



VOLLEYBALL BC

ADULT BEACH TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK 2024

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The following information outlines the tournament structure for the 2024 Adult beach volleyball season.

Any questions should be directed to kloudova@volleyballbc.org

Pro events are now considered 2-Star Events, Am events are now considered 1-Star Events. The Vancouver Open is a 3 Star Event. There may also be Sanctioned Satellite 1 Star Events. Those events are held outside of VBC events in outlying regions. The event organizers will NOT be VBC, and registration will not be done through VBC. The teams that finish 1st - 4th in those Satellite events will receive VBC points (4 points each - equivalent to a top 12 finish at a VBC 1 Star tournament). Please read below. If you are interested in creating a satellite event in the future seasons, please contact agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org

1. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1.0 Volleyball BC Beach Volleyball Tour

The Volleyball BC Beach Tour features seven signature 2 Star events from May to August in three regions of British Columbia. Featuring a cumulative points system that will award points for finishes at each event, Volleyball BC Beach Tour teams will be competing for individual event titles and for a 2 Star Tour Championship title. At the end of the 2024 Tour Season, a Men's and Women's Tour Champion will be crowned. The Championship ceremony will take place at the completion of the final event of the Tour, Beach Provincial Championships. To win the 2 Star Tour Championship, a player must have competed in five of the six 2-Star tour events and have the highest accumulated points total, based on their best finishes in five of the events. Volleyball BC Beach Tour events will take place in Vancouver, Parksville, Penticton, and Kamloops and will feature either 64 teams in the main draw (32 Men's and 32 Women's) or 48 teams in the main draw (24 Men's and 24 Women's). The events will take place over two days (Saturday and Sunday), and the Vancouver Open will include a qualifying tournament on Friday prior.

For more information, please visit [The Beach Tour website](#).

1.1 - 3 Star Men 2's & Women 2's Tournaments Open

Vancouver Open	Fri July 12 - Sun July 14, 2024	Kitsilano Beach	\$250/team
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1.2 - 2 Star Men 2's & Women 2's Tournaments (AAA & AA Divisions)

Kits Classic	Saturday, May 18 - Sunday, May 19	Kitsilano Beach	\$125/team
Penticton	Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 2	Skaha Beach	\$125/team
Jim Clive Cup	Saturday, June 8 - Sunday, June 9	Kitsilano Beach	\$125/team
Parksville	Saturday, June 22 - Sunday, June 23	Parksville Beach Park	\$125/team
Kamloops	Saturday, June 29 - Sunday, June 30	Overlanders Park	\$125/team
Provincials	Saturday, August 10 - Sunday, August 11	Kitsilano Beach	\$125/team

1.3 - 1 Star Men's 2's & Women's 2's Tournaments (A & B Divisions)

Kits Classic	Sunday, May 19	Kitsilano Beach	\$85/team
Jim Clive Cup	Sunday, June 9	Kitsilano Beach	\$85/team
Parksville	Saturday, June 23	Parksville Beach Park	\$85/team
Provincials	Sunday, August 11	Kitsilano Beach	\$85/team

1.4 1 Star Men's 2's & Women's 2's Tournaments (Satellite Events)

There are no satellite tournaments scheduled at this time.

VBC Sanctioned Satellite events will take place outside of Vancouver to give participants more opportunities to be awarded points within the VBC system. The minimum amount of teams for the tournament is 12 per gender. The top 4 teams (Men & Women) will be awarded 4 points for their finish. These points will be used during the regular VBC season for tournament entry.

For more information, please visit <http://www.volleyballbc.org/clinic-groups/adult-satellite-tournaments/>.

1.5 National Championships

Senior Beach Nationals Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18, 2024

For more information, please visit [Senior Beach Nationals](#).

2. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

2.0 Membership

A Volleyball BC membership is not required to participate in tournaments.

If a team wishes to compete at the Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships, they must be fully paid members in good standing with Volleyball BC.

2.1 Event Registration

All event registration is done through the [Sportlomo registration system](#). If you have not registered for an event previously, you will need to create a Sportlomo account. You can do this at the same time that you are registering for an event.

****Please note that after creating your account, you will receive an email asking you to activate your account. Please complete this prior to registering for an event.**

After creating your account and logging into the system, you will see the event(s) available for purchase. You can filter the options by group (select Adult 2's) to reduce the number of events on the list.

Follow the steps to register your team, create your roster and submit payment. Team captain/contacts should add themselves as the "Team Official" when registering. 2 people must be added to a team's roster to complete registration. Please ensure that the information provided is correct for each team member including their email address. Please label the team name "**Last Name Partner 1/Last Name Partner 2**."

