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viaSPORT	www.viasport.ca
Baden Sports	www.badensports.com
Canuck Volleyball	www.canuckstuff.com
Government of British Columbia	www2.gov.bc.ca
Coaching Association of Canada (The Locker)	www.coach.ca
GLC Solutions	www.glcsolutions.ca
Investors Group	www.investorsgroup.com
Belair Direct	www.belairdirect.com
BC Sport Leadership Conference	www.bcsportconference.ca



Registration

Eligibility

- a. All club members (athletes, coaches, team staff, volunteers and directors) must be currently registered members with Volleyball BC (VBC).
 - i. Volunteers and directors that are not listed on a Team Roster must be listed in the Club Application to be covered under insurance.
- b. All members must provide unique personal information, including a birth date, email address, etc. upon registering. All information for all returning members must be accurate and up to date.
- c. Clubs must submit an online [Club Application](#) each season.
 - i. Any BC team competing in a Volleyball BC event must be fully registered as a club team and may utilize only eligible, registered, Volleyball BC members of that club.
 - ii. The Club Application must be completed prior to tryouts and prior to registering club members (team staff, athletes, etc.) into the VBC database.
 - 1. Club Applications will be processed within two weeks.
 - 2. Clubs will not be covered by Volleyball BC's insurance until after their Club Application is approved.
 - 3. Clubs that are Not in Good Standing will not be approved until their status returns to Good Standing.
 - iii. Club Applications must be submitted by the deadline or processing times may be delayed.
 - 1. Returning Club - November 1, 2018.
 - 2. New Club - March 10, 2019.
 - iv. There will be an annual fee for clubs to register with Volleyball BC.
 - 1. The annual fee will include insurance for volunteers and directors that are not listed on a Team Roster.
 - v. The Club Contact must register the club prior to a Team Contact registering the athletes (team roster). A Club Contact and a Team Contact can be the same person.
 - vi. Volleyball BC must be notified, in writing, if there is a change of Club Contact.
- d. Team members must be residents of British Columbia unless approved by Volleyball BC. Please note: Volleyball Canada may require further information.
- e. A Volleyball BC representative may request proof of registration of a club, team, or individual member at any time. If proof of registration is requested a copy of the individual's birth certificate, or other requested documents, must be sent to Volleyball BC for validation.
- f. All members (coaches, team staff, athletes, and a parent/guardian) are required to sign the Volleyball BC Membership Waiver Form.
 - i. Coaches & Team Staff will use the [Online Membership Waiver Form](#).
 - ii. Athletes (& parents) will use the standard [Membership Waiver Form](#).

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1. The Volleyball BC Membership Waiver Form (for athletes & parents) must be kept on file by the club (hard copy or electronic copy).
- iii. The Club Screening Contact must submit the Volleyball BC [Waiver Form Declaration](#) for all coaches to Rosalynn Campbell prior to participating in their first Volleyball BC event.
- iv. All coaches, including all team staff, must have a current, signed, Volleyball BC Online Membership Waiver Form, Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form (included in the Online Membership Waiver Form).
 1. All Team Staff must submit the [Online Membership Waiver Form](#) (includes Screening Disclosure Form)..
 2. Criminal Record Checks
 - a. Only two forms of CRC will be accepted.
 - i. RCMP Letter (those under 20 years old).
 - ii. mybackcheck.com.
 - b. Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) will no longer be accepted.
 - c. Criminal Record Checks will remain valid for three years.
 3. Screening Disclosure Forms for all Team Staff must be submitted through the online form (included within the Online Membership Waiver Form).
 4. Online Membership Waiver Forms, Criminal Record Checks, and Screening Disclosure Forms must be completed and submitted to Rosalynn Campbell by January 15th, 2019 or prior to participating in any Volleyball BC program.
 - a. Failure to provide a Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form will result in a sanction of a \$100 fine/coach and suspension until CRC/SDF are submitted.

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Regulations

- a. It is the responsibility of the club member (athletes, coaches, team staff) to know the rules of the game and abide by them.
- b. The current Volleyball Canada rulebook will be utilized at all Volleyball BC events unless otherwise stated.
- c. Volleyball BC may penalize any club, team, coach or athlete by way of default, suspension, fine or another suitable penalty, for contravention of any rule or regulation.
- d. Clubs must designate a “hometown” and all teams within that club will be required to compete within that region for Regional Championships (where applicable). When applicable, the club name or team name should represent the “home town”.
- e. Club/Team Naming Policy
 - i. Team names cannot include the name of another club.

- ii. Team names must be registered with Volleyball BC in the following sequence:
 - 1. Age-Gender-Level-Club-Team
 - a. Example: 12U Girls “A” Air Attack Black
- f. Competing Outside a Registered Age Category
 - i. Teams are not permitted to register in a Volleyball BC event outside of their registered age category without the direct permission of the event host.
 - ii. If an event has additional space after the early registration deadline the event host will contact teams via email in the age category one-year younger to fill the open spaces. Teams will be accepted based on their current season rank. Only the top 8 teams will be notified, followed by local teams.
 - iii. Teams may only compete in one Regional Championship and one Provincial Championship per season. The Regional Championship and Provincial Championship must be in the same age category.
 - iv. Teams that register in an older age category at the start of the season are committed to competing within that age category at Regional, Provincial and National Championships.

Roster Policy

- a. All team rosters must be current in the Volleyball BC database. Team rosters in Volleyball BC’s database will serve as the team’s official roster.
- b. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that rosters are correct prior to a team’s Regional and Provincial Championship (including athletes, coaches and team staff).
- c. A registered team may include 8-15 athletes.
 - i. Only twelve athletes can be listed on a scoresheet and compete per match.
 - ii. The twelve athletes listed on the scoresheet can change each match.
 - iii. A minimum of eight athletes/team must be registered in the Volleyball BC database.
- d. A registered team may include a total of four team personnel, including one Head Coach.
 - i. Head Coach
 - ii. Assistant Coach
 - iii. Staff
 - iv. Staff
- e. Athletes may only appear on one roster in the Volleyball BC database.
- f. Roster Exemption Policy (16U, 17U & 18U “AA” Level Teams Only)
 - i. Clubs may request an exemption to move an athlete currently registered within their club to another team for a specific event by submitting a [Roster Exemption Application Form](#).
 - ii. Roster Exemption Application Forms must be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the event.

