



VOLLEYBALL BC

Volleyball BC 2023 Club Handbook

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Registration

Eligibility

01. Clubs must submit an online [Club Application](#) each season.
 - a. The Club Application must be completed prior to tryouts, and prior to registering club members (team staff, athletes, etc.) into the VBC database.
 - i. Clubs will not be covered by Volleyball BC's insurance until after their Club Application is approved, and all Club Executive, Board, and staff members are registered as full Competitive Members with VBC and screened in line with the [Persons In Authority Checklist](#). A club will not be considered In Good Standing until this has taken place.
 - ii. Clubs that are Not In Good Standing will not be approved until their status returns to Good Standing.
 - iii. Club Applications deadline: March 1, 2023
 - iv. There will be an annual fee for clubs to register with Volleyball BC.
 1. The fee for a Returning Club is \$150
 2. The fee for a New Club is \$250
 - a. A new club is any club that did not register for the previous season.
 - v. All new clubs, clubs returning after an absence, and clubs returning after a Not in Good Standing status will have a probationary period of one season.
 - vi. The Club Contact must register the club prior to a Team Contact registering the athletes (team roster). A Club Contact and Team Contact can be the same person.
 - vii. Volleyball BC must be notified, in writing, if there is a change of Club Contact.
 - b. Any BC team competing in a Volleyball BC event must be fully registered as a club team, and may only utilize eligible and registered Volleyball BC members from that club.
02. Athletes attending tryouts do not need to be registered Volleyball BC members.
03. All club members (athletes, coaches, team staff, volunteers, club directors, and board members) must be currently registered members with Volleyball BC (VBC) prior to participating in any club activity (excluding tryouts) or Volleyball BC event
04. All members must provide unique personal information upon registering. All information for all members must be accurate and up to date.
05. Team members must be residents of British Columbia unless approved by Volleyball BC. Please note: Volleyball Canada may require further information.
06. A Volleyball BC representative may request proof of registration of a club, team, or individual member at any time. If proof of registration is requested, a copy of the individual's birth certificate, or other requested documents, must be sent to Volleyball BC for validation.
07. **All members (coaches, team staff, club directors, board members, athletes, and parents/guardians) are required to sign the Volleyball BC waiver form and to agree to abide by the Volleyball BC Code of Conduct and associated policies.**
 - a. The waiver form and Code of Conduct and policies will be collected electronically for each member through Sportlomo at the time of registration.
08. **All Persons In Authority, including all coaches, managers, team staff, volunteers, club directors, and board members must complete all criteria outlined in the [Persons In Authority Checklist](#).**
 - a. **Criminal Record Check (CRC)**
 - i. All CRCs must be completed through MyBackCheck (Sterling Solutions)



- ii. Member clubs will have access to discounted CRCs under Volleyball BC's Sterling Solutions account. Contact members@volleyballbc.org to have your club added under Volleyball BC.
 - 1. RCMP and/or Local Police checks will not be accepted as an initial CRC (note that VBC may request a RCMP and/or Local Police check if the initial MyBackCheck results are inconclusive).
 - 2. Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) will not be accepted.
 - 3. Exemptions are no longer permitted for occupations (teachers, first responders, etc.)
 - 4. CRCs will remain valid for three years.
 - 5. CRCs must be completed prior to participating in any Volleyball BC program, including team practices and training.
 - 6. Failure to provide a CRC and required screening documents will result in sanctions of a \$100 fine per occurrence, and suspension until all documents are submitted.
 - b. Screening Disclosure Form (SDF)
 - i. SDFs will be collected electronically each season, for every member, through Sportlomo at the time of registration.
 - ii. SDFs will remain valid for the duration of the membership year in which it is completed.
 - iii. A hard copy of an SDF must be submitted to screening@volleyballbc.org if any convictions and/or pending or threatened charges exist.
 - 1. A hard copy of the SDF can be obtained by emailing screening@volleyballbc.org.
 - c. Completion of the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Module
 - i. This is completed through [The Locker](#) on the CAC website. If you do not have a NCCP number, this can be obtained free of charge when you register on the CAC website.
 - ii. The Safe Sport Module must be completed BEFORE you register with Volleyball BC. NCCP numbers (CAC) must be provided when completing the Volleyball BC registration form in SportLomo.
09. Clubs and Persons In Authority are not covered by Volleyball BC insurance until they have completed the screening checks outlined above.
- a. Persons In Authority screening requirements are mandatory, and no exceptions will be made.
 - b. All screening must be completed by Club Executive, Board Members and key staff for the Club to be considered In Good Standing and before the tryouts commence.
 - c. All screening must be completed by Coaches, Managers and Team Staff before the first team practice session takes place.
 - d. Volleyball BC will conduct checks throughout the season. Any Persons In Authority without the appropriate screening checks completed will result in a fine levied on the Club, and individuals will be advised that they cannot train or be on court with their team until they have completed the screening.
 - e. For more information about VBC Insurance and what activities are covered, click [here](#).



