



BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION GUIDE



2026

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1.0 Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Welcome to the 2026 Volleyball New Brunswick (VNB) Beach Volleyball Competition Guide

In 2026, we are making improvements and providing more opportunities for athletes to enter the sport, succeed, and develop their beach volleyball skills.

This competition guide is designed to provide essential information necessary for you to prepare yourself for the 2026 beach season. If at any time you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the VNB office.

2.0 Chapter 2 Technical Organization

2.1 Divisions

This year, VNB is using the 16-month age category model in line with Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). The 16-month age category model has now been accepted by Volleyball Canada for the beach season. The divisions for 2026 are:

Age Divisions

14U Girls & Boys: Athletes born between September 1, 2011 and Dec 31, 2012

16U Girls & Boys: Athletes born between September 1, 2009 and Dec 31, 2010

18U Girls & Boys: Athletes born between September 1, 2007 and Dec 31 2008

Adult/Open: No age restrictions

Any athlete who is a registered member of VNB or their respective PTA is eligible. A member in good standing from other Provincial Volleyball Associations in Canada will be eligible to play upon confirmation from the host province.

2.2 Costs and Fees

All teams must be registered with VNB, or their respective PTA before playing in any other VNB beach tournaments. Membership is active from September 1st, 2025 to August 31st, 2026.

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. If you are a current youth competitive member, youth recreational member, adult recreational member or adult competitive member, then you are covered for beach. If you are not a member as listed above, you will have to register as a youth or adult recreational member to be eligible to compete in a tournament. If you are planning to compete at Volleyball Canada Nationals, you must be a youth or adult competitive member.

VNB Tournament Fees:

Youth: \$65 per team

Senior: \$85 per team

2.3 Registration

2.3.1 How to register

All teams must be registered with their PTA and be able to provide proof before playing in any VNB event.

Registration for all VNB events is done through Sportlomo. The links for this can be found [here](#)

2.3.2 Deadline

Registration deadline is Sunday at 11:55 pm prior to the weekend's event, unless noted otherwise. A late fee of \$20/team for beach tour events will be added to the registration fee on NRS once the deadline has passed if spaces are left. VNB reserves the right to not accept teams after the deadline if it does not help the tournament draws. This is decided solely at the discretion of VNB.

2.4 Beach Teams/Partners

Throughout the regular season, you may change partners as often as you wish, provided registration is completed prior to the registration deadline for that event.

If a partner change is required after registration has closed, you must submit a written request to the VNB via email providing the following information by Thursday (11:59AM) before the tournament (NOTE: the new partner must meet eligibility criteria):

- Original team's full names
- Division of original team
- New team's full names
- Division of new team
- Updated seeding points with new partner will be applied

After Thursday (11:59am) until the beginning of the tournament, if a partner change is required or if a team arrives at the tournament with a different partner, written notice must be submitted to VNB for the reason for the change. This is at the discretion of VNB for if the rationale is reasonable. If it is deemed unreasonable, Both partners will lose points. The "new" team will be seeded with no points (last) in their division and may be fined.

2.5 Team Check-in and Players Meeting

2.5.1 Check-in

Team check-in takes place 30-60 minutes before the first scheduled game or as indicated on the schedule. Both partners must check in together. If you AND your partner have not checked in by the time the players meeting starts, you and your partner may be fined.

Please give yourself ample time to arrive early. It is the players' responsibility to check directions and road closures prior to the event.

2.5.2 Players Meeting

The Players Meeting begins at 30 minutes before the first scheduled game or as indicated on the schedule. It is at this meeting that the Tournament Staff and/or Head Referee will debrief the participants with the day's schedule and any new or relevant information. Please see Appendix II for typical Players Meeting Notes. However, please be advised that it is the responsibility of all athletes to listen for any new and relevant information on the day of the event.

It is the responsibility of all athletes to listen to what is said and to question anything that is not understood. Sanctions can be levied to teams who do not follow the format and the basic rules of the tournament. It is the athlete's responsibility to make sure they understand what is presented at the player's meeting.

