



2018 Competition Guide

Atlantic Beach Tour Competitions Guide

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Divisions of Play

The Atlantic Beach Tour provides competition for registered Adult and Youth Clubs/Teams. Youth players can play Adult provided all registration regulations are met.

Senior (adult) Division

Any member with a beach role is eligible to play in the Senior division. The competitive season consist of the Atlantic Beach Tour and the Atlantic Championships. Adult Division teams may also participate in the Senior 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

18U: Athletes born between September 1, 1999 and Dec 31 2000 (16 months)

16U: Athletes born between September 1, 2001 and Dec 31 2002 (16 months)

14U: Athletes born between September 1, 2003 and Dec 31 2004 (16 months)

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 1st to August 31st.

The deadline for Beach Player Registration for the Senior and Youth Division is July 31st, 2018

Please note: Players will have to 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 online. 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 4th-5th in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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 to their first 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 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 (Provincial Sport Organization) 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	1 st (\$100)	1 st (\$150) 2 nd (\$75)
6 to 10 teams	1 st (\$150) 2 nd (\$75) 3 rd (\$50)	1 st (\$400) 2 nd (\$200) 3 rd (\$50)
More than 10 teams	1 st (\$225) 2 nd (\$125) 3 rd (\$50)	1 st (\$600) 2 nd (\$300) 3 rd (\$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 make adjustments 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 is 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 lightning 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

How to break a tie after pool play

Between two (2) teams:

- The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool, is ranked higher;
- If still tied, then the winner of head-to-head match is ranked higher.

Between three (3) teams:

- The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
- If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool;
- If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry and the better seed of the tied teams will be higher ranked (for example, seed #15 is ranked higher than seed #18, while seed #18 is ranked higher than seed #31).

Pool Play Points:

Match won: 2 points

Match lost: 1 point

Matches Forfeited: 0 points (21-0, 21-0)

Points in case of Forfeit/Disqualification

-If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match, it will earn one (1) match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with "INJ/DSQ".

-If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked "INJ/DSQ" and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

Note: The tie-breaker to break ties amongst pools is different (e.g. if you need to determine who is the best 2nd place team). In this case, the tie would be broken by the match points, then set ratio, then rally point ratio, then finally if still tied, a draw.

Tournament seeding

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

- 1st event: Final placement from the previous Atlantic Championships
- 2nd event: Current season's average points (if played event 1) or final placement from previous year's Atlantic Championships
- 3rd event: Current season's average points (if played weeks 1 or 2) or final placement from previous Atlantic Championships
- 4th event: Current season's average points (if played weeks 1, 2, or 3) or final placement from previous Atlantic Championships
- After the 4th event: Average of best 2 results in current season
- 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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