duties	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Teams failing to arrive 10 minutes before match start for player officiating duties	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Teams failing to adhere to 10-minute warm-up on court	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Team misconduct at tournaments (damage, failure to abide by venue rules)	Minimum fine of \$100.00 and cost of damage to facility	Fine may vary based on the severity of the violation and cost of damage and suspension from one month up to one year may be applied
Disqualification for aggressive conduct	\$300	Suspension from the rest of the tournament & next tournament & OVA Review
Expulsion for offensive conduct	\$200	Suspension from next tournament as determined by OVA

Team not showing up at a tournament without notification in writing to the OVA	Loss of Entry fee + possible fine	1 <sup>st</sup> offense: Entry fee will not be refunded 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense: entry fee will not be refunded & \$100 fine
Individuals committing an act which is considered an offence under any duly promulgated law	Fines may be levied	Suspension for one year or more. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
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.	Fines may be levied	Suspension for one year or more. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
Betting or action as a “bookmaker” on matches or tournaments.	Fines may be levied	Suspension from one month to one year. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
Defaulting a game or match in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reason;	Fine equal to the registration fee	Forfeit for the tournament, plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual
Playing in a competition under an assumed name, or age, falsifying a team entry form, or giving false information to a tournament official;	\$100 fine	Forfeit for the tournament, plus \$100 fine and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
Showing outward displays or temper, unsportsmanlike conduct, bullying (by player, coach, spectator, parent, etc)	Fines may be levied	1 <sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense - \$100 fine 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Ontario Championships, Grand Slam events, and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
Two (2) red cards issued in one tournament	\$200	OVA Review
Deliberately throwing, kicking or hitting a ball in the direction of an official, spectator or opponent	Fines may be levied	Verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
Threatening bodily injury to anyone	Minimum fine of \$100 (at discretion of OVA)	Fine, verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through

		the execution of the OVA Discipline & Complaints Policy
Swearing at an official, line judge, scorekeeper, spectator, or opponent.	Fines may be levied	1 <sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense - \$100 fine 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Ontario Championships, Grand Slam events, and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
Using profanity or obscene language or gestures	Fines may be levied	1 <sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense - \$100 fine 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Ontario Championships, Grand Slam events, and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
Failure to follow coaching rules (as set out in Section 2.8 of Beach Handbook)	Fines may be levied	1 <sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense - \$100 fine 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Ontario Championships, Grand Slam events, and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team

**Note:** The OVA reserves the right to sanction and fine teams for items above and beyond the infractions listed above.

#### 4.6 Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions

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Please see the OVA website for our [Discipline and Complains Policy](#).

### Chapter 5 Ontario Beach Volleyball Program Information

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#### 5.1 Satellite Events

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A Satellite event is an event that is sanctioned by the OVA. Satellite tournaments create more opportunities for players to participate in tournaments local to their area. Ranking points are awarded at Satellite events. Please refer to the points matrices in sections 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

#### 5.2 Elite Division

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##### 5.2.1 Qualifier

The elite qualifier will be held at 8:30 am sharp, the Saturday morning of each tournament. This will be a one set game to 21. 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.

### 5.2.2 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**, or to those athletes competing on the Provincial Team or in the 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 Beach Ad Hoc Committee does not see fit. The Committee will base their decision on the following criteria:

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and therefore the Committee should feel that they can finish in the top 4 of the Elite Division.
- Support the National or Provincial Team Programs 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 youth points.

For the Wildcard Application Form, please see Appendix III or the OVA website [www.ontariovolleyball.org](http://www.ontariovolleyball.org), Beach.

### 5.2.3 Adult Elite Prize Money

All prize money winners must be registered with "Beach Player" \$80.11 membership.

Elite Prize Money Schedule					
Date	Location	Format *	Cash Prize Value	Free Entry Value	Total Prize Value
May 20	Toronto	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
May 27	Toronto	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
June 3	Toronto	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
June 10	Cobourg	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
June 23-25	Toronto	PP	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
July 8	Cobourg	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
July 15	Cobourg	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
July 22	Toronto	PP	\$400	\$90	\$490
July 29-30	Toronto	PP	\$10,000	-	\$10,000
August 5-6	North Bay	PP	\$10,000	-	\$10,000

\* PP – Pool play followed by playoffs



**Prize Money Breakdown:**

One-day Adult Elite Cash Breakdown (\$400 total - \$200/gender)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$125
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75

First place teams in the one day events will also receive free entry into another 2017 OVA Beach Tour season. (Please see Section 2.3.3 for further details).

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$2,500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1,500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$750
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$250

Free entries into future OVA events will not be awarded to the winner of any OVA Grand Slam events.

**Playoff Format – 2-Day Adult Events**

For our Grand Slams and Ontario Championships, the playoff format will follow a random seeding to ensure that teams cannot manipulate the draw during pool play. In a 12-team draw with 4 pools of 3, the bracket will follow these principles:

- 1) Coin flip to determine which side of the bracket A1 and B1 will be on. They are always on the opposite side of the bracket
- 2) Coin flip to determine which side of the bracket C1 and D1 will be on. They are always on the opposite side of the bracket.
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams from each pool must be on opposite side of bracket as the 1<sup>st</sup> place team from that pool. i.e. A1 and A2 must be on opposite sides. Coin flips will determine which 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams are placed where in the round of 12.
- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> place team can't play someone from the same pool until semis.

**5.2.4 Grand Slam Events****Toronto, Ashbridges Bay**

The fifth annual OVA Grand Slam is scheduled for June 23-25, 2017 at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto.