2.5.3 No-show or Forfeit

Teams are expected to begin their match 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match. If a team fails to show up within 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match, their first set will automatically be forfeited. After a subsequent 10 minutes, the entire match will be forfeited.

NOTE: The eliminated team still has a responsibility to officiate. If the team is not present for their duties, they will consequently be sanctioned \$50.00, payable prior to registration in the next VNB event. If a sanction has not been paid, team members are ineligible to register in a VNB event and can be placed as members in bad standing until the fine is paid.

2.6 Medical Services

The tournament host will supply a Sports First Aid Kit for injuries.

If an athlete becomes injured or ill during the tournament, and as a result, cannot continue to compete, no refund will be issued. Points will be awarded up to the point of withdrawal from the tournament. If the injury or illness occurs before the tournament, you may be eligible for a partial refund of the tournament fee. Please see section 3.8 regarding refunds for further details.

Athletes will only be allowed 1 medical timeout per day. If any athlete requires more than 1 medical per day, they will forfeit all their matches for the rest of the day.

2.7 Officials

2.7.1 Player Referees

All teams will be required to score and officiate matches in their pool. A schedule is handed out for pool play detailing when you play and when you are expected to officiate. During playoffs, teams are assigned scoring/officiating duties in the first round of playoff matches and must score one match after they have been

eliminated. Failure to complete officiating duties will result in a \$50.00 sanction from the host province and must be paid before registering in the next event by the host province or players will be ineligible to participate in future events. A detailed guide on player officiating for athletes can be found in Appendix I.

2.7.2 Role and Responsibilities of the Player Referees

Player referees are extremely important to the operation of VNB events. As a player referee, it is your duty and responsibility to officiate matches. You represent officials when acting as a player referee, and you have the same role and responsibility as certified officials.

The following are important aspects of your responsibilities that must be enforced:

The officiating person **MUST** be standing, the scorekeeper may sit on the opposite side of the court

NO umbrellas are allowed in-between courts

ONLY the scorekeeper and player official are allowed between courts. **NO** family, friends, spectators, other athletes etc. are permitted to sit/stand with the scorekeeper or officiator.

2.7.3 Certified Officials

There will be registered officials on site who will answer any questions and address any concerns the players may have about rules, regulations, etc. They will supervise the beach for pool play matches and will attempt to officiate all gold medal matches. Officials may also monitor warm-up times and are instructed to start matches after 10 minutes of warm-up. Failure to limit warm-ups to 10 minutes will result in a \$50.00 sanction from VNB to players and teams and must be paid before registering in the next event.

2.8 Coaching

Coaching is defined as advice, instruction, or external assistance of any kind to a team/player. Coaching during match play is **NOT** allowed in the Adult Divisions.

Coaching during match play is **ONLY** permitted in 14U – 18U (all Divisions). All coaches must be members in good standing of a provincial governing body and add the Coach role to their Sportlomo account. All beach coaches must also have current screening records (police vulnerable sector screening and the screening disclosure form). All documents must be submitted to your Provincial Volleyball Association. Coaches must identify themselves at the players' meeting and check in. Individuals who do not identify themselves at check-in and players' meetings will be deemed ineligible to coach. Ineligible coaches and their teams may be sanctioned.

Coaches must first identify themselves at the main control tent at the start of the day. Each coach will be given a badge to identify them as a coach during the tournament day. The badge is returned at the end of the day. Coaches must identify themselves to all parties participating in the match, including the opposing team, the player referees, and the event referee supervisor in the area before the match begins.

The coach must abide by the following set of rules:

Coaches **CANNOT** call time-outs for their athletes nor coach them to do so.

Coaches may only coach their athletes before the match begins, during time-outs (including technical timeouts,) and between sets, **NOT** during the rally or between rallies.

Coaches may **NOT** coach on side switches.

Coaches may **NOT** be on the court during warm-ups

Examples of Coaching Infractions

The team/player receives coaching during or between a rally

The coach gives signals during the match.

