

Winter Beach Tour Half Day Events

Half-day events follow a similar format to the regular full day beach tournaments, with a modified round robin and tiered playoff bracket. The events will only be offered in the 13/14U, 15U, 16U and 18U age categories. If your age is not offered, OVA recommends team play up an age group.

Event Format:

- Round robin pools of 3 and 4 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 30-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.
- Round robin pools of 5 will be playing two sets to 21 points or 35-minute rounds, whichever comes first with no third set.
- Playoff matches for pools of 3 and 4 will be 2 out of 3 sets (21, 21, 15) or 45-minute rounds.
- Pools of 5 will not have a playoff round and final standing will be determined at the end of pool play.
- Tiered playoff brackets with a maximum of 4 teams per tier.
- Each team will have a specific rank in their division after teams complete playoffs.
- If teams are tied at the end of the time allotted in sets, points scored will be used to determine the winner.
- Check in will open at 30 minutes before the start of the first match.

Event Registration & Membership:

Registration for the event can be completed in [MRS](#) and the registration deadline is the Monday before the event at 4:00pm or 5 days before the event. A late fee of \$20 per team will be added to the registration fee on MRS once the deadline has passed. OVA reserves the right to accept or refuse late entry teams based on whether adding the team is beneficial for the tournament draw and format.

OVA Tournament Fee:

- Half-day events: \$85.00+HST per team.

Schedules:

Several variables, such as the number of teams registered, the number of courts we have and the parameters of the facility and rental permit, 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*
- 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 playoff matches
- matches between closer seeded teams will be scheduled for the end of pool play

Rankings:

Winter Beach Tour rankings will be the average of the 2 partner's points averages. The points used to rank an athlete will be the first of the following:

- 2024 Winter Beach Tour Points Average (average of 2 highest finishes from the Winter Beach Tour)
- 2023 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in one age group lower (i.e. 13U points used for 14U Winter Beach Tour)
- 2023 OVA Beach Tour Final Points in the same age group (i.e. 14U points used for 14U Winter Beach Tour)

If the average of a team is tied, the following tiebreaker will be used:

- Total number of Winter Beach Tour events played by both partners

- Average of OVA Beach Tour Final Points
- Coin Flip

Rules and Age Specific Rules:

- (Age Specific) - 16U and younger serve reception - For OVA & VC 16U and younger competitions - after a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During the rally each athlete has the right to position him/herself anywhere on the court. Outcome for violation: 1. Official ends rally immediately upon contact by the server. 2. Point awarded to the serving team.
- (Age Specific) - Hand setting rules - The following hand setting rule will be used **for 16U and younger**
 - A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips (i.e. the player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.

Player Referees:

For the half-day events, all matches, pool play and playoffs including medal matches, will be self-refereed, and the playing teams are required to keep score and/or call out the score of the match.