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- Four (4) Teams from the qualifier on June 23, 2017.

Note: Both of the players on a team must have at least one 2017 OVA Beach Tour tournament result to qualify for the Toronto Grand Slam.

### **North Bay, Summer of the Park Festival**

The OVA Grand Slam in North Bay is scheduled for August 5-6, 2017.

Eight (8) to twelve (12) adult elite teams per gender will be invited on the following criteria:

- Top two (2) teams from the 2017 Toronto Grand Slam
- Two (2) to four (4) Domestic Wild Card Entries (Application to be submitted by July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- Top four (4) to six (6) teams from the 2017 Beach Tour standings

Note: One of the players must have one 2017 OVA Beach Tour tournament result to qualify for the North Bay Grand Slam.

### **Registration**

Registration for each Grand Slam event will close at 11:59pm on the second Monday before the start of the event.

### **Wildcard Criteria**

The following rationale will be applied to wildcard decisions for all Grand Slam events:

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and therefore the Committee should feel that they can finish in the top 4 of the Elite Division.
- Support the National or Provincial Team Programs in athlete development
- Promotion of the event
  - Will this team's involvement assist with the marketing/promotion of this event?

### **Tie Breaking (Pool Play)**

In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply for Grand Slam events:

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.

### **Playoff Format**

For our Grand Slams and Ontario Championships, the playoff format will follow a random seeding to ensure that teams cannot manipulate the draw during pool play. In a 12-team draw with 4 pools of 3, the bracket will follow these principles:

- 1) Coin flip to determine which side of the bracket A1 and B1 will be on. They are always on the opposite side of the bracket
- 2) Coin flip to determine which side of the bracket C1 and D1 will be on. They are always on the opposite side of the bracket.
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams from each pool must be on opposite side of bracket as the 1<sup>st</sup> place team from that pool. i.e. A1 and A2 must be on opposite sides. Coin flips will determine which 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams are placed where in the round of 12.
- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> place team can't play someone from the same pool until semis.

## Chapter 6 OVA Beach Staff and Calendar

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### 6.1 OVA Beach Staff/Contact Information

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#### 6.1.2 Beach Task Force & Beach Ad Hoc Committee

##### 2017 Beach Task Force

Region 1 Rep – TBD  
Region 2 Rep – Murray Doucette  
Region 3 Rep – Paul Langan  
Region 4 Rep – TBD  
Region 5 Rep – Vishnu Persaud  
Region 6 Rep – Colin Walker  
Official's Rep – John Gillis  
Player Rep – Adam Podstawka  
Task Force Chair – Suzanne Wallace (Manager of Beach Programs)

##### 2017 Beach Ad Hoc Committee

Beach Ad Hoc Committee Chair - TBD  
Official's Representative – John Gillis  
Player Representative – Adam Podstawka

### **6.1.3 Beach Tournament Committee**

#### **Composition OVA Beach Tournament Committee**

The beach tournament committee will consist of 3 individuals: the tournament director, the tournament Referee Supervisor and a player representative.

#### **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 at their discretion.

### **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 (i.e. member of the Executive, OVA Staff or Beach Ad Hoc Committee)
- OVA Beach ROC or designate (i.e. Head Official, Court Supervisor, etc.)
- If an athlete is involved in the disciplinary action then an OVA beach player representative or designate will be included on the Committee. Note: if the disciplinary action impacts a female player, a male player will be the representative AND if the disciplinary action impacts a male player, a female player will be the representative.

#### **Authority of OVA Beach Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee has the authority over athletes, game officials and tournament participants, on and off 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 OVA Code of Conduct.

#### **The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to make decisions:**

- To enforce the OVA 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.

## 6.2 Volleyball Canada Contact Information

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### **VC Officials & Beach Coordinator**

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## Appendix I Player Officiating Guide

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- 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 (except 18U championship, challenger & trillium divisions in the first four tournaments)
- Player officials are strongly encouraged to contact an OVA Beach Tour crew member or an OVA certified official for assistance if there is any type of bullying occurring from athletes, parents, spectators or coaches

### 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
- At least one member of the officiating team must be standing, and each player referee 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
- If a ball rolls onto your court during a rally, it is an automatic re-serve

### *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.

### *Hand Setting Rule – 16U and younger (all Divisions) & 18U (Championships, Challenger and Trillium Divisions)*

### **New for the 2017 OVA Beach Tour Season**

- A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips and the double contact involves only the hands.

### *Hand Setting – 18U (Premier Division), Youth Open (all Divisions), Adult (all Divisions)*

- The ball must not be double contacted or held on a set
- The setter cannot change the direction of the set

Serve reception - 16U and younger

- For VC & OVA 16U and younger competitions - after a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During the rally each athlete has the right to position him/herself anywhere on the court. Outcome for violation: 1. Official ends rally immediately upon contact by the server. 2. Point awarded to the serving team.

## Appendix II

### Players Meeting Notes

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1. Welcome to 2017 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 thereafter.
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 officiate 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, Youth Open or certain 18U divisions. In the Youth age divisions (12U-16U & 18U Championship or lower for first four (4) events), 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 first identify themselves at the main control tent at the start of the day. Each coach will be given a badge for identification that must be worn throughout the day and returned at the end of the day. 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. Failure to comply with proper coaching procedures will result in OVA Sanctions.
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 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.
10. Swearing – This is a family event. Please watch your language and set a good example for the younger beach athletes around you. Failure to comply with proper behaviour on the beach will result in OVA sanctions.