Regulations

01. It is the responsibility of all club members (athletes, coaches, team staff) to know the rules of the game and abide by them.
 - 02. It is the responsibility of all club members to know the requirements of the Volleyball BC Code of Conduct, and to abide by them**
 03. The current Volleyball Canada rulebook will be utilized at all Volleyball BC events, unless otherwise stated.
 04. Volleyball BC may penalize any club, team, coach, or athlete by way of default, suspension, fine or another suitable penalty for violation of any rule or regulation.
 05. Clubs must designate a “hometown”. When applicable, the club name or team name should represent the “hometown”.
 06. Club/Team Naming Policy
 - a. All Club names must be approved by the Regional Development Committee.
 - b. Team names cannot include the name of another club.
 - c. Team names must be input by the corresponding level’s roster lock date (see below). Team names will not be able to be changed following the roster lock date.
 - d. Team names must be registered with Volleyball BC in the following sequence:**
 - i. Under TEAM PANEL:**
 - 1. Age-Gender-Level- Club-Team**
 - a. Example: 12U Girls AA Air Attack Black**
 - b. 15U-18U Girls should not use “A” or “AA” designations when naming their Team Panel**
07. Competing Outside a Registered Age Category
 - a. Teams are not permitted to register in a Volleyball BC event outside of their Volleyball BC designated division.
 - b. Teams may only compete in one Regional Championship and one Provincial Championship per season. The Regional Championship and Provincial Championship must be in the same age category.
 - c. Teams that register in an older age category at the start of the season are committed to competing within that age category at Regional, Provincial, and National Championships.

Roster Policy

01. All team rosters must be current in the Volleyball BC database. The team rosters in Volleyball BC’s database will serve as the team’s official roster.
02. Clubs must ensure that rosters are correct prior to a team’s Regional and Provincial Championship (including athletes, coaches, and team staff).
03. A registered team may include 8-15 athletes.
 - a. Up to twelve athletes/team can be listed on the scoresheet, and compete, per match.
 - b. A minimum of eight athletes/team must be registered in the Volleyball BC database.
04. A registered team may include four team personnel, including:
 - a. Head Coach
 - b. Assistant Coach
 - c. Assistant Coach/Trainer/Medical Personnel
 - d. Assistant Coach/Trainer/Medical Personnel
05. Athletes may only appear on one roster in the Volleyball BC database.



06. Roster Exemption Policy (15U, 16U, 17U & 18U Level Teams Only)
- a. Clubs may request an exemption to move an athlete currently registered within their club to another team for a specific event by submitting a [Roster Exemption Application Form](#).
 - b. Roster Exemption Application Forms must be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the event.
 - c. Teams cannot have more athletes via an exemption than what is registered in the VBC database roster.
 - d. A match roster cannot exceed the VBC database roster.
 - e. Teams that fail to request an exemption to move an athlete, and use an ineligible athlete at an event will be sanctioned and forfeit all results earned at the event.
 - f. Teams may utilize athletes from the list below for their Roster Exemption (all athletes must be registered within their own club):
 - i. A lower ranked team within the same age category (as ranked by the RDC).
 - ii. A team from a lower division within the same age category.
 - iii. A team registered in a younger age category.
 - g. Approved Roster Exemption Applications move the athlete being replaced to an ineligible status while the exempt athlete appears on the roster.
 - i. A replaced athlete may return to the roster later in the event, but the exempt athlete will then move to an ineligible status.
 - ii. Requests can be cancelled prior to the event commencing.
 - iii. Roster Exemption Applications will be approved if the application is submitted correctly and meets all requirements.
 - h. An athlete may not compete in more than one event per weekend.
 - i. An athlete may only compete for one team per weekend.
07. The Fair Play Rule will be utilized for 12U, 13U & 14U age categories.
08. Volleyball BC requires teams to use scoresheet labels for their rosters at all events. All scoresheet labels must:
- i. Be printed using the template: [Avery 5162](#).
 - ii. Be typed; handwritten labels will not be accepted.
 - iii. **Include all of the following information:**
 1. **Team Name (as entered in VBC database).**
 2. **Athlete Information**
 - a. **Uniform number (must be unique to each athlete)**
 - b. **Athlete Name (First & Last)**
 3. **Coach Information**
 - a. **Designation (HC/AC) & Coach Name (First & Last)**
 - b. **NCCP Number**
- 09. All athletes must be registered in Volleyball BC's database by the roster lock for that age category, event registration deadline for their first event, or no later than March 10, 2023, whichever occurs first.**
- 10. All team staff must be registered in Volleyball BC's database before their first practice or training session (excluding tryouts)**
- 11. Teams that participate in Volleyball BC's ranking tournament (15U) will have their rosters locked to the roster used for said ranking tournament.**
12. The registration deadline to add or delete athletes varies by age category. Prior to these dates all additions to a roster must be made via the online registration system. After the deadline, rosters can only be changed with the approval of Volleyball BC. An administration fee of \$50 per change will be applied.
- i. Uniform numbers for all athletes appearing on the roster must be entered by the Roster Lock Deadline.



- ii. Volleyball BC's rosters will be uploaded into Volleyball Canada's Volleyball Registration System on a set schedule during the club season.
- iii. An administration fee of \$75 per change will be applied to all roster changes requiring an upload into the VRS by Volleyball BC after March 10, 2023.
- b. Any changes to rosters on site at Provincial Championships are subject to an additional fee of \$100/athlete or \$150/team staff, plus membership fees (must be paid on site). All Team Staff additions must have:
 - i. Provincial Championship Staff will endeavour to communicate any changes with the Club Director as soon as possible.
 - ii. Current Online Membership Waiver Form (includes Screening Disclosure Form).
 - iii. Current Criminal Record Check (mybackcheck.com will be completed on site if necessary).
 - iv. Team staff without a Criminal Record Check and Screening Disclosure Form will not be allowed to coach.