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- iii. Teams cannot have more athletes via an exemption than what is registered in the VBC database roster.
- iv. The match roster cannot exceed the VBC database roster.
- v. Teams that fail to request an exemption to move an athlete and use an ineligible athlete at an event will be sanctioned and forfeit all results earned at the event.
- vi. Teams may utilize athletes from the list below for their Roster Exemption:
 - 1. Athletes registered within their own club.
 - 2. A lower ranked team within the same age category (as ranked by the RDC).
 - 3. An “A” Level team from within the same age category.
 - 4. A team registered in a younger age category.
- vii. Athletes from an “AA” Level team cannot compete for an “A” Level team at any time.
- viii. Approved Roster Exemption Applications move the athlete being replaced to an ineligible status while the exempt athlete appears on the roster.
 - 1. A replaced athlete may return to the roster later in the event, but the exempt athlete will then move to an ineligible status.
- ix. Requests can be cancelled prior to the event commencing.
- x. Roster Exemption Applications will be approved if the application is submitted correctly and they meet the criteria.
- g. An athlete may not compete in more than one event per weekend.
- h. An athlete may only compete for one team per weekend.
- i. The [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized for 12U, 13U & 14U age categories.
- j. Volleyball BC requires teams to use scoresheet labels for their rosters at events.
 - i. Scoresheet labels must include all athletes, coaches, staff members and the corresponding NCCP numbers for all team personnel.
 - ii. Labels must include first and last names, as well as uniform numbers.
 - iii. The scoresheet label template is [Avery 5162](#).
 - iv. Teams that do not utilize scoresheet labels will be fined \$5 per match.
- k. All athletes and team staff must be registered in Volleyball BC’s database by the event registration deadline for their first event and no later than March 10, 2019.
- l. The registration deadline to add or delete athletes varies by age category. Prior to these dates all additions to a roster must be made via the online registration system. After the deadline, rosters can only be changed with the approval of Volleyball BC and an administration fee of \$50 per change will be applied.
 - i. Uniform numbers for all athletes appearing on a roster must be entered by the Roster Lock Deadline.
 - ii. 16U, 17U & 18U girls have an earlier Roster Lock Deadline to allow time to sufficiently allocate teams into the appropriate Level and rank teams prior to their first event.

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Roster Lock Deadlines		
January 6, 2019	March 10, 2019	April 1, 2019
16U Girls "AA" Level	15U Boys	12U Girls & Boys
17/18U Girls "AA" Level	16U Girls "A" Level	13U Girls & Boys
	16U Boys	14U Girls & Boys
	17/18U Girls "A" Level	15U Girls
	17/18U Boys	

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- m. Volleyball BC's rosters will be uploaded into Volleyball Canada's Volleyball Registration System (VRS) on a set schedule during the 2019 club season.
 - i. An administration fee of \$75 per change will be applied to all roster changes requiring an upload into the VRS by Volleyball BC after March 10, 2019.
- n. Any changes to rosters on site at Provincial Championships are subject to an additional fee of \$100/athlete or \$150/team staff, plus membership fees (must be paid on site). All Team Staff additions must have:
 - i. Provincial Championship Staff will make an effort to communicate any changes with the Club Director as soon as possible.
 - ii. Current Online Membership Waiver Form (includes Screening Disclosure Form).
 - iii. Current Criminal Record Check (mybackcheck.com will be completed on site if necessary).
 - iv. Team staff without a Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form will not be allowed to coach.

Tryout and Training Policy

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- a. Volleyball BC's "Season of Play" is as follows:
 - i. 12U, 13U & 14U - November 18, 2018-May 31, 2019
 - ii. 15U - November 25, 2018-May 31, 2019
 - iii. 16U, 17U & 18U - December 2, 2018-May 31, 2019
- b. Tryouts may not take place prior to the start of the "Season of Play."
- c. It is recommended that all club staff participating in tryouts are current Volleyball BC members.
- d. Clubs and teams training outside of the "Season of Play" will not be covered under Volleyball BC's insurance policy.
- e. Early Signing Date - November 1, 2018-November 15, 2018.
 - i. To accommodate and promote loyalty between athletes and clubs, returning athletes are permitted re-sign with their previous (2018) club during the Early Signing Date.
 - ii. Clubs must be in Good Standing to utilize the Early Signing Date.
 - iii. Athletes that choose not to sign early still can attend the tryout as if they had not previously played for that club.

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- iv. Athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date may not be required to attend tryouts.
- v. Athletes that sign with their 2018 club for the 2019 season cannot attend selection camps for other clubs.
- vi. A maximum of 12 athletes per team may utilize the Early Signing Date.
- vii. Athletes that utilized the Early Signing Date must appear on every scoresheet for which they are available to compete.
- viii. Please note: athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date are not guaranteed:
 1. To be placed on a specific team.
 2. To be placed on a “AA” Level team vs “A” Level team.
 3. Playing time.

f. Signing Date

- i. All athletes can formally accept a position with a club on or after the “Signing Dates” identified below:
 1. 12U, 13U & 14U – November 26, 2018
 2. 15U – December 3, 2018
 3. 16U, 17U & 18U – December 10, 2018
- ii. Offers to athletes can be made at any time. Clubs do not need to wait until the Signing Date to make offers.
 1. Offers can be accepted at any time.
 2. Offers can be declined at any time.
 3. Offers remain open until the Signing Date. Clubs cannot rescind offers to athletes after they have been presented until after 6:00pm on the Signing Date.
 4. Athletes cannot be pressured to accept a position before 6:00pm on the Signing Date.
 5. Offers expire at 6:00pm on the Signing Date.
- iii. Club/Team representatives are prohibited from contacting athletes directly during school hours (8:00am-4:00pm) on weekdays and later than 9:00pm in the evening daily.
- iv. Clubs may run tryouts prior to or after the Signing Date.
- v. Athletes may attend tryouts prior to or after the Signing Date.
- vi. The following penalties will be assessed to members found in violation of the Signing Date.
 1. Clubs must refund any club fees collected from the athlete (if requested).
 2. First Offense - \$50 fine to the club.
 3. Second Offense - \$100 fine to the club.
 4. Third Offense - \$200 fine to the club.

