



Volleyball New Brunswick
Senior Indoor Competition Guide
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Introduction

Volleyball New Brunswick exists to provide athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers with opportunities and support for participation, development, and advancement within the sport of volleyball.

This document is a guide containing information regarding the 2025-2026 indoor senior season including all necessary registration information. It applies to all VNB events unless otherwise stated. All standard rules and regulations are from the Volleyball Canada Rule Book which you can access [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the upcoming season or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Volleyball New Brunswick's (VNB) office at (506) 451-1346 or email operationsdirector@volleyballnb.org.

Be sure to visit VNB's website at volleyballnb.org. The website is updated regularly for your convenience to keep you informed on upcoming events, schedules, clinics, and programs for both indoor and beach volleyball.

Contact Information

Administration

The VNB Administrative Office is located at the Sport New Brunswick office at 900 Hanwell Road, Suite 31, in Fredericton. Its Executive and Board of Directors are from various regions of the province. VNB has four full-time professional staff members. Office hours are 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

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Types of Competition

This Guide covers three types of competition:

Senior Team Tournament - A Senior Team Tournament is a VNB-sanctioned tournament organized by a senior team/club and is officiated by VC Certified & Registered officials. Hosts will be required to apply and meet minimum hosting standards to be designated a sanctioned event, which includes being posted on the VNB website. Registration for club tournaments is through the Sportlomo Events page and VNB does create the schedule for these tournaments. These tournaments are used to determine rankings for the Senior Provincial Championships.

Open Tournament – An Open Tournament is a VNB-sanctioned tournament organized by VNB, a team, or an individual and is officiated by VC Certified & Registered officials. Hosts will be required to apply and meet minimum hosting standards to be designated a sanctioned event, which includes being posted on the VNB website. Clubs may choose to handle the tournament registration themselves, or they may use the Sportlomo Events page. These tournaments fall outside the normal competitive club season (September 1 to December 31). VNB does not create the schedule for these tournaments.

Senior Provincial Championships - The Senior Provincial Championship is the culmination of the competition year held during the competitive season.

Eligibility

Athlete Eligibility

All members of a team must be registered as an Adult Recreational Member of Volleyball New Brunswick (VNB). They must be registered before playing in any VNB sanctioned event. For the 2025/2026 membership year, the membership fee is \$40 and it is non-refundable. Memberships may be purchased through [this link](#).

To qualify for the Senior Provincial Championship. An athlete must have played in at least one (1) senior tournament or the Senior Open tournament in December. USport and CCAA athletes are not eligible for Senior Team Tournaments and Provincials in any semester in which they are listed on a school's roster. Athletes that leave school between September 1st and March 31st may apply for eligibility. This must be done and approved prior to the roster lock date.



Team Eligibility

Teams must be composed of VNB adult recreational members only. The roster must have a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of fifteen (15) players. To participate in a tournament, a team must have six (6) players.

Teams must submit a roster for each tournament they enter. Rosters may be modified up until one (1) month prior to the Senior Provincial Championship at which time they will be locked and cannot be modified without the permission of any two of the VNB Director of Operations, the VNB Senior Competitions Chair, or the VNB Executive Director.

To be eligible to play at the Senior Provincial Championship, teams must play in a minimum of two (2) VNB hosted, or team hosted events. (This includes the Women's Seeding Tournament, the Senior Open, and the Winter Senior Classic.)

Senior Seeding Tournament (Women Only)

All women's teams must play in the Senior Seeding Tournament. This one/two-day tournament in October is used to create the tiers for the season. There will be two (2) tiers with a maximum of eight (8) teams in tier 1.

Teams that do not play in the Senior Seeding tournament will be required to pay a fee equal to 50% of the tournament registration fee before they can compete in other tournaments (this does not apply to the Senior Open). These teams will be seeded last for the first tournament they enter and based on results, they may be reseeded.