Roster Lock Schedule	
12/13/14U	March 10, 2023
15-18U Girls	January 13, 2023
15-18U Boys	January 13, 2023

Tryout and Training Policy

01. Volleyball BC's "Season of Play" is as follows:
 - a. 12U/13U/14U: November 20, 2022 - May 31, 2023
 - b. 15U: November 27, 2022 - May 31, 2023
 - c. 16U/17U/18U: December 4, 2022 - May 31, 2023
02. Registration for tryouts opens on October 1, 2022. Clubs are not able to open registration for their tryouts prior to that date.
- 03. Tryouts and/or team activities must not take place prior to the start of the "Season of Play."**
 - a. Clubs and teams training outside of the "Season of Play" will not be covered under Volleyball BC's insurance policy.**
04. It is recommended that all club staff participating in tryouts are current Volleyball BC members.
 - a. All club staff and volunteers involved in organizing the tryouts must be current Volleyball BC members and fulfil the Persons in Authority requirements (eg. Safe Sport, CRC, etc).**
05. Unless the athlete has accepted an offer to join their Club, Club/Team representatives may only contact athletes and/or parents/guardians between 4:00pm-9:00pm on weekdays and between 8:00am-9:00pm on weekends.
06. Early Signing Period – September 15, 2022 – October 6, 2022.
 - a. To accommodate and promote loyalty between athletes and clubs, returning athletes are permitted to re-sign with their previous (2022) indoor club during the Early Signing Period.
 - i. Clubs are required to report all athletes that signed during the Early Signing Period.
 - ii. Clubs that have utilized the Early Signing Period must report their athletes by 11:59pm on October 6, 2022.



- iii. A list of athletes that have utilized the Early Signing Period and signed with their previous club will be made public on October 11, 2022.
 - b. Clubs must have an approved Club Application and be in Good Standing to utilize the Early Signing Period.
 - i. Clubs must submit their Club Application no later than September 5, 2022, and must be informed that their application has been approved, before being able to utilize the Early Signing Period.
 - c. All offers to athletes must utilize the standard VBC Early Signing Offer Letter.
 - d. Early Signing offers to athletes expire 36 hours after they are received by the athlete, or 6pm PST on October 6, 2022 (whichever is earlier).
 - e. Athletes that choose not to sign early are still eligible to apply to the club or attend the tryout as if they had not previously played for that club.
 - f. Athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date may not be required to attend tryouts.
 - g. Athletes that sign with their 2022 club for the 2023 season cannot attend tryouts for other clubs.
 - h. A maximum of 12 athletes per team may utilize the Early Signing Date.
 - i. Athletes that utilized the Early Signing Date must appear on every scoresheet for which they are available to compete.
 - j. Athletes that utilize the Early Signing Date are not guaranteed:
 - i. To be placed on a specific team (unless identified by the club).
 - ii. To be placed on a “AA” Level team vs “A” Level team if applicable..
 - iii. Playing time.
 - k. Athletes and clubs that utilize the Early Signing Period are committing to each other for a minimum of one season.
 - i. Athletes that do not honour their commitment will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of the season.
 - ii. Clubs that do not honour their commitment will be sanctioned.
07. Offer Signing Date and Acceptance for In-Person Tryouts
- a. All athletes can formally accept a position with a club on or before the Offer Signing Date identified below:
 - i. 12U/13U/14U – November 28, 2022
 - ii. 15U – December 5, 2022
 - iii. 16/17U/18U – December 12, 2022
 - a. A club can offer athletes a position with the club at any time after the start of the club’s tryouts for those athletes. Clubs do not need to wait until the Offer Signing Date to make offers.
 - b. A club can only make offers to athletes that are registered for their club’s tryout.
 - c. All offers to athletes must utilize the standard VBC Club Athlete Offer Letter.
 - d. An athlete is considered to have accepted an offer upon signing the VBC Club Athlete Offer Letter or by paying a portion of their club fees.
 - i. Clubs are responsible for collecting and storing the signed VBC Club Athlete Offer Letters and must be prepared to present completed forms upon request.
 - e. Once an athlete has accepted an offer to join a club or paid any portion of their club fees, they are committed to that club for the remainder of the season.
 - i. Athletes that depart from their club prior to March 10 may compete for another club for the remainder of the season after receiving approval from Volleyball BC.
 - ii. Athletes that depart from their club after March 10 must wait until the following season to compete.



- iii. Athletes that utilized the Early Signing Period that depart from their club must wait until the following season to compete.
 - f. Tryout fees are not considered a portion of the athlete's club fees. Attending a club's tryouts is not considered as playing for the club and does not establish a commitment to do so.
 - g. Offers remain open until 6:00pm PST on the Offer Signing Date. Once an offer has been presented to an athlete, a club cannot rescind that offer until after 6:00pm on the Offer Signing Date.
 - h. Athletes cannot be pressured to accept an offer.
 - i. Offers expire at 6:00pm PST on the Offer Signing Date.
 - j. Offers made after 6:00pm PST on the Offer Signing Date cannot be rescinded for a minimum of 24 hours.
 - k. Clubs may run tryouts at any time after the start of the "Season of Play", including after the Offer Signing Date.
 - l. Athletes may attend tryouts at any time after the start of the "Season of Play", and prior to accepting an offer.
08. The following penalties will be assessed to members found in violation of the Offer Signing Date and Acceptance policies:
- 1. Clubs must refund any club fees collected from the athlete (if requested).
 - 2. First Offence - \$250 fine to the club.
 - 3. Second Offence - \$500 fine to the club.
 - 4. Further Offences - \$750 fine to the club.