The coach signals to their team/player to call a timeout

Parents, family, friends, and spectators can cheer during matches. While cheering, no advice, instruction, or external assistance may be given to the team/players. Parents cannot be on the court of play during warm-up time.

If a coach, parent, family member, friend, or spectator associated with a team is breaking the event Coaching rules, the following sanction process will be enforced.

Process for coaching infractions:

A verbal warning is given by the event Official or Tournament Director. This warning is recorded at the control tent.

If illegal coaching continues, the coach is removed from the court where their team is playing for that match.

If illegal coaching continues, the coach is fined \$200 and removed from the tournament, and suspended for the next tournament. The fine must be paid before the coach participates in their next tournament.

This stepped sanction process will apply within events and will also carry on throughout the season. All sanctions will be tracked to the coach for the entire 2026 Season across all provinces.

3.0 Chapter 3 Competition Regulations

3.1 National Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2026 National Beach Championships, each player must participate in their respective provincial championship event. If an athlete/team is unable to participate in their provincial championship, an email to appeal to participate in Nationals would be required and a Committee decision would be rendered. If participation into Nationals is granted, the team seeding is decided upon by the Provincial Sport Organization and Volleyball Canada.

3.3 Competition Information

	Youth Divisions	Senior Divisions
Competition format	Pool play- Pools of 3, 4 or 5	Pool play- Pools of 3, 4 or 5
Match format for pool play (May change at the discretion of each tournament host)	Pools of 3: Match play – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game (if necessary) to 15. Pools of 4: Match play – 2 games to 21 points. Pools of 5: 2 games to 15 points	Pools of 3: Match play – best 2 out of 3, first 2 games to 21 points, third game (if necessary) to 15. Pools of 4: Match play – 2 games to 21 points. Pools of 5: 2 games to 15 points

Registration fee	Regular events and Provincial Championships: \$65	Regular events and Provincial Championships: \$85																			
Official Mikasa Ball	BV550C	BV550C																			
Court Dimensions	16m x 8m	16m x 8m																			
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Uniforms	For all age groups at VNB, teams are strongly encouraged to wear tops of similar style and colour.																				

Tournament Prizes

Prizes will be handed out in either cash, gift cards, or merchandise, based on the discretion of the tournament host.

# of teams	Youth	Senior
5 teams or less	1st (\$60)	1st (\$80) 2nd (\$50)
6 to 10 teams	1st (\$80) 2nd (\$60) 3rd (\$40)	1st (\$150) 2nd (\$100) 3rd (\$60)
More than 10 teams	1st (\$100) 2nd (\$80) 3rd (\$60)	1st (\$200) 2nd (\$150) 3rd (\$100)

Draws & Schedules – Guidelines

VNB has developed a set of guidelines for use when creating draws and schedules. It is recommended to have a minimum of four (4) teams per age division to run that age division.

A number of variables may affect how tournament draws and schedules are created, impacting our ability to adhere to some of these guidelines. As often as possible:

Teams will play a minimum of three matches per day*

Teams will play a maximum of six matches per day*

Wherever possible, teams will get a break after playing 2 in a row to prevent teams from playing 3 games in a row

Teams of similar ability will compete against one another

The outcome of a match will impact the team's final placement

Re-pools and playoffs will avoid re-matches

Higher-seeded teams will receive more rest between matches

Matches between closer-seeded teams will be scheduled for the end of pool play

Excluding extenuating circumstances such as team injury or defaults. Teams are not granted refunds for these cases.

NOTE: Final decisions regarding tiers and pools in all divisions are made at the discretion of the VNB Tournament Director and may change without notice.

3.3.1 Protest Protocol During a Match

VNB Protest Procedures are the same as Volleyball Canada's Procedures. The protest should be settled immediately by the Head Official.

A player may ONLY legally protest AN ERROR IN APPLYING A RULE OR RULE INTERPRETATION.

THE REFEREE'S DECISIONS REGARDING BALL HANDLING FAULTS ARE NOT OPEN TO PROTEST.