Tournaments

VNB Hosted Events

Senior Seeding Tournament (Women)	Fredericton	October 25 th and 26 th (1- or 2-day TBD)
Men's Kickoff	Fredericton	October 26 th
Senior Open	Moncton	December 6 th and 7 th
Winter Classic	TBD	January 17 th and 18 th
Senior Provincials	Fredericton	April 18th-19th
Senior Men's Atlantic Open	Fredericton	April 18-19th



Team Hosted Events (Senior Team Tournaments)

Teams may apply to host tournaments via the Tournament Hosting Application available via [this link](#). It is the hosts responsibility to secure and pay for the facility. A 12% administration fee and the officials' fees will be taken from the total of the registration fees. The remainder will be paid to the tournament host.

From September to December, youth club tournaments and VNB-hosted events take priority in scheduling.

Tournament Operations

Registration for all team hosted and VNB hosted events will be completed through Sportlomo. Registration will close the Sunday prior to the tournament unless otherwise stated. VNB will create the schedules and will strive to distribute and post the schedule by Wednesday prior to the tournament.

If a team withdraws prior to the close of registration, they will incur a 10% cancellation fee. If a team withdraws after the close of registration, there will be no refund.

Teams that no show for a tournament will be sanctioned with a warning. A second occurrence will eliminate the team from participation in the provincial championships. This decision may be appealed. Please see the Appeals Policy on the VNB website (<https://volleyballnb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Appeal-Policy.pdf>)

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.

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 whenever possible.

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.

Ranking System

The following point chart applies to all tournaments. To better represent tournaments of varying sizes, teams will also receive 1 point for each team in the tournament. For example, the winner of an 8-team tournament will receive 508 points, 2nd place 468 points and so on.

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

Determining Tournament Rank

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

1. Calculated 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



Senior Open Guidelines

General Information:

The Senior Open is held in early December at the Moncton Coliseum. The schedule should be released five days before the event. This event consists of both Men and Women's division 1 and division 2 categories.

Registration:

As this is an Open tournament, participants do not need to be registered as a VNB member. Teams will register through the [VNB website](#) and individual player registration is not required. Teams from New Brunswick and out of province can compete. Universities and College athletes and teams competing at the CCAA level are allowed to enter Division 1 only. Athletes and teams on an active USport roster are not allowed to compete. All players must be 17 years of age by December 1st.

Age Class Teams:

Only teams in the 18U age category are able to participate in the Senior Open (Division 2) and must be approved by VNB. Younger age class team registrations will not be accepted.

Tournament Seeding:

The teams will be seeded based on the results of the Senior Open from the previous year. The serpentine method will be used. Teams that did not participate in the Senior Open the year prior will be ranked after all teams that did participate. Geography will also be a consideration when placing teams. Playoffs will be tiered.

Team Withdrawal:

If a team withdraws more than 15 days prior to the event, VNB will retain 10% of the registration fee to cover administrative costs. If a team withdraws 15 days or less to the event, VNB will retain 100% of the registration fee. If any team must withdraw due to extenuating circumstances (accidents, weather etc.), VNB will provide a full refund of the registration fee. During the event if a team must withdraw, VNB will retain the registration fee, and the team will lose their remaining matches by default.

**Insufficient Number of Players:**

If an injury occurs during the match, leaving a team with an insufficient number of players (6 players including libero), the team may redesignate the libero as a regular player to replace the injured player. Once the injured player has been removed from the court and the libero has been redesignated the match will continue as normal.

Following the match, if a team has an insufficient number of players (less than 6) but wishes to continue in the tournament, the team can pick up players in order to have the minimum of 6. The procedure to pick up a player will be applied in the following order:

1. In the preliminary rounds, only players not currently playing in the Open may be added.
2. Once playoff rounds begin, a team that competes in division 1 is able to pick up a player whose team has already been knocked out of playoffs from either division 1 or division 2.
3. If the team is in Division 2, they are able to pick up a player whose team has already been knocked out of the playoffs from Division 2.
4. Pick up a player from outside the tournament provided they meet the athlete eligibility requirements.
5. **All changes must be confirmed by the tournament organizers before they take effect.**