Recruiting Policy

01. Volleyball BC strongly encourages the cooperation of its membership to ensure all volleyball participants have a positive experience.
02. Volleyball BC has a zero-tolerance [Recruiting Policy](#) in effect for the 2023 club season.
03. Club representatives (coaches, administrators, team staff, parents/guardians, athletes, etc.) are not allowed to contact athletes from a club other than their own, at any time for the purpose of recruitment.
04. With the implementation of the Early Signing Period, athletes are not required to provide Proof of Release.
05. Club Representatives are only able to engage in Direct Communication with athletes if:
- a. The athlete utilized the Early Signing Period,
 - b. The athlete played for the club the previous season,
 - c. The athlete is registered for their club's tryout, or
 - d. The athlete was not registered with a club and did not engage in any club activities the previous season.
 - i. **Direct Communication refers to a personalized, individual and/or directed message from a Team Representative to a specific athlete or group of athletes (whether directly from a Team Representative or through other people or mediums).**
06. Tryout fees are not considered a portion of the athlete's club fees. Attending a club's tryouts is not considered as playing for the club and does not establish a commitment to do so.
07. All allegations of recruiting will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Regional Development Committee. Club Representatives are encouraged to contact Volleyball BC if further clarification regarding the Recruiting Policy is needed.
08. Violations of the Recruiting Policy can be submitted, via email, to Adrian Goodmurphy - agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org
09. The following penalties will be assessed for violation of the Recruiting Policy.



- a. First Offence - \$1000/violation fine to the club.
- b. Second Offence - 365 day suspension (served by the guilty party) from all Volleyball BC events/programs, completion of “Making Ethical Decisions Module” and completion of “Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation”.
- c. Third Offence - lifetime suspension (served by the guilty party) from all Volleyball BC events/programs and forfeiture of NCCP Technical Volleyball Components.

Membership Fees

01. Competitive Player and Competitive Coach Membership fees include:

- a. **Sport Accident and Liability Insurance (only during Season of Play)**
 - i. Only registered members undertaking sanctioned activities will be covered by Volleyball BC’s insurance.
 - ii. Information about Volleyball BC’s insurance can be found [here](#). (New link!!)
- b. Volleyball Canada Membership
- c. Access to Volleyball BC and Volleyball Canada Programs and Events
- d. Volleyball BC E-Newsletter
- e. Access to Referee, Coach, and Athlete Development opportunities
- f. Access to Letters of Good Standing for International Events

02. Recreational Player or Recreational Coach Category:

- a. A club may run additional indoor or outdoor (beach & grass) programs (development & recreation) such as Atomic, Smashball, Train & Play or House Leagues under the Recreational Participant and Recreational Coach Categories.
- b. The Recreational Participant and Coach Categories include general liability insurance for the above programs. It does not include Sport Accident insurance.
- c. All Recreational Coach Categories must meet the [Persons In Authority](#) screening requirements.
- d. An individual may purchase a Recreational Player or Coach Category and upgrade to the full Competitive Membership at any time during the year by paying the difference in fees.
- e. For more information about what activities are permitted with the Recreational Player and Coach categories, click [here](#).

Membership Fee Schedule

Category	Volleyball BC	Volleyball Canada	Total
Athlete (12U-18U)	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$73.00
Coach & Team Staff	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$73.00
Referee	Dependent upon level of certification		varies
Recreational Participant	\$12.50	n/a	\$12.50

*Processing fees and GST are not included in the prices above



Event Information

01. Volleyball BC Events include Regional Competitions, Regional Championships & Provincial Championships.
 - a. All event registrations and payments are online.
 - b. Once the registration deadline has passed, teams may only register with the permission of Volleyball BC. Late entry registrations may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.
 - c. Teams must have a current roster in Volleyball BC's database (including 8-15 athletes and a Head Coach) to participate in any Volleyball BC Event.
02. Provincial Championship Information
 - a. The deadline to register for Provincial Championships is TBA. Late entries (with the permission of the event host) may be subject to a \$100.00 late registration fee in addition to the standard registration fee.
03. Check-in Protocol
 - a. Teams will be required to check-in with the Site Coordinator at their facility before their first event. Teams will need to provide the following:
 - i. Coach Identification (government issued identification).
 - ii. Scoresheet Label (must match the roster in the VBC database).

Event Registration Fee Schedule

Event	Fee*
Regional Ranking Tournament	\$325.00
12U Super Spike	\$375.00
13U & 14U Super Spike	\$425.00
15U Super Series	\$425.00
16U Super Series	\$500.00
17/18U Super Series	\$500.00
Regional Championship (one day)	\$325.00
Regional Championship (two days)	\$375.00
12U, 13U, 14U, 15U Provincial Championships	\$500.00
16U, 17U, 18U Provincial Championships	\$600.00

*Processing fees and GST are not included in the prices above



Event Registration Schedule (all deadlines are at 12:00pm on the date listed)

Event	Registration Opens	Notes
15U Girls Regional Ranking Tournaments	December 14, 2022 (12:00pm)	Registration Deadline is January 3, 2023
Island Playdays	TBD	Island Regional Manager will contact clubs when registration is available. Events will be First Come, First Served. Limited space available.
15U, 16U & 17/18U Boys Super Series	January 9, 2023 (12:00pm)	Registration deadline will vary for each event). Teams may be permitted into events after the registration deadline after contacting the event host and if space permits.
15U, 16U & 17/18U Girls Super Series	January 9-13, 2023 (12:00pm)	Registration deadline is January 13, 2023. Teams may be permitted into events after this date after contacting the event host and if space permits.
15U, 16U & 17/18U Provincial Championships	January 9, 2023 (12:00pm)	Registration closes on March 10, 2023
12U, 13U & 14U Super Spikes, Spike Leagues & Provincial Championships	January 16, 2023 (12:00pm)	First Come, First Served. Limited space available.
12U, 13U & 14U Regional Championships	TBD	Regional Managers will contact clubs when registration is available