Recruiting Policy

- a. Volleyball BC strongly encourages the cooperation of its membership to ensure all volleyball participants have a positive experience.

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- b. Volleyball BC has a zero-tolerance recruiting policy that will remain in effect for the 2019 club season.
- c. Club representatives (coaches, administrators, team staff, parents/guardians, athletes, etc.) are not allowed to contact athletes from a club other than their own at any time for the purpose of recruitment.
- d. With the implementation of the Early Signing Date, athletes are not required to provide Proof of Release.
 - i. Club representatives must still abide by the Recruiting Policy and are not allowed to contact athletes from a club other than their own at any time for the purpose of recruitment.
- e. Once athletes have registered with a club (paid any portion of club fees or signed a contract with a club), they are committed to that club for the remainder of the season.
 - i. Tryout fees are not considered a portion of an athlete's club fees.
- f. Athletes that depart from their club prior to March 10, 2019, may compete for another club for the remainder of the 2019 season. Athletes that depart from their club after March 10, 2019 must wait until the 2020 club season to compete.
- g. All cases will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Regional Development Committee. Club representatives are encouraged to contact Volleyball BC if further clarification regarding the Recruiting Policy is needed.
- h. Violations of the Recruiting Policy can be submitted, via email, to Chris Densmore.
- i. The following penalties will be assessed to members found in violation of the Recruiting Policy.
 - i. First Offense - \$1000/violation fine to the club.
 - ii. Second Offense - 365-day suspension (served by the Head Coach) from all Volleyball BC events/programs, completion of "Making Ethical Decisions Module" and completion of "Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation".
 - iii. Third Offense - lifetime suspension (served by the Head Coach) from all Volleyball BC events/programs and forfeiture of NCCP Technical Volleyball Components.

Membership Fees

- a. Membership fees include:
 - i. Sport Accident and Liability Insurance (only during Season of Play)
 - 1. Only registered members will be covered by Volleyball BC's insurance.
 - 2. All Sport coverage details and claim forms can be found on Volleyball BC's [website](#).
 - ii. Volleyball Canada Membership
 - iii. Access to Volleyball BC and Volleyball Canada Programs and Events
 - iv. Volleyball BC Newsletter
 - v. Access to Referee, Coach, and Athlete Development opportunities
 - vi. Access to Letters of Good Standing for International Events

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- vii. Member Benefits: All VBC members will receive benefits at a number of local businesses.
- b. Modified Membership:
 - i. A club may run additional indoor or outdoor (beach & grass) programs (development & recreation) such as Atomic, Train & Play or House League under a Modified Membership Fee.
 - ii. The Modified Membership Fee includes insurance for the above programs.
 - iii. To register Modified Members, please submit a list of all participants to Rosalynn Campbell.

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Membership Fee Schedule

Category	Volleyball BC	Volleyball Canada	Total
Athlete (13U-18U)	\$40.00	\$29.00	\$69.00
Athlete (12U)	\$30.00	\$29.00	\$59.00
Coach & Team Staff	\$40.00	\$29.00	\$69.00
Referee	Dependent upon level of certification.		
Modified Membership	\$5.00 per participant.		

Event Information

- a. Volleyball BC Events include Season Openers, Playdays/Spike Leagues, Super Spikes, Super Volleys, Super Series, Regional Championships & Provincial Championships.
 - i. All event registrations and payments are online (Visa and MasterCard only).

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Event Registration Schedule

Event	Registration Opens	Notes
Season Openers	December 20, 2018	All teams will register onto a waitlist. Teams will be granted entry based on a lottery. Accepted teams will be notified by January 3, 2019.
Island Playdays	January 4, 2019 @ 10:00am	First Come, First Served. Limited space available.
16/17/18U Super Series & Provincial Championships	January 8-10, 2019 (opens at 10:00am)	All teams registering between January 8-10, 2019 will be guaranteed entry. Registration will be permitted after January 10, 2019, space permitting.
15U Super Volleys & Provincial Championships	January 8-10, 2019 (opens at 10:00am)	All teams registering between January 8-10, 2019 will be guaranteed entry. Registration will be permitted after January 10, 2019, space permitting.
12/13/14U Super Spikes, Spike Leagues & Provincial Championships	January 14, 2019 @ 10:00am	First Come, First Served. Limited space available.

Regional Championships	TBA	Contact your Regional Manager.
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- ii. Once the registration deadline has passed, teams may only register with the permission of the event host. Late entry registrations may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.
- iii. Teams must have a current roster in Volleyball BC’s database (8-15 athletes and a Head Coach) to participate in any Volleyball BC Event.
- iv. Events with more than 24 registered teams may be divided into two Divisions to allow for more meaningful competition.
- b. Provincial Championship Information
 - i. The deadline to register for Provincial Championships is March 10, 2018. Late entries (with the permission of the event host) may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.