In order to lodge a protest, the protesting player must pay \$100 upfront to the Tournament Director. If the player refuses to do this, the protest will not be lodged. Regardless of if the protest is won or lost, the \$100 will go towards referee development funds.

The player must lodge the protest immediately to the first referee, who will then indicate to the scorekeeper that a protest has been lodged, and play must stop immediately.

The protest is then referred to the appropriate higher authority (i.e. Head Officials) for acceptance or refusal. Refusal means that the game or match continues, or the result stands as played.

Acceptance involves replaying the point/set/match in whole or in part, depending on the judgment and on the next available court allocated by the VNB Director.

3.3.2 Complaint Protocol – Tournament/Playoff Schedules

For pre-event team seeding complaints, please see section 3.5 in this handbook.

Once all the games are finished in pool play, completed pool play sheets must be given to the control tent along with the clipboard. One member per team MUST initial the sheet upon completion, ensuring its accuracy.

The playoff schedule will be shared with all teams during the playoff meeting for each age group after the completion of pool play. Any concerns with the playoff bracket must be declared during the playoff meeting. If any errors are found after playoff matches have begun, no changes will be made to the playoff draws.

3.3.3 Complaint Protocol – General

Any official complaint to do with the tournament or any actions of a participant or spectator at the tournament will be directed by VNB staff or tournament officials to the VNB Complaint Form (available on the website) and will be handled through our policies.

3.4 Rules of the Game

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules will be used for the 2026 VNB Beach season with the exception of the rule variations below and rules posted on the VC website at:
<https://volleyball.ca/en/development/referee/rules-amp-guidelines>. Please see www.fivb.org for more details (Page 25, Rule 11.3).

3.4.1 Contact with the Net

Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt), and landing.

Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with the play.

When the ball is driven into the net, causing it to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.

3.4.2 First Contact Rule (Volleyball Canada, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U)

Receiving serve or first contact with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting) is not permitted, regardless of the quality of the contact.

The first referee will use the "double contact" signal to indicate this infraction. Exception: Hard driven ball.

3.4.3 Second Contact Rule (Volleyball Canada 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U)

On a team's second hit, contacting the ball more than once with fingers (double contact) in a single attempt to play the ball is not a fault if the ball is next legally contacted by a teammate.

3.5 Points/Seeding/Rankings

Points will be awarded to divisions according to the following point system.

Rank	Senior Event	18U Event	16U Event	14U Event
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

3.5.1 Seeding

Teams will be seeded in VNB events based on the following:

1st event: Final placement from the previous VNB Provincial Championship & National Championships

2nd event: Current season's average points (if played event 1) or final placement from previous year's Provincial Championships

VNB Provincial Championships: Average of results from VNB Tournaments

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 VNB 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 VNB event and working backwards to the first event of the season

A team's result at the previous Provincial Championships

A team's seed going into the previous Provincial Championships

Coin Toss

3.5.2 VNB Provincial Championships:

Average of available results from the current VNB tournaments.

All seedings that are sent to teams via email prior to the tournament are tentative seedings that VNB reserves the right to change without notice prior to the tournament. If a discrepancy regarding points is noticed, you must contact the VNB office by Thursday at 11:59AM to submit a request to review points. Requests made at the tournament site will be reviewed the following week.

NOTE: Due to the time required to complete re-seeding, changes may not be posted on the website before the tournament.

3.6 Tie-Breaking Procedure

3.6.1 End of Pool Play Ranking

Ties between teams within pool-play going into playoffs are broken by the Volleyball Canada Tie Breaking procedure

3.6.2 Pre-Event Seeding

Ties between teams with the same seeding points going into a VNB event are broken by the following in priority order:

Higher number of individual participations on the current VNB in the respective age division (combination of the team's individual participation).

Average of highest individual finish per team of the current VNB beach tournaments.

A coin toss would determine who would be ranked higher.

3.7 Moving Up Age Divisions

Teams are encouraged to play up in an older age division for better competitive opportunities. If a team plays up a division, points will be awarded and recorded.