Withdrawals

01. The [Volleyball BC Refund Policy](#) applies to event withdrawals.
02. If a team needs to withdraw from an event after registering, they must contact Volleyball BC prior to the registration deadline. There will be a \$25 administration fee and applicable processing fees are non-refundable.
03. 12U-14U Girls & 12U-18U Boys: Withdrawals requested after the registration deadline will forfeit the entire registration fee for the event, and a warning will be recorded.
04. 15U-18U Girls: Withdrawals requested after 4 weeks before the first day of the event will forfeit the entire registration fee for the event, and a warning will be recorded.



- 05. Withdrawals within one week of the competition will forfeit the entire registration fee for the event, will be subject to a \$100 fine, and a warning will be recorded.
- 06. Two warnings in one season will prohibit the team from participating in the current season's Provincial Championship.
- 07. [Volleyball BC Inclement Weather Policy](#)

Performance Bonds

- 01. All clubs must pay Volleyball BC a performance bond. Club banking information will be collected using an Electronic Funds Transfer Form (EFT) which will be submitted through the online club application. The end of season reimbursement will be issued either through EFT or to the credit card that made the original payment. The performance bond must be paid online via credit card through SportLoMo no later than Dec 15, 2022.
 - a. Club Performance Bond
 - i. All clubs (regardless of number of teams) - \$500
- 02. The performance bond will not be carried over to the next club season. Performance bonds minus outstanding sanctions will be processed by June 15, 2023 and returned to clubs by July 15, 2023.
 - a. Clubs will have the opportunity to dispute sanctions until June 30, 2023. After that time, sanctions will remain in effect and cannot be contested. Clubs will be considered Not in Good Standing until their debts are paid.
- 03. If any portion of the performance bond is claimed during the season, it must be replaced before any team in that club can compete in a Volleyball BC event.
- 04. Performance bonds may be claimed for, but are not limited to, the following infractions:

Performance Bond Sanctions

Violation	Details	Sanction	Duration
Code of Conduct	Failure to adhere to Volleyball BC safety protocols – 1 st Offence	Verbal Warning and Letter of Warning	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Failure to adhere to Volleyball BC safety protocols – 2 nd Offence	Removal from Event and Forfeit of Event Registration Fee	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Failure to adhere to Volleyball BC safety protocols – 3 rd Offence	Removal from Division and Forfeit of All Registration Fees	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Damage to Facility, Venue, Accommodation, etc.	Financial Penalty	Until Paid
Code of Conduct	Failure to Clean Up (facilities, benches, etc.)	\$50 Fine	Per Incident
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 1st Offence*	Letter of Warning	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 2nd Offence*	\$50 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Red Card - 3rd Offence*	\$100 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season



Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 1st Offence*	\$100 Fine	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Yellow & Red Card (simultaneously) - 2nd Offence*	\$200 Fine & VBC Suspension	Current Season
Code of Conduct	Failure to Play a Match	\$100 Fine	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Recruiting Policy Violation	\$1000 Fine	Per Athlete
Code of Conduct	Failure to Provide Minor Officials	\$200 Fine	Per Match
Code of Conduct	Failure to Meet Coach Education Requirements	Financial Penalty	Current Season
Event Withdrawal	Before Deadline	Refund less \$25 admin fee	Until Paid
Event Withdrawal	After Deadline	No Refund & Warning	Current Season
Event Withdrawal	Within One Week of Event	No Refund, \$250 Fine & Warning	Current Season
Uniform Policy	Illegal Uniform	\$50 Fine	Per Match
Roster Policy	Invalid Roster, Ineligible Athlete	\$25 & Forfeiture of the Match	Per Match
Roster Policy	Failure to Enter Uniform Numbers (VBC database)	\$50 Fine	Per Team
Fair Play Rule	Ineligible Athlete, Illegal Substitution	\$100 Fine	Per Match
Signing Date Policy	Ineligible Athlete, Ineligible Date	\$200 Fine & Ineligible for Early Signing Period next season	Per Athlete
Warm Up Protocol	Failure to adhere to the Warm Up Protocol	\$25 Fine, escalating \$25 Fine	Per Match
Scoresheet Policy	Failure to Provide Acceptable Roster Labels	\$5 Fine	Per Match

***Participants who receive multiple misconduct sanctions during one event, may be subject to additional penalties, up to and including removal from that event, or further discipline post-event.**

Participants who conduct themselves inappropriately or are disrespectful to other participants, may be subject to sanctions or penalties, up to and including removal from that event, or further discipline post-event.

All sanctions will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Regional Development Committee.
All sanctions for the 2023 club season will be issued no later than June 15, 2023.

Violations occurring during or after Provincial Championships may be carried over to the following season.



Event Draws

01. Event draws will be posted on Volleyball BC's [website](#) as soon as they are finalized or by the Wednesday prior to the event. If the draw is not posted, it has not been finalized.
02. All revisions will be posted online, up to 5:00pm PST the day prior to the event.
03. It is the responsibility of the coach or team contact to ensure that they have the most recent version of the event draw.
04. Teams will be contacted directly, via email, if any revisions are made after 5:00pm PST the day prior to the event. It is imperative that coach and club contact information in the Volleyball BC database is current. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all contact information is correct and current.

