

# What's New?!

## OVA Beach Tour 2019

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### Fees/Registration

- Volleyball Canada has increased their membership fee from \$28.00 to \$29.00 for the 2018-2019 season. Therefore, the total individual membership fee for athletes, team staff, coaches, club contacts and executives is now \$82.11 (if not already purchased during the 2018/2019 indoor season), which is inclusive of the Volleyball Canada, OVA membership fee and HST.
- Registration deadline for all beach tour & satellite events is now on **Monday prior to the event at 4:00PM EST**. Any registrations accepted after this time will incur a \$20 late fee per team.
- Teams that receive a sanction due to missed matches or refereeing duties will now be fined \$100 per team.

### Point/Format Systems

- A new point system for regular season beach tour events will be introduced based on venue:
  - Gold venues (Ashbridges & Cobourg) will be a maximum of 1000 points awarded to premier winners (1050 points if Sunshine Series)
  - Silver venues (such as Hamilton, Ottawa, Windsor, Barrie, North Bay, London, etc) will be a maximum of 900 points awarded to premier winner
- Ontario Championships now has its own point structure with no overlap in points awarded based on results from division to division. Please see section 3.5.3 of the beach handbook for the point matrix.
- Year-end rankings will be based on your 2 highest results and your Ontario Championships result. If an athlete does not play in Ontario Championships, the year-end ranking is based on your 3 highest available results.
- To deliver more meaningful matches in our adult division, a new playoff format will be introduced. The format will be dependent on the number of teams, but the theory is to make smaller playoff brackets to make both pool play and playoffs matches more meaningful.

### Extreme Heat Policy

- An extreme heat policy has been added to the handbook. The policy can be found in section 3.9.3 of the beach handbook.

### Ontario Championships & Beach Nationals

- Age splits for 2019 Beach Ontario Championships:
  - August 3/4 – 13U/15U/18U/Adult
  - August 10/11 – 12UG/14U/16U/YO
- Reminder that 13UG is now a 2-day event. 13UB & 12UG will still be a 1-day event as these are the entry years for beach volleyball in the OVA.
- Beach Nationals will be held at Ashbridges Bay again in 2019 from Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>. For age groups and registration information, please visit Volleyball Canada's website [www.volleyball.ca](http://www.volleyball.ca)

Please be sure to also visit our [YouTube video](#) which is a step by step guide on how to register for 2019 OVA Beach Tour events and what to expect at all beach tournaments this summer.