3.8 Cancellation and Refund Policy

3.8.1 Cancellation

VNB will deduct a 10% administration fee on all cancellations prior to the registration deadline. For any cancellations after the deadline, there will be no refund or credit issued for any reason, except injury with sufficient documentation.

In the case of an injury a refund will be made, less a \$20 administration fee. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be presented in writing by the person who registered to the Provincial Contact hosting the tournament prior to the event and accompanied by a doctor's note within one week of the missed event.

Information that must be included in the cancellation/refund request:

Full names of both teammates

Division

Date of tournament to be withdrawn/cancelled

The transaction number of the registration confirmation email

Full name on the credit card

Doctor's note (only needed if past registration deadline)

3.8.2 Refunds

All refunds are reimbursed to the payee's credit card and must be requested by the person who registered. To receive a refund, all the above-mentioned information must be emailed to the Provincial Contact hosting the tournament.

3.9 Weather Cancellation/Rain-Out

Teams are required to remain "on-call" and "on-site" until 4pm unless otherwise instructed. It is up until this time that a decision can be made as to whether the event can be played out. If the event is cancelled before playoffs, all teams will receive a refund less a 10% administrative fee.

3.9.1 Suspended Play Policy

Safety concerns and play suspension are at the discretion of the Tournament Director and head official.

Play shall be suspended if the Tournament Director and/or Committee foresee:

Inclement weather – lightning (Note: If it is raining, play generally will not stop unless there is lightning)

Extraordinary circumstances

Safety concerns

Other discretionary reasons to clear the beach (i.e. darkness).

Upon notification of suspended play:

All athletes must immediately evacuate the beach and go to cars or indoor facilities.

Athletes PLAYING are responsible for recording the score and taking note of the court they are playing on

Officiating teams are responsible for taking the clipboard and ball with them.

Notification to resume play:

Play will resume 15 minutes following the horn sounding

Athletes are responsible for being within a given distance to hear the horn

Following a 10-minute warm-up, officials and athletes will continue to finish the game from where the score left off

Modified play may ensue at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Head Official.

3.9.2 Cancellation Procedures

Tournaments will be cancelled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the Tournament Committee (head

official, tournament director). The general guideline is once lightning hits, play is suspended for 30 minutes and weather is re-evaluated at that time.

Points – If the event is cancelled mid-way through playoffs, all teams who remain in the division will split the remaining points. If pool play has not been completed, then no points are awarded.

Prizing – If there is no winner, prizes will not be awarded (including weekly adult prize money & free tournament entry).

Refund – A partial refund of 50%, will be granted if athletes did not finish pool play.

If playoffs had already begun in a team's respective division no refund will be granted.

The following procedures shall be used when dispersing prize money for VNB Events if a tournament is cancelled:

Divide money equally between remaining teams if the quarter-finals have begun.

If pool play has not concluded, prize money is not given out

4.0 Chapter 4 Specific Regulations and Sanctions

4.1 Concussion Policy

Please see the VOLLEYBALL CANADA website for a full copy of our Concussion Policy and Protocol, which can be found here:

https://volleyball.ca/uploads/Policies/VC_Concussion_Policy/Volleyball_Canada_Concussion_Protocol_EN_Oct_2020.pdf

4.2 VNB Code of Conduct

All participants by registering or spectating are to agreeing to abide by the VNB Code of Conduct and all applicable policies

We will be adopting the Volleyball Canada Zero Tolerance Policy for the 2026 beach season found [here](#).

4.2.1 Misconduct Sanction Scale

Volleyball, because of its regulations and its traditions, offers a philosophy of competition guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship.