Event Registration Fee Schedule	
Event	Fee
12U, 13U & 14U Super Spike	\$300
15U Super Volley	\$325
16U Super Series	\$325
17U & 18U Super Series	\$375
Regional Championships	\$225 (one day event), \$300 (two day event)
Provincial Championships	\$425-\$525

Withdrawals

- a. If a team needs to withdraw from an event after registering, they must contact the event host prior to the registration deadline. There will be a \$25 administration fee for all withdrawals.
- b. Withdrawals requested after the registration deadline, will forfeit the entire registration fee and a warning will be recorded. Two warnings in one season will prohibit the team from participating in Volleyball BC’s Provincial Championship events.
- c. Withdrawals within one week of the event will forfeit the entire registration fee, will be subject to a \$100 fine and a warning will be recorded. Two warnings in one season will prohibit the team from participating in Volleyball BC’s Provincial Championship.
- d. [Inclement Weather Policy](#)

Performance Bonds

- a. All clubs must pay Volleyball BC a performance bond and provide an [Electronic Funds Transfer Form \(EFT\)](#) to Rosalynn Campbell for end of season reimbursement. The performance bond must be paid [online](#) via credit card

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by December 15, 2018. Clubs registering after December 15 must pay their performance bond immediately following registration.

- i. 2019 Club Performance Bond for large clubs (THREE or more teams) - \$500
 - ii. 2019 Club Performance Bond for medium clubs (TWO teams) - \$400
 - iii. 2019 Club Performance Bond for small clubs (ONE team) - \$200
- b. The performance bond will not be carried over to the 2020 club season. Performance bonds minus outstanding sanctions will be processed by June 15, 2019 and returned to clubs by July 15, 2019.
 - i. Clubs will have the opportunity to dispute sanctions until June 30, 2019. After that time, sanctions will remain in effect and cannot be contested. Clubs will be considered Not in Good Standing until their debts are paid.
 - c. If any portion of the performance bond is claimed during the season, it must be replaced before any team in that club can compete in a Volleyball BC event.
 - d. Performance bonds may be claimed for, but are not limited to, the following infractions:

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Performance Bond Sanctions			
Violation	Details	Sanction	Duration
Code of Conduct	Damage to Facility, Venue, Accommodation, etc.	Financial Penalty	Until Paid
Code of Conduct	Failure to Clean Up (facilities, benches, etc.)	\$50 Fine	Per Incident
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 1st Offense	Letter of Warning	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 2nd Offense	\$50 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 3rd Offense	\$100 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 1st Offense	\$100 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 2nd Offense	\$200 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Failure to Play a Match	\$100 Fine	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Recruiting Policy Violation	\$1000 Fine	Per Athlete
Code of Conduct	Failure to Provide Minor Officials	\$50 Fine	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Failure to Meet Coach Education Requirements	Financial Penalty	Current Season
Event Withdrawal	Before Deadline	Refund less \$25 Fine	Until Paid
Event Withdrawal	After Deadline	No Refund & Warning	Current Season

Event Withdrawal	Within One Week of Event	No Refund, \$100 Fine & Warning	Current Season
Uniform Policy	Illegal Uniform	\$50 Fine	Per Match
Roster Policy	Invalid Roster, Ineligible Athlete	\$25 & Forfeiture of the Match	Per Match
Fair Play Rule	Ineligible Athlete, Illegal Substitution	\$100 Fine	Per Match
Signing Date Policy	Ineligible Athlete, Ineligible Date	\$200 Fine	Per Athlete
Scoresheet Policy	Failure to Provide Roster Labels	\$5 Fine	Per Match

- o All sanctions will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Regional Development Committee.
- o All sanctions for the 2019 club season will be issued no later than June 15, 2019.

Event Draws

- a. Event draws will be posted on Volleyball BC's [website](#) as soon as they are finalized or by the Wednesday prior to the event. If the draw is not posted, it has not been finalized.
- b. All revisions will be posted online, up to 5:00pm the day prior to the event.
- c. It is the responsibility of the coach or team contact to ensure that they have the most recent version of the event draw.
- d. Teams will be contacted directly, via email, if any revisions are made after 5:00pm the day prior to the event. It is imperative that coach and club contact information in the Volleyball BC database is current. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all contact information is correct and current.
- e. **Final Standing Point Allocations**
 - i. Teams will be assigned points based on their Super Event final standing (14U-17/18U only).
 - ii. The points will be used to determine rankings for all subsequent events.

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Medals, Prizes and All Stars

- a. Super Events: Prizing will be given to the top three finishers in Tier 1 in each Division with an elimination playoff format.
- b. 12U & 13U Girls Super Spike: Prizing will be given to each participant at the event.
- c. Provincial Championships: Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will be given to the top three finishers in each Division.
- d. 17/18U Awards:
 - i. 12 Season All Stars will be recognized for their performance throughout the club season. Coaches are required to submit an [All Star Nomination Form](#) for both their team as well as their opponents. The top 8 coaches will rank the top 12 athletes that have been nominated.
 1. 17/18U Girls "A" Level
 2. 17/18U Girls "AA" Level
 3. 17/18U Boys

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- ii. 1 Provincial Championship MVP per age category (17U Girls, 18U Girls & 17/18U Boys) will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
- e. 16U Awards: Season All Stars & Championship MVP.
 - i. 12 Season All Stars will be recognized for their performance throughout the club season. Coaches are required to submit an [All Star Nomination Form](#) for both their team as well as their opponents. The top 8 coaches will rank the top 12 athletes that have been nominated.
 - ii. 1 Provincial Championship MVP will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
- f. 15U Awards: Championship All Stars & Championship MVP.
 - i. 6 Provincial Championship All Stars will be selected for their performance at the Provincial Championships (as selected by the Championship Committee).
 - ii. 1 Provincial Championship MVP will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
- g. 12U, 13U & 14U Awards: Most Inspirational Award
 - i. Coaches will nominate one athlete from their own team to be recognized at the Provincial Championships.
 - ii. Coaches are required to submit their [Most Inspirational Player Nomination Form](#) prior to the Regional Championships.

Partner Hotel Program: RoomRoster

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- a. Volleyball BC will be partnering with RoomRoster for the 2019 Club Season. Reservation procedures and rebate information will be posted on Volleyball BC's [website](#) as soon as possible.