****Each of your roster players will receive a link via email to complete their own registration. Players that do not complete their registration and accept their position on a roster may not be permitted to play.**

2.2 Partner Change

Either two males or two females must register for a tournament. If a player does not have a partner, they may not register until their partner is confirmed. When registering, partner changes are allowed and should be completed in the registration system **until Wednesday, 12 pm, before the event.**

1. Log into [Sportlomo](#)
2. Select 'Manager' from the Squad menu.
3. Select the team that you want to manage

After the partner change deadline, teams will be charged \$25 for partner changes. An email must be sent to kloudova@volleyballbc.org request a partner switch with the following information:

- Reason for switch
- Original partner name (First & Last) and email
- New partner name (First & Last) and email

2.3 No-show/Forfeit

Teams are expected to begin all matches on time. If the tournament is running behind schedule, teams are expected to start their match 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match.

- If a team is < 10 minutes late for their best-of-one-set match (25), they will start the match down 10-0.
- If a team is < 10 minutes late for their best of three match (21/21/15), they will lose the first set 0-21.
- If a team is > 10 minutes late for their match, they will forfeit the match but are still expected to complete their officiating duties.

2.4 Officiating

All players are responsible for officiating and scorekeeping matches throughout each tournament. Player referees are responsible for officiating matches according to the following guidelines:

- The officiating person must be standing. The scorekeeper may choose to sit.
- Player referees must conduct themselves in a professional manner. When intervening in a match to make a call, do so as you would want to be done to you.

If a team is late for their officiating duties, they will be assessed a penalty of 1 point per minute which will be applied at the beginning of their next match. If a team is late for their officiating duties with no matches left to play, they will be assessed a penalty of 1 participation point per minute they are late.

Teams that miss an officiating assignment will receive 0 participation points for the tournament.

Referee Supervisors will be on site each day to referee select matches and in the case of disputes. Certified playoff referees will be brought in for the semi-finals & finals. Referee Supervisors will monitor warm-up times to keep tournaments running smoothly and on time.

Interested in becoming a beach volleyball referee? Please contact Glenn Wheatley at referee@volleyballbc.org.

2.5 Coaching

No coaching is allowed at the senior level. Coaching is not allowed for age-category athletes (13U to 16U) that are participating in a senior-level event. Coaching is only allowed in age category-specific events (13U to 16U).

2.6 Medical Services

Volleyball BC Tournament Staff will be equipped with a medical kit, including band-aids and ice packs; however, no Athletic Trainers or Therapists will be on-site (except for the Vancouver Open and Provincials).

3. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

3.1 Eligibility and Entry Qualification

Kits Classic (1 & 2 Star), Jim Clive Cup (1 & 2 Star), Parksville (1 & 2 Star), Penticton (2 star), Kamloops Open (2 star), and Provincial Championships (1 & 2 Star).

- 1 Star Events - Open events. All teams are welcome, space permitting.
- 2 Star Events - Kits Class, Parksville, Jim Clive Cup, Provincial Championships
 - 32 Men's and 32 Women's teams
- 2 Star Events - Penticton, Kamloops
 - 24 Men's and 24 Women's teams.

Should registration capacity, except for the maximum number of teams allowed in the draw, the sum of a team's entry points from the 2023 and current 2024 season will be used to determine eligibility. The teams with the lowest entry points will be moved to the 1 Star Tournament on Sunday (if applicable).

Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the Beach Tour event date.

Registration deadline is three weeks prior to the Vancouver Open.

2-Star Wildcard Entries

Teams who do not have enough points to qualify directly for a main draw entry into a Beach Tour Tournament may apply for a Wild Card entry by completing the [Beach Tour Wildcard Application Form](#).

Teams will need to provide a history of results from their five (5) most recent events.

Wild card applications for regular Beach Tour events (Kits Classic / Jim Clive Cup / Parksville Open / Penticton Pro, Kamloops Pro and Provincial Championships) must be received by the event registration deadline. All teams will be notified by next Wednesday if their application was successful or not.

Wildcard entries into each event are limited to three teams per gender.

Vancouver Open - 3 Star Event

- Top 4 teams from 2023 Vancouver Open – If teams split up, they will need to qualify by another process.
- 2 FIVB teams * (Min 50 points)
- 2 USA teams * (determined by VBC, not points)
- 1 2023 Beach Adult Provincials Champions - If team split up, they will need to qualify by another process
- 10 VBC teams (Based on current points and average finish).
- 5 Wild Card teams (Determined by VBC Player's Committee).
- 8 Qualifier Berths (Top 8 teams based on results of the qualifying tournament).

** If more than 32 teams register, the bottom 8 teams will be placed into a qualifier event. If the team is sent to the qualifier despite their ranking qualifying them for the main draw, they will retain their actual ranking for the main draw if they successfully proceed through the qualification rounds.