Medals, Prizes, and All Stars

01. Provincial Championships: Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will be given to the top three finishers in each Division.
02. 15U, 16U, 17U, & 18U Awards: Season All Stars & Championship MVP.
 - a. Twelve (12) Season All Stars per designated level will be recognized for their performance throughout the club season. Coaches are required to submit an [All Star Nomination Form](#) (under Awards and Recognition) for both their team as well as their opponents. The top 8 coaches will rank the top 12 athletes that have been nominated.
 - b. One (1) Provincial Championship MVP per age category will be selected based on their performance during their Provincial Championship (as selected by the Championship Committee).
03. 12U, 13U, & 14U Awards: Most Inspirational Award
 - a. Coaches will nominate one athlete from their own team to be recognized at the Provincial Championships.
 - b. Coaches are required to submit their [Most Inspirational Player Nomination Form](#) prior to the Regional Championships.

Community Programs

01. Volleyball BC has partnered with local food banks to continue to make a positive impact on our community. In lieu of admission at all Super Events and Regional Championships, Volleyball BC would like to encourage parents, spectators, coaches, and athletes to donate to their local food bank.

Outstanding Fees

01. Any individual or club (athlete, coach, team, club) that has outstanding debts with Volleyball BC prior to the start of the 2023 season will be considered a member "Not in Good Standing" and will be ineligible for all Volleyball BC programs until such debts are reconciled.
02. Performance Bond sanctions can be paid via credit card through [Sportlomo](#).



Competition Guidelines

Competition Rules

01. Volleyball Canada rules are in effect for all Volleyball BC events, unless otherwise stated.
 - a. Full [summary](#) of Volleyball BC age specific competition rules, policies, and guidelines.
02. Please refer to the [Youth Club Volleyball](#) page on Volleyball BC's website for additional documentation including rationale for rule modifications, clarification of new rules, appendices, and resources.
03. Please [click here](#) for information on our new club structure (2022-2023)

Foreign Teams

01. Only teams fully registered with Volleyball BC will be permitted to compete in Volleyball BC events.
 - a. Any team not registered with Volleyball BC is considered a foreign team.
02. Foreign teams are permitted in Volleyball BC events for the 2023 season.
 - a. Foreign teams must apply to the event host to enter an event and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Regional Development Committee.
 - b. Foreign teams will only be considered after the registration deadline has passed.
 - c. Foreign teams will only be considered if there are open spaces in the event.
 - d. The entry fee for all Foreign teams is \$500 per team per event.
 - e. Foreign teams must pay via credit card.
 - f. Foreign teams must provide a Letter of Good Standing from their Association and National Federation for all members appearing on their roster.
 - g. **Foreign teams will not displace Volleyball BC teams for the purposes of divisional seeding.**

Uniform Policy

01. Face masks are recommended for all individuals at Volleyball BC events other than athletes competing in an ongoing match. *This may change based on Provincial, Regional and Municipal guidelines and may change from facility to facility.*
02. Personal Protective Equipment such as face masks and gloves are permitted, but not required for athletes during competition.
03. Athlete's uniforms must be numbered between 1-99.
04. Volleyball Canada's uniform policy requires numbers be at least 10cm high on the front, and at least 15cm high on the back.
 - a. For teams planning international competition, it is advised that you check with the host organization to ensure your uniforms meet their requirements (ex. USA Volleyball, FIVB).
05. The number must be in the center of the uniform on the front, and on the back.
06. The colour and brightness of the uniform must contrast the colour and the brightness of the number.
 - a. To avoid a potential uniform violation, it is strongly recommended that uniform numbers are not included in any artwork/logo. The numbers must be clearly visible and should stand alone.
07. The libero must wear a uniform of a contrasting colour to the other members of the team.
 - a. The libero uniform must have a different dominant colour from any dominant colour of the team jersey.
 - b. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.



- c. The libero uniform does not have to be the same design, but it must be numbered. If a different libero is used for each set, the uniform number must correspond to the number registered on the official scoresheet.
- 08. Shorts must be similar in design and colour, except the libero.
- 09. Sponsorship logos and artwork may only be placed on the bottom 1/3 of the back of the uniform, and on the sleeves. The top 1/3 of the back of the uniform is reserved for team names or athlete names.
 - a. Sponsorship logos and artwork that represents alcohol, tobacco and/or gambling will not be permitted.
- 10. Please contact agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org if you have any questions on acceptable uniforms, or would like approval on a uniform design/colour.

Substitution and Libero Regulations

- 01. All teams competing in the “A” Level or in Division 3 and below will be allowed to utilize 12 Unlimited Substitutions.
- 02. All teams competing in the “AA” Level or in Division 2 and above will be allowed to utilize 12 Limited Substitutions. If there is a libero permitted, the substitution rule will be 6 limited.
- 03. Each Provincial Championship will feature their own substitution rules, based on age category, gender & division and may differ slightly from the rest of the club season.**
- 04. Age Category Rules

2023 Volleyball BC Coach Education Requirements

- 01. [2023 Coach Education Requirements](#)
- 02. Official NCCP Transcripts can be found in The Locker.