Community Programs

- a. Volleyball BC has partnered with local food banks to continue to make a positive impact on our community. In lieu of admission at all Super Events and Regional Championships, Volleyball BC would like to encourage parents, spectators, coaches and athletes to make a donation to their local food bank.

Outstanding Fees

- a. Any individual or club (athlete, coach, team, club) that has outstanding debts with Volleyball BC prior to the start of the 2019 season will be considered a member "Not in Good Standing" and will be ineligible for all Volleyball BC programs until such debts are reconciled.
- b. Performance Bond sanctions can be paid via credit card by contacting [Rosalynn Campbell](#).

Competition Guidelines

Competition Rules

- a. Volleyball Canada rules are in effect for all Volleyball BC events, unless otherwise stated.
- b. Recent rules modifications, and clarification on new rules, can be found on Volleyball BC's website ([Competition Guidelines & Resources Tab](#)).
 - o [Field of Play](#)
 - o [Fair Play Rule](#)
 - o [Tripleball Rule](#)
 - o [2016 Net Rule](#)
 - o [Volleyball Canada Expanded Age Category Policy](#)
 - o Head Coaches will be responsible for signing the scoresheet upon completion of the match.

Foreign Teams

- a. Only teams fully registered with Volleyball BC will be permitted to compete in Volleyball BC events.
 - i. Any team not registered with Volleyball BC is considered a foreign team.
- b. Foreign teams must apply to the event host to enter an event and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Regional Development Committee.
 - i. Foreign teams will only be considered after the registration deadline has passed.
 - ii. Foreign teams will only be considered if there are open spaces in the event.
 - iii. The Entry Fee for all Foreign teams is \$500 per team per Super Event.
 - iv. Foreign teams must pay via credit card.
 - v. Foreign teams must provide a Letter of Good Standing from their Association for all members appearing on their roster.

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Age Categories and Net Heights

Age Categories and Net Heights			
Age Category	Year of Birth	Female Net Height	Male Net Height
12 & Under	2007	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
13 & Under	2006	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
14 & Under	2005	2.15 meters	2.20 meters
15 & Under	2004	2.20 meters	2.35 meters
16 & Under	2003	2.24 meters	2.35 meters
17 & Under	2002	2.24 meters	2.43 meters
18 & Under	2001	2.24 meters	2.43 meters

- o Expanded Age Categories:
 1. Athletes born September 1-December 31 of the previous year are permitted to “play down” one age category. Athletes that “play down” may only compete at one Regional Championship, Provincial Championship, and National Championship (all in the same age category).
 2. Athletes born in 2000 (outside of the Expanded Age Category) that are currently in their Grade 12 year of high school may apply for an exemption which will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- o There is no limit to the number of overaged athletes that can compete on a team.
- o Please contact your Regional Manager to register athletes that are born in 2000 or are “playing down”.
- o For full details, please refer to [Volleyball Canada’s 2019 Championship Age Categories](#).

Uniform Policy

- a. Athlete’s uniforms must be numbered between 1-99.
- b. Volleyball Canada’s uniform policy requires numbers be at least 10cm high on the front and at least 15cm high on the back.
 - i. For teams planning international competition it is advised that you check with the host organization to ensure your uniforms meet their requirements (ex. USA Volleyball, FIVB).
- c. The number must be in the center of the uniform on the front and back.
- d. The colour and brightness of the uniform must contrast the colour and the brightness of the number.
 - i. To avoid a potential uniform violation, it is strongly recommended that uniform numbers are not included in any artwork/logo. The numbers must be clearly visible and should stand alone.
- e. The libero must wear a uniform of a contrasting colour to the other members of the team.
 - i. The libero uniform must have a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team.
 - ii. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.
 - iii. The libero uniform does not have to be the same design, but it must be numbered. If a different libero is used for each set, the uniform

number must correspond to the number registered on the official scoresheet.

- f. Shorts must be similar in design and colour, except the libero.
- g. Sponsorship logos and artwork may only be placed on the bottom 1/3 of the back of the uniform and on the sleeves. The top 1/3 of the back of the uniform is reserved for team names or athlete names.
 - i. Sponsorship logos and artwork that represents alcohol, tobacco and/or gambling will not be permitted.
- h. Please contact [Adrian Goodmurphy](#) if you have any questions on acceptable uniforms or would like approval on a uniform design/colour.

Substitution and Libero Regulations

- a. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- b. All teams competing in the “A” Level will be allowed to utilize 12 Unlimited Substitutions.
- c. Each Provincial Championship will feature their own substitution rules, based on age category, gender & division.

Substitution and Libero Regulations				
Age & Gender	Libero	12 Unlimited Subs	12 Limited Subs	6 Limited Subs
13U & 14U Male	no	no	YES (Fair Play)	no
12U, 13U & 14U Female “AA” Level	no	no	YES (Fair Play)	no
12U, 13U & 14U Female “A” Level	no	YES (Fair Play)	no	no
15U & 16U Male	no	no	YES	no
15U Female “AA” Level	no	no	YES	no
15U Female “A” Level	no	YES	no	no
16U Female “AA” Level	YES	no	no	YES
16U Female “A” Level	YES	YES	no	no
17U & 18U Male	YES	no	no	YES
17U & 18U Female “AA” Level	YES	no	no	YES
17U & 18U Female “A” Level	YES	YES	no	no

2019 Volleyball BC Coaching Education Requirements

- a. Official NCCP Transcripts can be found in [The Locker](#).
- b. ALL team staff (including those that are fully certified in the old context) appearing on the scoresheet, including Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, etc. must complete the four requirements below prior to the Coach Education Requirement deadline, regardless of the Level (“AA” or “A”) that they are coaching:
 - i. [Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation](#)
 - ii. [Making Head Way in Sport e-Module](#)
 - iii. [Criminal Record Check](#)

- iv. [Online Membership Waiver Form \(including Screening Disclosure Form\)](#)
- c. **Additional Coach Education Requirements for designated HEAD COACHES:**
 - i. "A" Level Head Coaches
 1. [Volleyball Canada Foundations of Volleyball \(formerly Volleyball e-Learning Modules\)](#).
 2. "A" Level teams that are attending a National Championship are strongly encouraged to complete the "AA" Level Coach Education Requirements.
 - ii. "AA" Level Head Coaches
 1. As per the [2019 Volleyball BC Coach Education Requirements](#).
- d. Certification Maintenance Program
 - i. The [Certification Maintenance Program](#) requires coaches to accumulate professional development points over a 5-year span to ensure that their coaching certification remains active.

