



Volleyball New Brunswick
Senior Competitions Guide
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Mission Statement

Volleyball New Brunswick (VNB) is a non-profit organization established to provide quality services and programs to all interested individuals and groups that will assist in the promotion, development, and growth of volleyball in New Brunswick.

1.2 Criteria for Success

In 2017-18, Volleyball New Brunswick will be a successful sport organization that is:

- Passionate about the sport of volleyball and active in the sporting world;
- Athlete-centered and believes in continued sport development;
- Creating opportunities for everyone to participate in and support volleyball;
- Well-known and respected locally, provincially and nationally;
- Known for quality high performance and competitive programs;
- Innovative and forward thinking;
- Driven by dynamic committed leadership;
- Building and inviting culture of excitement, fun and friendliness;
- Rewarding and challenging for staff and volunteers;
- Consistent, organized and well structured; and
- Professional, ethical and fiscally responsible

1.3 VNB Governance Model

Volleyball New Brunswick governs and operates following the 'Carver' model organization. Our Board of Directors/Executive Committee consists of volunteer people. They determine the policies and long-term direction while the Chief Staff Officer, the Executive Director, working with the Association's Standing Committees is responsible for interpretation and implementation of policies and for making recommendations to the board on both policies and long-term direction. Under this model the Executive Director is an 'ex-officio' member of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. Volleyball New Brunswick is committed to establishing a working environment that stimulates creativity, and encourages idea sharing amongst both volunteers and staff.

1.4 Membership

The members of VNB shall abide to the policies in the Operations Manual and Constitution and will pay membership fees as established by a majority of delegates present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting of VNB. Full membership in VNB is open to all individuals who express an interest in pursuing the purposes of VNB. Membership season expire August 31st of each year. There shall be three classes of membership, namely, "Full", "Associate/Recreational" and "Honorary".

Full Membership: An active member shall be any individual who pays the designated registration fee. The member may be a player, a coach, an official, and/or administrator, and may register as either a member of a team or individually.

Associate/Recreational: Associate/Recreational membership shall be open to any person, corporation or association admitted to VNB from time to time by the general membership at an



Annual General Meeting of VNB. An associate/recreational member will pay dues, receive no vote at the Annual General Meeting, not be eligible to hold office on the executive committee, and will receive limited services.

Honorary Membership: Honorary membership is granted by vote of the membership to individuals who have contributed to the furtherance of the purposes of VNB.

1.5 Annual General Meeting

Reports from directors, financial statements are presented. Recommendations from the standing committees are made and voted upon. The A.G.M. is held in September or October each year.

2.0 Contact Information

2.1 Administration

The VNB administrative office is located at the Sport New Brunswick office at 900 Hanwell Road, Suite 13 in Fredericton while its executive and board members are from various regions of the province. Volleyball New Brunswick has two professional staff members. Office hours are 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday to Friday

2.2 Executive Committee

Title	Name	Phone	Email
President	James Cress	506.458.7041	jcress@unb.ca
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2.3 Board of Directors/Committee Chairs

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Beach Volleyball Coordinator	Vacant		

3.0 Registration and Fees



3.1.1 Requirements

All teams must be registered with Volleyball New Brunswick prior to playing in a volleyball New Brunswick league tournament. VNB membership is active from September 1st to August 31st. All teams must have registration fees paid in full before being considered 'registered' with Volleyball New Brunswick. Registration and payment must be made online. To register go to Volleyball New Brunswick's website www.volleyballnb.org then go to click 'membership' and select the online registration link through the VRS

3.2 Team Registration Deadlines

The deadline for the VNB Indoor Team Registration for the Senior Division is as follows:

- Must be registered before the seeding tournament (October 13, 2017)

3.3 Eligibility

3.3.1 Team Eligibility

3.3.1.1 Any New Brunswick team competing in any VNB sanctioned event must be fully registered and may utilize only registered VNB members.

3.3.1.2 Any VNB representative in any capacity may demand proof of registration of a team and Club or of any individual at any VNB competition.

3.3.1.3 Out of province teams must be registered with their association to participate in VNB tournaments.

3.3.1.4 If a team does not wish to take part in the VNB Provincial Championships but does wish to play in the Volleyball New Brunswick sanctioned events, they must register by the appropriate deadlines and pay the membership registration fee.

3.3.1.5 Each registered team can have two out-of-province players as long the players are registered members of Volleyball New Brunswick. If the athlete is already a member of another Provincial Sport Organization, the equivalent fee of a membership must be paid to Volleyball New Brunswick. No out-of-province teams will be allowed to play at VNB Provincial Championships. Please contact Volleyball New Brunswick if you would like to have an out-of-province player on your roster. Any additional requests in this area would need to be reviewed and approved by VNB on an exception basis.

3.3.2 Player Eligibility

3.3.2.1 Participants will register for each VNB division they play in as either a Full Member or an Associate Member (Please see section 1.4. *Membership* for definition).