For that reason, all participants (teams, players, coaches, officials, spectators, parents, managers and administrators) in tournaments and meetings under the authority of VNB, have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts, or practices which are, in the opinion of VNB, detrimental to the sport. Whenever a penalty occurs, a fine will be given. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

Violation	Fine	Sanctions
Teams skipping or not fulfilling their player officiating duties	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Teams failing to arrive 10 minutes before match start for player officiating duties	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Teams failing to adhere to 10-minute warm-up on court	\$50.00 fine per occurrence	
Team misconduct at tournaments (damage, failure to abide by venue rules)	Minimum fine of \$100.00 and cost of damage to facility	Fine may vary based on the severity of the violation and cost of damage and suspension from one month up to one year may be applied
Disqualification for aggressive conduct	\$300	Suspension from the rest of the tournament & next tournament
Expulsion for offensive conduct	\$200	Suspension from next tournament as determined by tournament director
Team not showing up at a tournament without notification in writing to the provincial host	Loss of Entry fee + possible fine	1st offense: Entry fee will not be refunded 2nd offense: entry fee will not be refunded & \$100 fine
Individuals committing an act which is considered an offence under any duly promulgated law	Fines may be levied	Suspension for one year or more. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Accepting money or other consideration for losing a match or winning by a particular margin; or being a party to any payment of money or other consideration to another person to lose a match or win by a particular margin.	Fines may be levied	Suspension for one year or more. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Betting or action as a "bookmaker" on matches or tournaments.	Fines may be levied	Suspension from one month to one year. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Defaulting a game or match in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reason;	Fine equal to the registration fee	Forfeit for the tournament, plus fine equal to registration fee and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual
Playing in a competition under an assumed name, or age, falsifying a team entry form, or giving false information to a tournament official;	\$100 fine	Forfeit for the tournament, plus \$100 fine and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy

Showing outward displays or temper, unsportsmanlike conduct, bullying (by player, coach, spectator, parent, etc)	Fines may be levied	1st offense – verbal warning 2nd offense - \$100 fine 3rd offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Provincial Championships and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
Two (2) red cards issued in one tournament	\$200	VNB Discipline Committee Review
Deliberately throwing, kicking or hitting a ball in the direction of an official, spectator or opponent	Fines may be levied	Verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Threatening bodily injury to anyone	Minimum fine of \$100 (at discretion of VNB)	Fine, verbal warning and/or suspension from the current event/future events up to one year and/or fine. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Swearing at an official, line judge, scorekeeper, spectator, or opponent.	Fines may be levied	1st offense – verbal warning 2nd offense - \$100 fine 3rd offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Provincial Championships and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
Playing in a competition under an assumed name, or age, falsifying a team entry form, or giving false information to a tournament official;	\$100 fine	Forfeit for the tournament, plus \$100 fine and suspension from two weeks to one year for team or individual. Further penalties may be determined through the execution of the VNB Discipline & Complaints Policy
Using profanity or obscene language or gestures	Fines may be levied	1st offense – verbal warning 2nd offense - \$100 fine 3rd offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Provincial Championships and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team

Failure to follow coaching rules (as set out in Section 2.8 of Beach Handbook)	Fines may be levied	1st offense – verbal warning 2nd offense - \$100 fine 3rd offense - \$100 fine & suspension from Provincial Championships and Nationals for current playing year. *fine will be applied to the team
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Note: VNB reserves the right to sanction and fine teams for items above and beyond the infractions listed above.

5.0 Chapter 5 VNB Beach Committee

5.1 VNB Beach Competition Committee

The VNB Beach Competition Committee will consist of: VNB Executive Director, VNB Summer Student(s), and 1 VNB Beach Chair member.

The VNB Beach Competition Committee has the authority to make decisions:

In all activities in conjunction with the tournament that affect playing conditions, format, structure, etc.

To change the format of the tournament if conditions warrant it (e.g. games played to 15 points due to a rain delay)

To settle any and all disputes related to the tournament format and completion of the tournament

To determine appropriate actions if weather conditions warrant (suspension or cancellation of play)

To deal with other conditions that may arise

The decision of the VNB Beach Competition Committee is final

6.0 Appendices:

6.1 Appendix I Player Officiating Guide

It is your responsibility to know your officiating duties. Sanctions can be given out for missing any part of your officiating duties

Teams should check at the control tent if they are unsure of their officiating responsibilities

Coaching is only permitted 16U and younger.