* Berths not assigned to the categories above will be added to the wild card team entries.

Vancouver Open Late registration

- Late registration for the Vancouver Open incurs a fee of \$100, and the Beach Player committee decides whether the team will participate in the qualifier or the main draw.

Vancouver Open Wildcard Entries

- Wildcard applications will be accepted and approved throughout the tournament registration process.
- Teams must be registered in the tournament for a wildcard entry to be considered.
 - Wildcard applications are submitted online - [Wildcard Application Form](#)
 - The VBC Player's Committee will review all applications and approve wildcard entries at their discretion.
 - **Wildcard Deadline Sunday, June 23, 2024, 11:59 PM.**

Volleyball Canada National Championships

- Team must participate in the 2024 Provincial Championships to be eligible. If unable to fulfill this requirement, teams must contact Volleyball Canada to request an exemption.

3.2 Guidelines

The Beach Tour (2-Star / 1-Star Events)

2 Star Tournaments events will consist of AAA & AA divisions and 1 Star Tournaments events will consist of A & B divisions. Placement into each division will be based on total participation points from the 2023 season and current 2024 season. Once in a division teams will be re-ranked based on average finish from the 2023 and current 2024 season. See 3.4 and 3.5 below.

All regular events will start with pool play.

- Pools of 3 – Best of three series (21/21/15) with no cap, switch sides on 7s.
- Pools of 4 – One game to 25 points with no cap, switch sides on 7s.
- Pools of 5 – One game to 21 points with no cap, switch sides on 7s.

1 Crossover match will be played to determine bottom 4 of Tier 1 and top 4 of Tier 2.

Once Teams are divided into Tier 1 & Tier 2 (after crossover games) playoffs will begin.

- Teams will play best of three series (21/21/15) with no cap, switch sides on 7s.
- After a team's first loss in playoffs, they will play one game to 25 points with no cap, switch on 7s.

The Vancouver Open (3-Star Event)

The Vancouver Open Main Draw is a 32-team pool play (FIVB format), single-elimination tournament.

- Vancouver Open Registration Deadline Sunday, Jun 23, 2024
- Vancouver Open - \$250/Team (No Partial Refund if you don't advance from qualifier event).
- Tournament schedule will be completed and shared by the committee a week before the tournament. Seeding will not be released until the Main Draw Player's Meeting on Friday, July 12th, 2024..
- Partner changes must be approved by the committee before the schedule is released. Failure to contact Volleyball BC for approval may result in your team being withdrawn from the tournament.

Late registration

Late registration for the Vancouver Open incurs a fee of \$100, and the Beach Player committee decides whether the team will participate in the qualifier or the main draw.

Other event information

Official Ball – Mikasa Beach Pro BV550C

Court Dimensions – 16m x 8m

Net Heights – Women: 2.24m; Men: 2.43m

Uniforms – In the regular Tournament Series, VBC allows players to play in whatever they are comfortable wearing. For the Vancouver Open, teams must be wearing matching tops and bottoms. Tops are provided.

3.3 Rules

All Volleyball BC events follow current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules with the exception of Volleyball Canada Rule Variations. For more information, please visit www.fivb.org.

Tie-breaking procedures after pool play have been completed will be broken by the following procedures in priority order. ONLY tied teams are taken into consideration.

- Tie between two teams:
 - The team with the higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool is ranked higher.
 - If still tied, then the winner of the head-to-head match is ranked higher.
- Tie between three teams:
 - The ranking is determined by the rally point ratio in the matches between the three (3) tied teams;
 - If still tied, then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally point ratios between all teams in the pool.
 - If still tied, then the ranking of teams still tied is determined by the tournament seeding





3.4 Entry Points & Eligibility

Each 2 Star tournament has the capacity for 32 Men's and 32 Women's teams (Exceptions: Penticton / Kamloops have 24). Should more than 32 teams register, the sum of a team's entry points from the 2023 and current 2024 season is used to determine eligibility. The teams with the lowest entry points will be moved to the 1 Star Tournament on the Sunday (if applicable).

Each player on a team will receive the following entry points based on their tournament results.

- AAA (1st-16th) 16 points
- AA (17th- 32nd) 8 points
- A (1st-16th) 4 points
- B (17th & lower) 2 points

AAA				AA				A				B			
1	2	3	4	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	17	18	19	20
8	7	6	5	24	23	22	21	8	7	6	5	24	23	22	21
9	10	11	12	25	26	27	28	9	10	11	12	25	26	27	28
16	15	14	13	32	31	30	29	16	15	14	13	32	31	30	29

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Players who finished in the AAA division in 2023 or finish in the AAA division this season and have enough entry points to enter a 2-Star tournament are ineligible to play in 1 Star Tournaments (excluding 1-star Satellite events).