3.3.2.2 VNB members must be residents of New Brunswick.

3.3.2.3 Players from another province must be a member in good standing from their respective province.

3.4 Adult Fees

Age Group	Player Fee	Team Fee
Adult	\$25/player	\$300/team

3.4.1 Membership fees are 100% non-refundable.

3.5 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 2017-2018 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 Adult and Youth team rosters throughout the year. This player must follow all eligibility requirements to play in the Provincial Championships.
- VNB reserves the right to hold team registration fees and sanction teams that does 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.

4.0 Adult Competition Regulations

4.1 Divisions of Play

Senior Female – Division 1 – Open (18U team's must contact VNB for approval)

Senior Female – Division 2 – Open (18U team's must contact VNB for approval)

Senior Male – Open (18U team's must contact VNB for approval)

*Senior Male will be in the Maritime Volleyball League (separate guide)

4.2 Rules

The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise stated.

4.3 Team Eligibility for Provincials

To be eligible for the VNB Provincial Championship, teams must participate in 3 sanctioned tournaments. The VNB Seeding tournament now counts as a sanctioned tournament towards Provincials. Teams must participate at the Provincial Championship for the category they are registered. The VNB Seeding tournament is mandatory for all teams wishing to participate in the league. This tournament is used to figure out your division as well as a nice opportunity for another competitive tournament.

4.4 Player Eligibility for Provincials

VNB requires that athletes participate in at least 1 tournament before Provincial Championships.

4.5 Tournament Regulations

Every tournament is open to each division. However, the registration start dates are different.

Ex: By The Balls - D1 Tournament #2

Date: March 19th, 2016

Location: Oromocto High School, Oromocto, NB

8 Team Tournament

Cost: \$225

D1 Registration Start: November 17th, 2015

D2 Registration Start: February 15th, 2016

Deadline: March 4th, 2016



In this example, this is a division 1 event. The registration starts for D1 teams on November 17. The registration for D2 teams starts on February 15. The reason there are two registration dates is to ensure that all teams of that division have the first opportunity to register. This process is done the same way for a D2 tournament. Only D2 teams can register early and it will then be opened to D1 teams. Please contact VNB if you have any questions.

4.6 Registration Deadline

The deadline to register for all VNB tournaments, except for Provincial Championships, is 15 days prior to the event. This will give VNB the chance to better prepare the schedule. The schedule should be sent to teams 3 days prior to the event. Registration for sanctioned tournaments can be done on the Volleyball Registration System.

4.7 Official Game Ball

The official game ball is the Mikasa MVA200 at all VNB events.

4.8 Uniform Rule

The uniform rule will be in effect at all VNB events. This means matching shorts and shirts with legal numbers.

4.9 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. VNB will retain 10% of the registration fee to cover some administrative cost. If a team withdraws after the 15 days prior to the event, VNB will retain 100% of the registration fee.
- 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 VNB Provincial Championships.
- 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.

4.10 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 VNB and Age-Class committee

4.11 Format

Depending on the number of teams, the Volleyball New Brunswick Provincials may be a one or two-day event. Playoffs may be tiered, but full positional play downs will not necessarily be



scheduled. The VNB Provincials will be scheduled and formatted by the VNB Program Coordinator in co-operation with the Senior Committee.

4.12 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 Provincial Championship eligibility.

4.13 Special Requests

All special requests must be made in writing to the Senior Committee Chair through e-mail with the information provided in section 2.3 above.

5.0 League Tournaments

5.1 Hosting a League Tournament

- Teams wishing to host a sanctioned league tournament are to contact the VNB Program Coordinator.
- League Tournament hosts will be determined by the VNB Program Coordinator. Tournament organizers will abide by the guidelines set out in the VNB Tournament Host Package.
- Tournament organizers must try to accept all teams that register in from their own division. If host fails to do so for facility reason, another host may run a tournament in a different area of the province. Teams that will transfer from one tournament to another in this format will not be penalized. If tournament spots are not filled the day prior to registration deadline the host may decide to allow teams from another division to fill the empty spots.
- It is strongly recommended that the tournament host provide some sort of prize, medals, plaque, certificate, etc. to recognize the first place team at your own tournament.

5.2 Tournament Seeding

The serpentine method will be used for all tournaments. Teams will be seeded following each tournament and will be posted on the website. VNB will use these rankings to determine scheduling of the tournaments. VNB reserves the right to change the ranking in certain circumstances (same club teams playing each other, too many travelling teams in a pool etc.)

5.3 Point System

Points will be awarded as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	500	11	290
2	460	12	280
3	430	13	270
4	415	14	260
5	390	15	250
6	370	16	240
7	350	17	230
8	330	18	220
9	310	19	210



10	300	20+	200
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5.4 Determining Tournament Rank

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

1. Calculate the sum of the two highest point accumulations.
2. Divide the sum by 2
3. In the case of a tie the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
 - a. The result of matches played head to head in the most recent tournament.
 - b. 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.)
 - c. The team with the higher placed finish in the most recent tournament that both teams attended.
 - d. The team with higher placed finishes in all tournaments attended
 - e. Coin toss

5.5 Protests

Tournament competition protests are to be lodged according to the procedures listed in the Volleyball Canada Rule Book and/or as outlined in the tournament rules, for the tournament Protest Committee to handle.