Player officials are strongly encouraged to contact an VNB Competition Committee member or an Head Official for assistance if there is any type of bullying occurring from athletes, parents, spectators or coaches

Responsibilities of Player Referees

Pick up the ball and the clipboard, and bring a scoreboard to the assigned court at least 10 minutes before match time

Make sure the correct teams are present on the court and ready to play, and make sure that the match starts on-time

Referee the match, while filling out the scoresheet and flipping the scoreboards

Give the clipboard and ball to the losing team to bring back to the control tent

At least one member of the officiating team must be standing, and each player referee must be on opposite sides of the court

If you are unsure of any rules, ask a referee or court supervisor for clarification – if none are available re-serve the point

Important Rules

Matches will be played best-of-three games unless otherwise stated on pool play sheets

Please check pool play sheets for instructions on scoring

Playoffs will always be best-of-three games

If a ball rolls onto your court during a rally, it is an automatic re-serve

Side Switches and Timeouts:

In games to 21, teams will switch every 7 points (cumulative) and there will be a 30 second technical timeout at the third side change (sum of 21 points).

In games to 15, teams will switch every 5 points (cumulative) and there will be no technical timeout

Each team is allowed one timeout of 30 seconds per team, per set (including third sets to 15)

For detailed rules please refer to section 3.4

6.2 Appendix II Players Meeting Notes

Warm-up – There is 10-minute warm-up time allowed between matches. If teams extend this warm up, they will be given a 30-second warning to begin their match and then \$50 sanctions per team thereafter.

Know your Schedule – It is your responsibility to know your schedule of when you are playing AND refereeing. Please check your pool play sheets for the schedule and during playoffs, pay attention to the announcements.

Player Referees – When you are a player referee, please ensure you are paying attention to the match. You will also be responsible for keeping score as well. We expect one partner to stand and officiate the match while the other partner sits on the opposite side of the court and keeps score. If you have questions, look for a referee supervisor and approach them right away. Do not wait for problems to occur on your court before you talk to a certified referee. If you do not complete your officiating duties as scheduled, your team will be sanctioned \$50.

NOTE: All sanctions (warm-up or missing officiating duties) must be paid prior to playing in another VNB Beach event.

Coaching – There is no coaching allowed in the Senior Division. In the younger age divisions (12U-18U), coaching is allowed during time-outs, between games and between matches. However, coaches are not allowed to call time-outs for their players or talk to them during a rally. Coaches must first identify themselves at the main control tent at the start of the day. Each coach will be given a badge for identification that must be worn throughout the day and returned at the end of the day. Coaches must identify themselves to all parties participating in the match

including the opposing team, the player referees and the event referee supervisor in the area. The coach's name must be included on the match score sheet. Failure to comply with proper coaching procedures will result in VNB Sanctions.

Pool Play Formats – It will vary depending on the number of teams in your pool. The number of points per game and games per match is written on your pool sheet. Please make sure you are paying attention when your divisions are being called out for specific information.

Pool Play Sheets – Once all the games are finished in your pool, this sheet along with the clipboard must be returned to the control tent. Please complete the pool play sheet given to you on the clipboard fully and accurately. One member per team MUST initial the sheet upon completion ensuring its accuracy. All teams should help in completing the pool play sheet. If any errors are found after playoffs have begun, no changes will be made to the playoff draws. The most important information we need is who finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. If this sheet is not filled in when it is returned to the control tent, you will be called back to the tent to fill out the pool play sheet, this may delay the start of playoffs.

Game Balls – Each court receives one game ball. This game ball must be brought back to the control tent with the clipboard at the end of pool play. If the ball is not returned all teams in the pool will be held responsible for that ball.

Garbage – Please pick up your garbage and put it in the garbage bags provided. Make sure the garbage actually goes into the garbage bag and is not left on the sand.

Swearing – This is a family event. Please watch your language and set a good example for the younger beach athletes around you. Failure to comply with proper behaviour on the beach will result in VNB sanctions.