2023 Volleyball Canada National Championship Coach Education Requirements

- 03. [National Championship Event Coach Education Requirements](#)

Referee Management Team (RMT)

- 01. A Referee Management Team (and/or Referee Supervisor) will endeavor to be available for each event.
 - a. The RMT will insert themselves into a match to assist with the development of a referee, or to assist with applying sanctions for misconduct.
- 02. Referee Assignments
 - a. 12U, 13U & 14U Male and Female
 - i. Super Spike: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - ii. Provincial Championship: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - b. 15U & 16U Male and Female
 - i. Super Series: First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - ii. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for all playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First Referee for playoffs.
 - c. 17U & 18U Male and Female



- i. Super Series: First Referee for pool play. First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to a top 3 finish.
 - ii. Provincial Championship: Division 1 – First and Second Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals. Division 2 and all subsequent divisions – First Referee for pool play; First and Second Referee for playoff matches leading to medals.
- **If an event does not have enough referees available, whether due to illness, declining referee participation, or other reasons, Volleyball BC will endeavour to provide the above.**

Referee Requirements (Referee Assistants)

01. 12U, 13U, 14U Boys and Girls Volleyball BC Events and Provincial Championships.
 - a. Self-Refereed (Playing teams provide referee assistants)
 - i. Participating teams are required to provide referee assistants (one scorekeeper and one line judge) for their own match. Assistants may be athletes, teammates, parents, friends, etc.
02. 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U Boys & Girls Volleyball BC Super Events and Provincial Championships
 - a. Teams assigned as referee assistants (all Pool Play matches will have teams assigned as referee assistants, as designated by the Event Host).
 - i. Participating teams are required to provide referee assistants (one second referee, two scorekeepers and two line judges) for their opponent's match.
 - ii. Referee assistants must be athletes or coaches of the assigned team.
 1. One parent/guardian is permitted to assist an athlete with scorekeeping (scoresheet).
 - iii. The second referee must be a coach registered on the referee assistant's team's roster, an athlete supervised by a coach, or an athlete with a referee certification that is registered on the referee assistant's roster.
 - iv. Referee assistants can change between sets.
 - v. Failure to provide referee assistants will result in escalating sanctions.
 1. 1st offence - \$200 fine.
 2. 2nd offence - \$500 fine.
 3. 3rd offence - unable to participate in the Provincial Championship.
 - b. Self-refereed (for referee assistants, all Playoff matches will be self-refereed, as designated by the Event Host).
 1. Participating teams are required to provide referee assistants (one scorekeeper and one line judge) for their own match. referee assistants may be athletes, teammates, parents, friends, etc.
03. Referee assistants provided must be capable of fulfilling their duties to the satisfaction of the First Referee. Failure to meet the satisfaction of the First Referee will result in the individual being removed from their role. The participating team will be required to replace the individual, and may be assessed with a delay of game warning by the First Referee.
04. Failure to provide referee assistants will be noted on the scoresheet and sanctions will be applied.



05. Teams are required to attend events with trained referee assistants. For assistance with training, please refer to the following:
 - a. Scorekeeping Clinics – contact Glenn Wheatley.
 - b. Online Scorekeeping Tutorials.
 - i. Standard Volleyball
 - ii. Tripleball Volleyball
 - c. Referee Clinics – contact Glenn Wheatley - referee@volleyballbc.org
06. Teams will be required to provide trained referee assistants at Provincial Championships. Teams that fail to provide trained referee assistants at Provincial Championships will be sanctioned.

Warm Up Protocol

01. In an effort to reduce the incidence of concussions and other injuries, Volleyball Canada has developed a warm up protocol to be followed by all teams during the attacking portion of the team warm up. The following protocol will be used for all Volleyball BC Events.
 - a. Athletes are not permitted to cross under the net and into the receiving court after completing their attack.
 - b. Athletes must remain on their side of the net immediately following an attack, and only move to the opposite side of the net from the outside of the court.
 - c. Balls being entered to the attacking side of the net from the receiving side of the court must be entered from outside of the court, at a minimum distance of six meters from the net.
 - d. Retrieved balls must be returned along the sidelines of the court, and not through the receiving court.
 - e. Athletes may remain on the receiving court if there is only one ball in play at a time.
 - f. Non-traditional warm ups (wash, giant rotation, butterfly, etc.) may be used if there is only one ball in play at a time.
 - g. Warm up at the end of the court, behind the attacking team, is not permitted.
02. Warm up protocol tutorial
 - a. Preventing Concussions in Volleyball - The Hitting Warm Up

Tie Breaking Procedures

01. Volleyball Canada's indoor tie breaking procedures will be in effect at all Volleyball BC events.
 - a. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:
 - i. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
 - ii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
 - iii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
 - iv. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
 - v. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during the round, will be ranked higher;
 - vi. As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g. extra set, toss of coin, etc.)



Official Game Ball

01. Mikasa provides the official game ball of Volleyball BC.
 - a. 17U & 18U: Mikasa V200W volleyball.
 - b. 13U, 14U, 15U & 16U: Mikasa VQ200W volleyball.
 - c. 12U: Mikasa MVA-LITE volleyball.

Audio/Visual Equipment Policy

01. Each facility is unique, and VBC Staff will designate safe areas for audio/visual equipment.
02. VBC is not obligated to provide space for audio/visual equipment: and space may not be available at some facilities.
03. Audio/visual equipment will be allowed in the team's free space and in spectator areas, unless it is deemed unsafe by the referees or VBC Staff.
04. Audio/visual equipment cannot impede spaces such as emergency exits, entrances, spectator viewing, free space, etc.
05. VBC Staff will remove any unsafe audio/visual equipment.
06. Drones are not allowed at any of the facilities.