1st and 2nd place teams in a 1 Star VBC event will have the option to play in the next 2 Star tournament (Does not include the Penticton Open or the Vancouver Open). Please email agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org to confirm your entry.

Players competing in multiple events on the same weekend (2 & 1 Star Events) will only receive entry points for one event (highest point finish).

1 Star Satellite Events - Teams finishing 1st - 4th will be awarded 4 VBC points, those points will be used during the 2024 season for rankings into VBC events.

No Points or finishes will be given from the 3-star Vancouver Open.

3.5 Average Finish & Seeding

Average finish is calculated by adding the sum of each partner's finishes and dividing that value by the sum of the number of tournaments played by both partners.

Teams are placed in the top 32 based on entry points; then they will be seeded (or ranked) based on the following criteria:

1. Total average finish points from the last year (2023) and the current year (2024). In the case of a tie, more weight will be placed on the most recent event.
2. Subjective seeding (Volleyball BC Players Committee). Seeding will be completed on the Thursday evening before each event. Volleyball BC reserves the right to make final decisions on seeding.

3.6 Registration Deadlines

Registration Deadline for all 2-Star and 1-Star Events is Friday, two weeks before the tournament at 12:00pm (noon)

Kits Classic: May 3, 2024

Penticton: May 17, 2024

Jim Clive Cup: May 24, 2024

Parksville: June 7, 2024

Kamloops: June 14, 2024

Provincial Championships: July 26, 2024

Registration deadline for the Vancouver Open is Sunday, June 23, 2024

Depending on space available, late registrations will be accepted until Wednesday prior the event at 9 am based on availability and a \$25 late fee surcharge.

All registrations must be completed online using the [Sportlomo Registration System](#)

3.7 Cancellation and Refund Policy

Teams may withdraw until Monday before the event at 12 pm with no cancellation fee.

Notification of cancellation must be sent to kloudova@volleyballbc.org with the following information:

- Full name of partner that purchased the event
- Sportlomo order number (can be found on the emailed registration receipt)
- Reason for cancellation

Teams that withdraw after the cancellation deadline will not receive a refund unless the cancellation is due to injury/illness and a doctor's note is provided. If a team withdraws because they were bumped from a 2 Star tournament to 1 Star tournament, they will receive a refund for the difference in the entry fee amount.

3.8 Maternity Policy

Athletes who have missed or will miss some portion of the VBC Tournament Series during the period of 6 months before giving birth to 6 months after giving birth will retain all points from the last event played. The points will carry over for one year and will be used to seed teams for the first event back from maternity leave. To apply for maternity leave please email kloudova@volleyballbc.org with information regarding the duration of leave and anticipated return date. If the timeframe needs to be adjusted due to special circumstances, please request an alteration.

3.9 Severe Injury Policy

Athletes are not penalized for severe injuries which result in a player's inability to compete for all or a substantial portion of the season. Athletes who miss some portion of the VBC Tournament Series due to severe injury will retain points for one year without competition and will be used to seed teams at the first event upon return from injury. To apply for injury leave please email kloudova@volleyballbc.org with information regarding the nature of the injury, doctor's note, date of last event played and anticipated return date. If the timeframe needs to be adjusted due to special circumstances, please request an alteration.

If an athlete becomes injured or ill during a tournament, both partners must decide whether to take their participation points and average finish, or to take neither (removing them from the tournament completely). No refund will be given in this situation.

4. POLICY & PROCEDURES

4.1 Code of Conduct:

Volleyball BC expects a high standard of sportsmanship and fair play from their staff, athletes, coaches, parents and spectators at all events. It is expected that all participants (staff, coaches, athletes, parents, spectators, etc.) will conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner and avoid any practices which are viewed as detrimental to the sport. If you witness offensive behaviour, please file a formal complaint to the Volleyball BC office to kloudova@volleyballbc.org

4.2 Fee Breakdown:

- **1 Star Events - \$85/Team**
- **2 Star Events - \$125/Team**

- **Vancouver Open - \$250/Team (No Partial Refund if you don't advance from qualifier event).**

4.3 Prize Money Breakdown:

1- Star Events

Tier 1 Men & Women

- 1st Place - VBC Prize
- 2nd Place - VBC Prize
- 3rd Place - VBC Prize

Tier 2 Men & Women

(Depending on Amount of Teams)

2-Star Events

Tier 1 Men & Women

- 1st Place – \$720.00
- 2nd Place – \$360.00
- 3rd Place – \$170.00