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Referee Management Team (RMT)

- a. A Referee Management Team (and/or Referee Supervisor) will be available at each event.
 - i. The RMT will insert themselves into a match to assist with the development of a referee or to assist with applying sanctions for misconduct.
- b. Referee Assignments
 - i. 12U, 13U & 14U Male and Female
 1. Super Spike: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 2. Provincial Championship: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - ii. 15U Male and Female
 1. Super Volley: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for all playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - iii. 16U Male and Female
 1. Super Series: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for all playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - iv. 17U & 18U Male and Female
 1. Super Series: First Referee for pool play. First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to a top 3 finish.

2. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First and Second Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals.

Minor Officiating Requirements

- a. 12U, 13U, 14U, 17U & 18U Boys and Girls Volleyball BC Events.
 - i. Self Minor Officials
 1. Participating teams are required to provide Minor Officials (one scorekeeper and one line judge) for their own match. Minor Officials may be athletes, teammates, parents, friends, etc.
- b. 15U & 16U Boys & Girls Volleyball BC Events.
 - i. Assigned Minor Officials (all Pool Play matches, as designated by the Event Host).
 1. Participating teams are required to provide Minor Officials (one second referee, two scorekeepers and two line judges) for their opponent’s match.
 2. Minor Officials must be athletes or coaches of the assigned team.
 3. The second referee must be a coach registered on the minor officiating team’s roster or an athlete supervised by a coach that is registered on the minor officiating team’s roster.
 4. Minor Officials can change between sets.
 5. Failure to provide minor officials will result in escalating sanctions.
 - a. 1st offense - \$200 fine.
 - b. 2nd offense - \$500 fine.
 - c. 3rd offense - unable to participate in Provincial Championship.
 - ii. Self Minor Officials (all Playoff matches, as designated by the Event Host).
 1. Participating teams are required to provide Minor Officials (one scorekeeper and one line judge) for their own match. Minor Officials may be athletes, teammates, parents, friends, etc.
- c. Minor Officials provided must be capable of fulfilling their duties to the satisfaction of the First Referee. Failure to meet the satisfaction of the First Referee will result in the individual being removed from their role. The participating team will be required to replace the individual and may be assessed with a delay of game warning by the First Referee.
- d. Failure to provide minor officials will be noted on the scoresheet and sanctions will be applied.
- e. It is strongly recommended that teams attend events with trained Minor Officials. For assistance with training, please refer to the following:

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- i. Scorekeeping Clinics – contact [Glenn Wheatley](#).
 - ii. Online Scorekeeping Tutorials.
 1. [Standard Volleyball](#)
 2. [Tripleball Volleyball](#)
 - iii. Referee Clinics – contact [Glenn Wheatley](#).
- f. Teams will be required to provide trained Minor Officials at Provincial Championships. Teams that fail to provide trained Minor Officials at Provincial Championships will be sanctioned.

Tie Breaking Procedures

- a. Volleyball Canada's tie breaking procedures will be in effect at all Volleyball BC events.

Official Game Ball

- a. Baden provides the official game ball of Volleyball BC.
 - o 17U & 18U: Baden VCOR Volleyball.
 - o 13U, 14U, 15U & 16U: Baden Perfection 15-O Volleyball.
 - o 12U: Baden 450 or Volleyleite.

Audio/Visual Equipment Policy

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- a. Each facility is unique and VBC Staff will designate safe areas for audio/visual equipment.
- b. VBC is not obligated to provide space for audio/visual equipment and space may not be available at some facilities.
- c. Audio/visual equipment will be allowed in the team's free space and in spectator areas, unless it is deemed unsafe by the referees or VBC Staff.
- d. Audio/visual equipment cannot impede spaces such as emergency exits, entrances, spectator viewing, free space, etc.
- e. VBC Staff will remove any unsafe audio/visual equipment.
- f. Drones are not allowed at any of the facilities.

Letters in Good Standing (Travel Permits)

- a. Requests for [Letters in Good Standing](#) must be submitted to [Rosalynn Campbell](#) a minimum of four weeks prior to the event.
- b. Requests not submitted by the four-week deadline may not be reviewed by Volleyball Canada. A rush fee of \$25 will be applied for all requests submitted after the deadline.
- c. All requests must be received by March 10, 2019.
- d. Letters in Good Standing are required for teams, athletes, coaches, etc. that wish to compete outside of Canada. All participants must be members with Volleyball BC.
- e. Volleyball BC's insurance does not include international competitions or events. It is recommended that members purchase their own additional insurance.

Protests & Event Discipline Policy

- a. All protests must be submitted at the time of the incident. Protests that are submitted after the incident will not be considered.
- b. Captains must submit the protest to the first referee at the time of the incident.
- c. The referee's judgement (ball handling) is not open to protest. Only errors in applying a rule are open to protest.
- d. Protests will be reviewed immediately by the Protest Committee (Volleyball BC Staff and Head Referee).
- e. All decisions made by the Protest Committee are final.
- f. Protests that are denied will result in a Delay of Game Penalty and a point for the opposing team (in effect for the duration of the match).
- g. All complaints regarding referees at a Provincial Championship can be submitted directly to the Referee Management Team on site.
- h. Members are advised to follow the [Protests & Events Discipline Policy](#) if they have concerns regarding an event.

