



# 2016/17 Maritime Volleyball League Competitions Guide

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## Overview

Volleyball New Brunswick will be organizing the “Maritime Volleyball League” for senior male athletes. The main objective of this league is to create a league for the top players in the Maritimes to have access to meaningful competition. The majority of the athletes in the MVL will have played CIS, CCAA, National team and/or professionally at some point their careers. VNB has organized a very successful provincial senior league in the past, however the league has lost participation in the previous years due to athletes relocating from the province. Therefore, the Maritime Volleyball League was created.

## Timeline

August 19, 2016: Distribute 2016/17 competitions guide  
November 30, 2016: Team application due (email to league coordinators)  
December 10, 2016 to April 23, 2017: League play  
May, 2017: League review and preparations for 2017/18 MVL season

## Application

All interested teams must contact VNB Executive Director, Ryley Boldon ([vnbnb@nb.aibn.com](mailto:vnbnb@nb.aibn.com) or 506.451.1346) by November 30, 2016 to register for the league.

## Athlete Eligibility

All athletes must be registered members of their local Provincial Sport Organizations. For example, if you live in Nova Scotia, you must be a member of Volleyball Nova Scotia. If an athlete has played CIS, professionally, or CCAA during the respective season they are not eligible to play in the MVL during that season. In order to be eligible for the MVL Championship, an athlete must have participated in at least one (1) sanctioned MVL event. For exceptions, please contact the league coordinators to discuss options.

Athletes must declare which team they are going to play on by the November 30 deadline. This will be the team that you must play with for the Maritime Championship. An athlete may participate in a tournament with another team assuming that their declared team is not participating in that event. This will help teams pick up other MVL players to be able to attend certain events.

## Maritime Volleyball League Championship Team Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the MVL Championship, a team must participate in at least two (2) sanctioned MVL events. All athletes must meet the athlete eligibility requirements as well. For exceptions, please contact the league coordinators to discuss options.

## Competition Schedule

VNB Senior Open (Moncton, NB)

December 10-11, 2016

Registration Fee: \$325/team

Prizes: TBD by Host (usually cash, gift certificates, etc.)



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Registration: [www.vnb.nb.ca](http://www.vnb.nb.ca)

## Fredericton (AUS) Tournament (Fredericton, NB)

February 24, 2017

Registration Fee: \$200ish/team

Prizes: TBD by Host

Registration: TBD

\*The plan is to rotate this annually between Fredericton and Halifax and try to always run this event around one of the AUS Final Matches. It makes sense to host it in Fredericton this year because Ryley and VNB can organize the first one.

## Halifax Open (Halifax, NS)

March 25-26, 2017

Registration Fee: \$XXX/team

Prizes: TBD by Host

Registration: [paulmricher@gmail.com](mailto:paulmricher@gmail.com)

## Maritime Volleyball League Championship (Moncton, NB)

April 8-9, 2017

Registration Fee: \$325/team

Prizes: Cash (amount depends on number of teams in the MVL)

Registration: [www.vnb.nb.ca](http://www.vnb.nb.ca)

## **Rankings**

Rankings will be determined as follows:

| Rank | Points |
|------|--------|
| 1    | 500    |
| 2    | 460    |
| 3    | 430    |
| 4    | 415    |
| 5    | 390    |
| 6    | 370    |
| 7    | 350    |
| 8    | 330    |
| 9    | 310    |
| 10   | 300    |

Please note that you will only be ranked amongst MVL teams for events that have non-MVL teams participating. For example, if a non-MVL team wins the VNB Senior Open and an MVL team finishes second, the MVL would receive a first place ranking for that event.



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To determine the rank of teams entering a sanctioned tournament the following process will be implemented:

- Calculate the sum of the two highest point accumulations.
- Divide the sum by 2
- In the case of a tie the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
- The result of matches played head to head in the most recent tournament.
- The sum of the 3 highest points divided by 3 (if one of the tied teams have not played in a 3rd tournament, the tie break will go to the team that partook in the extra VNB sanctioned tournament.)
- The team with the higher placed finish in the most recent tournament that both teams attended.
- The team with higher placed finishes in all tournaments attended

## Rules

The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise stated. The official game ball at all MVL events is the Mikasa MVA200.

## Tie Breaking Procedure

If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied in the following order:

- (1) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (2) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (3) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher.
- (4) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (5) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering ALL games played during the round robin, will be ranked higher.
- (6) As determined by the Organizing Committee (A coin toss, an extra game, etc.)

## Tie Breaking Sequence

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

- (1) When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- (2) When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

Note: This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, Z and criteria "b" is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken. However, if criteria "b" determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria "c" and so on, if necessary. Do not start at "a" again.



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Continue through the sequence of criteria. Also, please note that when the number of teams are not even in each pool, VNB will respect a perfect record and rank that team first of their pool. After ranking the teams within their pool, the ranking for playoffs will be done by using points for/against.

## **Registered Teams Responsibilities**

It is the duty and responsibility of all players and coaches to know the rules of the game and abide by them. The Volleyball Canada rules as presented in the 2016-2017 Volleyball Canada Rule Book and as applied by officials registered with VNB are the only rules applicable in sanctioned competitions unless otherwise stated. To ensure eligibility can be shown, teams and clubs must be registered prior to their first sanctioned competition. Individual players may be added to rosters throughout the year. The host reserves the right to hold team registration fees and sanction teams that do not show up for the tournament they registered for and/or drops out after the tournament registration deadline. If for any reason a team leaves a tournament before all play is complete, they risk being sanctioned and fined up to \$100.00.

## **Team Withdrawal Procedure**

Any team withdrawing from a sanctioned tournament must do so 15 days prior to event. In other words, by the registration deadline. The host will retain 10% of the registration fee to cover some administrative cost. A team that doesn't show up is a "no show" and will not have their tournament registration refunded; they will also be given a warning. After the second occurrence the team will be eliminated from participation in the MVL Championship. This sanction could be appealed in writing. If local weather or other circumstances prevents a team from traveling to an event, the team contact must notify the tournament host an hour prior to the start of the tournament. If a team is unable to attend due to weather or mitigating circumstances, teams will not be asked to forfeit their tournament entry fee.

## **Schedule Times**

The tournament director has the authority (in consultation with coaches and the Head Official) to move matches ahead and/or move matches to a different court than scheduled, in order to avoid delays and shorten the length of the tournament day. Finals will be scheduled no later than 6pm unless otherwise stated by the tournament host.

## **Tournament Cancellation Policy**

No tournament will be held if there are less than 4 teams. If a tournament host wishes to cancel due to weather or other mitigating circumstances they must do so by 2 pm, the Friday prior to their event. If a tournament is cancelled teams will be refunded their tournament entry fee and will be awarded one point that will count towards their MVL Championship eligibility.

## **League Tournament Refunds**

The host will deduct a 10% administrative fee from all refund/cancellation requests for any tournament cancelled prior to the registration deadline. For any cancellation done after the registration deadline there will be no refund. All cancellation or refund requests must be done in writing to the league coordinators. Any event cancelled by VNB will be 100% refunded



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## League Coordinators Contact

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