Food & Drink Policy

01. Only water is permitted in gyms/playing areas
02. Other food and drink is permitted in designated areas, only as permitted by the facility
03. No team food tables or portable kitchen/cooking devices are permitted in any Volleyball BC event facilities. Individuals or teams violating these rules may be required to leave.
- 04. Teams are responsible for leaving all spaces clean and tidy, including team benches. The most recent team to have used a space will be considered responsible for purposes of issuing sanctions and cleaning the area.**
05. Any team violating these policies may be subject to a \$50 fine.

Pet & Animal Policy

01. Volleyball BC does not allow pets/animals into any of its facilities.
02. Only registered Service Animals (with documentation) will be able to enter facilities.
03. Unregistered "Therapy Pets" or "Emotional Support Animals" are not considered Service Animals, and will not be able to enter facilities.

Letters of Good Standing (Travel Permits)

01. Letters of Good Standing are required for teams, athletes, coaches, etc. that wish to compete outside of Canada. All participants must be members with Volleyball BC.
02. Requests for [Letters of Good Standing](#) must be submitted to members@volleyballbc.org a minimum of four weeks prior to the event.
03. Requests submitted after the four-week deadline may not be reviewed by Volleyball Canada. A rush fee of \$25 will be applied for all requests submitted after the deadline.
04. Volleyball BC's insurance does not include international competitions or events. It is recommended that members purchase their own additional insurance.



Protests & Event Discipline Policy

01. All protests must be submitted at the time of the incident. Protests that are submitted after the incident will not be considered.
 - a. Captains must submit the protest to the first referee at the time of the incident.
 - b. The referee's judgement (i.e. ball handling) is not open to protest. Only errors in applying or interpreting a rule are open to protest.
 - c. Protests will be reviewed immediately by the Protest Committee (Volleyball BC Staff and Head Referee).
 - d. All decisions made by the Protest Committee are final.
 - e. Protests that are denied will result in a Delay of Game Penalty, a point and service for the opposing team (in effect for the duration of the match).
 - f. A protest that is denied at the end of a set will be applied at the beginning of the following set in the same match.
02. All complaints regarding referees at a Provincial Championship can be submitted directly to the Referee Management Team on site.

Discipline & Complaint Policy

01. Volleyball BC has a [Code of Conduct](#) that every participant agrees to uphold when they register. This governs Volleyball BC's events, activities, and member clubs. We have a process in place to address issues or behaviours that contravene our Code of Conduct. Members with concerns are encouraged to follow VBC's [complaint process](#).
02. Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC have zero tolerance for any type of abuse. Individuals are required to report abuse or suspected abuse to Volleyball Canada or to VBC so that those matters can be addressed in an expeditious manner. You can report an issue in the following ways:
03. Volleyball Canada has an independent third-party to review safe sport complaints that is used by Volleyball BC. This is provided through Abuse-Free Sport, a program run by the SDRCC that offers a centralized "one stop shop" for managing complaints of abuse and maltreatment. It is independent and led by experts in their fields, using education and research to prevent maltreatment at all levels of sport. The Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (the Office) serves as the central hub and operates independently to administer complaints about alleged violations of the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS). Where there are admissible allegations of abuse, harassment or discrimination, the Office conducts independent investigations and recommends sanctions against individuals who violate the UCCMS. Contact Abuse-Free Sport – 1-888-837-7678 or info@abuse-free-sport.ca or <http://abuse-free-sport.ca/en/> This helpline is available 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.
04. Any VBC Member may report to the VBC Head Office any complaint of an infraction by a Member. Such a complaint must be signed and in writing and must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the alleged incident. If a complaint is related to abuse or suspected abuse, VBC will refer the complaint to the Abuse-Free Sport program. You can report any complaints to Volleyball BC at reporting@volleyballbc.org

Specific Age Category Rules

01. [Link](#)



Regional Contacts

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Partners & Sponsors

Organization	Website
Volleyball Canada	www.volleyball.ca
viaSPORT	www.viasport.ca
Mikasa Sports	www.mikasasports.com
Canuck Volleyball	www.canuckstuff.com
Government of British Columbia	www2.gov.bc.ca
Coaching Association of Canada	www.coach.ca
GLC Solutions	www.glcsolutions.ca
Belair Direct	www.belairdirect.com

2023 Indoor Club Season Dates

NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO PROVINCIAL HEALTH RESTRICTIONS. DATES WILL BE UPDATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

March 1, 2023	Club Application Deadline
September 15 - October 6, 2022	Early Signing Period
November 20, 2022	12/13/14U Season of Play (In-Person Tryouts may begin)
November 27, 2022	15U Season of Play (In-Person Tryouts may begin)
December 4, 2022	16/17/18U Season of Play (In-Person Tryouts may begin)
November 28, 2022	12/13/14U Tryout Offer Signing Date
December 5, 2022	15U Tryout Offer Signing Date
December 12, 2022	16/17/18U Tryout Offer Signing Date
January 9, 2023	Registration Opens for 15U-18U Girls Events



January 13, 2023	Registration Closes for 15U-18U Girls Events
January 16, 2023	Registration Opens for 12U-14U Girls & 13U-18U Boys Events
March 10, 2023	Registration Closes for VBC Provincials
May 31, 2023	VBC Indoor Club Season of Play Ends
June 15, 2023	Performance Bonds Processed
June 30, 2023	Deadline for Disputing Sanctions
July 15, 2023	Performance Bonds Returned to Clubs