Discipline & Complaint Policy

- a. Members with concerns about Volleyball BC programs are encouraged to follow Volleyball BC's [Discipline & Complaint Policy and Procedure](#).

Female Age Categories:

12U Girls – athletes born in 2007 or later.

- a. Clubs looking to host [12U Programs](#) are encouraged to contact Rosalynn Campbell for additional support.
- b. LTAD Developmental Stage: "Training to Train"; 70% training, 30% competition.
- c. All 12U teams will register in the "A" Level.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.15 meters.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. [Tripleball Format](#) will be utilized.
 - iv. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - vi. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Jamboree Guidelines (Volleyball BC Jamborees Only)
 - i. Badminton courts or modified volleyball courts will be utilized (~6mx13m).
 - ii. Participants register individually.
 - iii. Format:

1. Morning Session – Development Camp.
 2. Afternoon Session – 4 on 4 competition.
 - iv. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
- i. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - ii. 6 on 6 competition.
 - iii. Super Spikes may be combined with 13U “A” Level Girls if numbers require.
 - iv. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 1. Pool play - teams will serpentine across all pools.
 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - v. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- g. Regional Championships
- i. 12U Girls will be combined with 13U Girls if numbers require.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - iv. 6 on 6 competition.
 - v. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- h. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. 6 on 6 competition.
 - v. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - vi. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - vii. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - viii. Division 1 = 8-12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

13U Girls – athletes born in 2006 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. “AA” Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. “A” Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - ii. [Tripleball Format](#) will be utilized.
 - iii. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - ix. Super Spikes will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - x. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 1. Pool play - teams will serpentine across all pools.
 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - xi. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - xii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - xiii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - xiv. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.

- iii. “AA” & “A” Levels will be combined.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
 - vii. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

14U Girls – athletes born in 2005 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 - 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 - 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 - 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = 17th in “AA” and 2nd in “A” = 21st in “AA”.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.

1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. "AA" Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. "A" Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
- i. Super Spikes will feature "AA" Level events and "A" Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
- i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
 - iii. "AA" & "A" Levels will be combined.
- f. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Some Divisions may include teams from both "AA" & "A" Levels.
 - vii. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

15U Girls – athletes born in 2004 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will ask their Regional Manager or use the [Level Designation Recommendations](#) or to self-designate themselves as “AA” Level or “A” Level at the time of registration.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. After the team’s first Super Event, if they feel that they are in the incorrect Level, they may request to switch Levels. Teams will only be able to switch Levels once per season.
 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 2. Only teams that finish in the top 2 of an “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 3. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).
 - b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = 17th in “AA” and 2nd in “A” = 21st in “AA”.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - v. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. “AA” Level: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. “A” Level: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - vi. Teams will be responsible for providing Minor Officials for the matches they are assigned (pool play matches) and their own matches (playoff matches). Pool Play & Playoff matches will be determined by the Event Host. Additional details can be found in the Minor Officiating section.
- d. Super Volley Guidelines
 - i. Super Volleys will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.

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- v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Volley results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
- vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
- vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Volley (two-day event).
- viii. All Super Volley events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
 - iii. “AA” & “A” Levels will be combined.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Super Volley results may be considered (but will not be the sole determining factor) when ranking regions into Divisions at Provincial Championships.
 - v. Final rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - vi. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - vii. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - viii. Some Divisions may include teams from both “AA” & “A” Levels.
 - ix. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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16U Girls – athletes born in 2003 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. “AA” & “A” Levels
 - i. Teams will be ranked using [Athlete Rankings](#).
 - 1. The top 24 ranked teams will be allocated to the “AA” Level.
 - 2. Remaining teams will be allocated to the “A” Level.
 - ii. Teams in “AA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “A” Level.
 - iii. Teams may request to move from the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
 - iv. Teams that finish in the top 2 of their first “A” Level event will be eligible to switch into the “AA” Level.
 - 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 - 2. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from “AA” to “A”: 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).

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- b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = Number of teams in the “AA” event +1. 2nd in “A” = Number of teams in the “AA” event +2.
 - v. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - vi. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. “AA” Level: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. “A” Level: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - vi. Teams will be responsible for providing Minor Officials for the matches they are assigned (pool play matches) and their own matches (playoff matches). Pool Play & Playoff matches will be determined by the Event Host. Additional details can be found in the Minor Officiating section.
- d. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Super Series will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second and third events: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Fourth event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - iii. First event: Teams will serpentine across all pools. Second and third events: Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Fourth event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2018 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions – Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be

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used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.

- ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
- iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
- iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.
- v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 3 Super Series results.
- vi. "AA" Level teams will be ranked ahead of "A" Level teams.
- vii. Teams must compete in at least 3 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 at their Provincial Championship.
 1. Teams from remote areas may apply for an exemption to compete in Division 1 if only 2 Super Series are attended.
 2. Teams that are granted an exemption will be ranked on their team's top 2 Super Series results.
- viii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- ix. Some Divisions may include teams from both "AA" & "A" Levels.
- x. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

17/18U Girls – athletes born in 2001 (18U), 2002 (17U) or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: "Learning to Compete"; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Athletes born in 2000 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- c. "AA" & "A" Levels
 - i. Teams will be ranked using [Athlete Rankings](#).
 1. The top 24 ranked 17/18U teams will be allocated to the "AA" Level.
 2. Remaining teams will be allocated to the "A" Level.
 - ii. Teams in "AA" Level are considered stronger than teams in "A" Level.
 - iii. Teams may request to move from the "AA" Level to the "A" Level.
 - iv. Teams that finish in the top 2 of their first "A" Level event will be eligible to switch into the "AA" Level.
 1. Requests must be submitted by 9:00pm on the Monday following their first event.
 2. Rankings:
 - a. Moving from "AA" to "A": 1st place ranking (or sequential order based on finish if there are multiple teams).