Inquiries and protests regarding procedures or regulations are to be addressed to the league coordinator and Volleyball New Brunswick in writing.

5.6 Official's Fees

Please note of the following fees when hosting a tournament, also see Officials rates below:

Travel costs for referees are depending on the distance traveled. This could cost the host \$0.40 per KM per vehicle. Also Hosts will also have to pay for meal allowance if needed.

Guidelines are as follows:

Breakfast - \$10 (if official stays overnight)

Lunch \$12 (for out of zone officials only)

Supper \$18 (if on the court or traveling past 6pm)

Senior Tournament

Required to have 2 referees per court; Playoffs will be best 2/3. Cost per referee depends on level of refereeing the person holds.

8 Team Tournament

Two Pools of 4, with four teams moving onto Semis and Finals.



12 Round Robin games with 3 playoff games.
 Referee Costs are \$504-570

12 Team Tournament

Three Pools of 4, with 4 moving onto Semis and Finals, or 6 Teams moving onto Quarters, Semis and Finals.

18 Round Robin Games with 3 or 5 playoff games.
 Referee Costs are \$696-786 or \$776-878

16 Team Tournament

Four Pools of 4, with 8 Teams moving on to Quarters, Semis, and Finals.

24 Round Robin Games with 7 playoff games
 Referee Costs are \$1048-1186

Senior			
8 Teams	12 Teams	12 Teams	16 Teams
12 x 32 = 384	18 x 32 = 576	18 x 32 = 576	24 x 32 = 768
2 x 40 = 80	2 x 40 = 80	4 x 40 = 160	6 x 40 = 240
1 x 40 = 40	1 x 40 = 40	1 x 40 = 40	1 x 40 = 40
Total = 504	Total = 696	Total = 776	Total = 1048
Or	Or	Or	Or
12 x 36 = 432	18 x 36 = 648	18 x 36 = 648	24 x 36 = 864
2 x 46 = 92	2 x 46 = 92	4 x 46 = 184	6 x 46 = 276
1 x 46 = 46	1 x 46 = 46	1 x 46 = 46	1 x 46 = 46
Total = 570	Total = 786	Total = 878	Total = 1186

5.6.1 Official's Reimbursement for Members

Expenses			
Meal		Travel	Accommodations
Breakfast	\$10.00	\$0.40 per km	As per tournament host or match host
Lunch	\$12.00	Refer to mileage chart below	Where possible – accommodations must be billed directly back to host
Supper	\$18.00		

Note: Meal allowance is only to be allocated to:

1. Indicates reimbursement for travelling out-of-zone officials
2. To receive breakfast allowance, you must be staying overnight in the location of the tournament or leaving before 6am to officiate tournament
3. A lunch allowance is only to reimburse out-of-zone travelling officials



4. To receive a supper allowance, you must be leaving a tournament or travelling after 6pm and/or staying overnight in the location of the tournament
5. A supper allowance is not to be provided for a week day match play

5.6.1.2 Match and Game Rates

<i>Senior</i>			
	<i>Each Set</i>	<i>Match 2/3</i>	<i>Match 3/5</i>
	<i>2 referees per court</i>	<i>2 referees per court</i>	<i>2 referees per court</i>
<i>Local</i>	\$8.00	\$20.00	\$36.00
<i>Provincial</i>	\$8.00	\$20.00	\$36.00
<i>Regional</i>	\$9.00	\$23.00	\$40.00
<i>National/International</i>	\$9.00	\$23.00	\$40.00

VNBOA will provide 2 officials per court at all times and call surrounding regions to bring outside officials to events.

<i>All Ages for VNB</i>			
	<i>Each Set</i>	<i>Match 2/3</i>	<i>Match 3/5</i>
	<i>2 referee per court</i>	<i>2 referee per court</i>	<i>2 referee per court</i>
<i>Linesperson</i>	\$4.00	\$10.00	\$18.00

5.6.1.3 Mileage Chart

Please see vnb.nb.ca for information on the official's mileage rates.

5.7 League Tournament Refunds

VNB will deduct a 10% administrative fee from all refund/cancellation requests for any VNB indoor 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 VNB Program Coordinator. Any event cancelled by VNB will be 100% refunded

6.0 Tie Breaking Procedure

6.1 Volleyball Canada Rule Book

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

- (a) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
- (b) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the



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

6.2 Sequencing

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. 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.

7.0 VNB Provincials

7.1 Dates and Locations

Division	Date	Location
Senior	April 21-22, 2018	Moncton, NB

7.2 Seeding and Divisions

The serpentine method will be used in the year end tournament ranking. VNB reserves the right to reconfigure the division if 2 teams from the same club are slotted to compete against each other in the round robin

7.3 Refund Policy

VNB will deduct a 50% administrative fee from all refund/cancellation requests for the VNB Provincial Championships 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 VNB Program Coordinator. Any event cancelled by VNB will be 100% refunded.