



2017 Competitions Guide

Atlantic Beach Tour Competitions Guide

Divisions of Play

The Atlantic Beach Tour provides competition for registered adult and youth members. Youth players can play in the adult division provided all registration regulations are met.

Senior (Adult) Division

Any member is eligible to play in the senior division. The competitive season consists of the Atlantic Beach Tour, Atlantic Championships and the National Open Championships.

Eligibility

Any person who is a registered member of Volleyball New Brunswick, Volleyball Nova Scotia, Volleyball Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association is eligible to play. A member in good standing from any other Provincial Volleyball Association in Canada will be eligible to play upon confirmation from the host province.

Division Ages

Senior

18 & Under – 1999 or later

16 & Under – 2001 or later

14 & Under – 2003 or later

Registration

All teams must be registered with Volleyball New Brunswick, Volleyball Nova Scotia, Volleyball Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association before playing in an Atlantic Beach Tour event. Membership is active from September 1 to August 31. The deadline for Beach Player Registration for the Senior and Youth Division is July 31, 2017. Please note: Players must pay registration before playing a tournament. No matter what the deadline is. All teams must have their registration fee paid in full before being considered “registered”. Registration and payment must be made on-line. Contact your Provincial Association to register.

Atlantic Beach Championships

The Atlantic Beach Championships have replaced each Atlantic province's individual Provincial Championship. Teams will be seeded in Nationals Championships based on their finish at Atlantic Championships. Atlantic Beach Championships will be held August 5 - 6, 2017 (Youth) and August 12 – 13 (Adult) at Parlee Beach in Shediac, NB.

Registered Team's Responsibilities:

It is the duty and responsibility of all players and coaches to know the rules of the game and abide by them.

1. The Volleyball Canada Rules as presented in the current Volleyball Canada Rule Book and as applied by officials are the only rules applicable in sanctioned competitions unless otherwise stated.
2. To ensure eligibility can be shown, players and clubs must be registered prior the there first event sanctioned competition. This player must follow all eligibility requirements to play in the Atlantic Beach Championships.

Registration Procedure and Deadline

Registration deadline for tournaments will be the Monday prior to the event. Teams must register online through their Provincial Association. Check-in will always be scheduled ½ hour prior to the first round. Teams who do not plan to be there for check-in are asked to call in to ensure their participation in the tournament. The host province will take care of all registrations, schedules, facilities, balls and running the tournaments.

Atlantic Beach Tour Team Entry Fee

Senior - \$80

Youth - \$80

Atlantic Beach Championships Team Entry Fee

Senior - \$100

Youth - \$100

Atlantic Beach Championships

To be eligible to play in Atlantics, each player must have played a minimum of 3 sanctioned events (any Atlantic stop) with a minimum of 1 tournament played together. Registered beach athletes from the NLVA only need to play in one sanctioned event to be eligible for Atlantic Championships. If a Provincial Team Athlete from any of the four provinces can't participate in a beach event due to Provincial Team training or competition, that specific event can be credited to

the athlete for 1 ranking point. The athlete must notify their PSO prior to the event that they would like to receive the credit.

Official Ball

Mikasa VLS300

Prizes

The following guidelines will be followed when issuing prizing unless otherwise indicated by the tournament hosts.

Senior Tournaments		
# of Teams	All Tour Events	Atlantics
5 Teams or Less	1st (\$100)	1 (\$150) 2 (\$75)
6 to 10 Teams	1 (\$150) 2 (\$75) 3 (\$50)	1 (\$400) 2 (\$200) 3 (\$100)
More than 10 Teams	1 (\$225) 2 (\$125) 3 (\$50)	1 (\$600) 2 (\$300) 3 (\$100)

Youth – Various Prizes

Point System:

Each sanctioned event will be worth points.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Rank	Senior Atlantic Beach Tour	18U Atlantic Beach Tour	16U Atlantic Beach Tour	14U Atlantic Beach Tour
1	800	600	500	400
2	760	560	460	360
3	730	530	430	330
4	715	515	415	315
5	690	490	390	290
6	670	470	370	270
7	650	450	350	250
8	630	430	330	230
9	610	410	310	210
10	609	409	309	209
11	608	408	308	208
12	607	407	307	207
13	606	406	306	206
14	605	405	305	205
15	604	404	304	204
16	603	403	303	203
17	602	402	302	202
18	601	401	301	201
19	600	400	300	200

Wildcards

Teams wishing to apply for a Wildcard must do so by sending the Tournament Organizer an email outlining their previous results and accomplishments prior to the registration deadline. Only teams registered for the event will be considered. Teams awarded Wildcards will be seeded 3rd in the tournament and will need to demonstrate through previous results that they have a reasonable chance of finishing in the top 3. The tournament host reserves the right not to award a wildcard.

Competitions Guidelines

It is the responsibility of the Beach Committee to manage competitions efficiently and fairly and to solve any related problems. To that end, the Committee may adjust and implement changes during the season if new circumstances arise.

- Rules: The rules listed in the current edition of the Volleyball Canada Rule Book are in effect unless otherwise stated.
- Format: Depending on the number of teams, Atlantic Beach Championships may be a one or two day event. Playoffs may be tiered, but full positional play downs will not necessarily be scheduled.
- Tournament Cancellation Policy: No tournament will be held if there are less than 4 teams.

If local weather or other circumstances prevent a team from traveling to an event, the team contact must notify the tournament coordinator. If a tournament is cancelled, or team unable to attend due to mitigating circumstances, teams will not be asked to forfeit the Provincial entry fee.

Beach Tournament Guidelines

- 1-2 official supervisors for the tournament will be assigned, they will guide play during the tournament, and officiate the Tournament Finals
- For player safety, if a thunderstorm is imminent, all play will stop to protect the athletes. Play will resume once there has been 15 minutes with no lightening strike in the area.
- Even in the presence of rain, play will continue, unless the conditions create adverse court conditions which affect play.
- After the first round is done, the next set of teams will have 10 minutes of warm-up before their game. To ensure that the flow of the tournament continues, please make sure to abide by this guideline.
- If there is a discrepancy in a call, the Tournament Official Supervisor shall mediate and decide the course of action.
- Teams will be assigned officiating duties throughout tournaments. If a team misses an assignment they will be fined \$50/match that must be paid before the team can play in the next tournament. If these fines are not paid they will carry over into the following year.

Tie-breaking procedures

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

1. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches 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 team, 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, will be ranked higher;
6. As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g. extra game, toss of coin, etc.)

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.

Tournament seeding:

Teams will be seeded in Atlantic Beach Tour events based on the following:

- 1st event: Final placement from the 2016 Atlantic Championships
- 2nd event: 2017 Average points (if played event 1) or final placement from 2016 Atlantic Championships
- 3rd event: 2017 Average points (if played weeks 1 or 2) or final placement from 2016 Atlantic Championships
- 4th event: 2017 Average points (if played weeks 1, 2, or 3) or final placement from 2016 Atlantic Championships
- After the 4th event: Average of best 2 results in 2017
- Atlantic Championships: Average of best 3 results from the current Atlantic Beach Tour.

A Team’s average points will be determined based on the average points of each individual player.

Teams will be seeded using an average result from the Atlantic Beach Tour points system, where possible. Any ties will be broken using the following

methods, which will be applied in order until all ties are broken, and all tied teams ranked:

- A team's average points of the season.
- A team's result in the most recent Atlantic Beach Tour event and working backwards to the first event of the season
- A team's result at the previous Atlantic Beach Championships
- A team's seed going into the previous Beach Atlantic Championships
- Coin Toss

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 in writing.

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