- b. Moving from “A” to “AA”: 1st in “A” = Number of teams in the “AA” event +1. 2nd in “A” = Number of teams in the “AA” event +2.
 - v. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
 - vi. The Regional Development Committee reserves the right to move teams from the “A” Level to the “AA” Level or the “AA” Level to the “A” Level.
 - d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. “AA” Level: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. “A” Level: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - e. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. 17/18U age categories will be combined for Super Series. Super Series will feature “AA” Level events and “A” Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First & second events: Modified power pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams must have competed in one of the first 2 Super Series).
 - iii. First and second events: Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2018 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
 - f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions – Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.

- v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
 - 1. Teams are ranked on their final placement results at Super Series, regardless of their age category. For example, if the highest finishing 17U team places 5th, they will receive a 5th place result for that event.
 - 2. "AA" Level teams will be ranked ahead of "A" Level teams.
- vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 at their Provincial Championship.
 - 1. Teams from remote areas may apply for an exemption to compete in Division 1 if only 1 Super Series is attended.
 - 2. Teams that are granted an exemption will be ranked on their team's top Super Series result.
- vii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- viii. Some Divisions may include teams from both "AA" & "A" Levels.
- ix. Division 1 = 12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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Male Age Categories:

12U Boys – athletes born in 2007 or later.

- a. Clubs looking to host [12U Programs](#) are encouraged to contact Rosalynn Campbell for additional support.
- b. LTAD Developmental Stage: "Training to Train"; 70% training, 30% competition.
- c. All boy's teams will register in the "AA" Level.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.20 meters.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. [Tripleball Format](#) will be utilized.
 - iv. Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - v. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - vi. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Jamboree Guidelines (Volleyball BC Jamborees Only)
 - i. Badminton courts or modified volleyball courts will be utilized (~6m x 13m).
 - ii. Participants register individually.

- iii. Format:
 - 1. Morning Session – Development Camp.
 - 2. Afternoon Session – 4 on 4 competition.
- iv. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require. If combined, 13U rules will be utilized.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. 6 on 6 competition.
 - iv. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 1. Pool play - teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools based on pool play results.
 - v. Rankings for pool play are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - iv. 6 on 6 competition.
 - v. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - iii. Court Size = 8m (depth) x 9m (wide).
 - iv. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - v. 6 on 6 competition.
 - vi. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, considering, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - vii. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - viii. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - ix. Division 1 = 8-12 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

13U Boys – athletes born in 2006 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iv. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - v. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - vi. Volleyball Canada mandates that teams in the 13U age category do not specialize. Coaches are required to assign court position 1, 2 or 3 as the designated setting position prior to each set.
 - 1. Volleyball BC will continue to have the 13U boys age category compete under the 14U boys age category competition guidelines until numbers do not require.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iv. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - viii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - iii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.

- iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
- iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
- v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
- vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

14U Boys – athletes born in 2005 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- d. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
 - vii. All Super Spike events are weighted equally.
- e. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only)
 - a. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.

- b. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
- iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, considering, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
- iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
- v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
- vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

15U Boys – athletes born in 2004 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of contact.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - v. Teams will be responsible for providing Minor Officials for the matches they are assigned (pool play matches) and their own matches (playoff matches). Pool Play & Playoff matches will be determined by the Event Host. Additional details can be found in the Minor Officiating section.
- d. Super Volley Guidelines
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings are based off previous Provincial Championship results, Super Volley results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Volley (two-day event).
 - vii. All Super Volley events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Open, no power pools. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.

- iv. Super Volley results may be considered (but will not be the sole determining factor) when ranking regions into Divisions at Provincial Championships.
- v. Final rankings are based on Super Volley results, geographical representation and RDC recommendations.
- vi. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

16U Boys – athletes born in 2003 or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All boy’s teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. No libero, 12 limited substitution.
 - ii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.
 - iii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iv. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
 - v. Teams will be responsible for providing Minor Officials for the matches they are assigned (pool play matches) and their own matches (playoff matches). Pool Play & Playoff matches will be determined by the Event Host. Additional details can be found in the Minor Officiating section.
- d. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second event: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - ii. First event: Teams will serpentine across all pools. Second event: Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings: For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2018 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- e. Provincial Championships

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- i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
- ii. Division 1: No libero, 12 limited substitution.
- iii. Subsequent Divisions: No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
- iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, geographic representation and RDC recommendations.
- v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
- vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 at their Provincial Championship.
 - 1. Teams from remote areas may apply for an exemption to compete in Division 1 if only 1 Super Series is attended.
 - 2. Teams that are granted an exemption will be ranked on their team's top Super Series result.
- vii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. In the event that both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- viii. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

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17/18U Boys – athletes born in 2001 (18U), 2002 (17U) or later.

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. All boy's teams will register in the “AA” Level.
- c. Athletes born in 2000 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - ii. [2016 Net and Center Line Rules](#) are in effect.
 - iii. [Quick Sub Rule](#) is in effect.
- e. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. First event: Open format, no power pools. Second event: Modified Power Pool format (top 4-12 teams). Third event: True power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - ii. First event: Teams will serpentine across all pools. Second event: Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Third event: Teams ranked 1-4 will

be in the first pool, teams ranked 5-8 will be in the second pool, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.

- iii. Playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings: For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2018 Provincial Championship result and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations. Second, third and fourth events are based on Super Series results.
 - 1. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked as best as possible based on their Athlete Ranking.
 - v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- f. Provincial Championships
- i. Format: Division 1 - True Power Pools (top 8 teams), remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools. Subsequent Divisions - Open Format (no power pools). Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Division 1: Libero, 6 limited substitution.
 - iii. Subsequent Divisions: Libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, club representation and RDC recommendations.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
 - vi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 at their Provincial Championship.
 - 1. Teams from remote areas may apply for an exemption to compete in Division 1 if only 1 Super Series is attended.
 - 2. Teams that are granted an exemption will be ranked on their team's top Super Series result.
 - vii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - viii. Division 1 = 8-16 teams, if the number of registered teams allows. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.



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