



**Manitoba  
beach  
Volleyball**

**2017  
Summer Series Beach League  
Handbook**

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## Membership

All participants of Volleyball Manitoba events are required to be registered Volleyball Canada/Manitoba members for the 2017 beach season. The membership fee is \$28 per player, and is valid for all leagues, tournaments, and special events in the 2017 beach season.

The Volleyball Manitoba/ Canada Membership is an annual membership that covers both the indoor and beach seasons, from September 1 to August 31.

\*Any player registered for the 2016/17 WMVL, as well as all age class Club coaches will have been required to attain their 2016/17 Volleyball Canada/ Manitoba Membership in order to be eligible to participate. \*Note: WWVL and WCVL members will still be required to attain the Volleyball Canada/Manitoba membership.

**\*ANY PLAYER/COACH NOT REGISTERED AS A VOLLEYBALL MANITOBA MEMBER MUST OBTAIN THEIR 2016/17 \$28 VOLLEYBALL CANADA/MANITOBA MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES OR TOURNAMENTS.**

## Registration

Teams must register for the Summer Series Beach Volleyball League using the new Volleyball Registration System (VRS). This is accessible at [www.volleyballmanitoba.ca](http://www.volleyballmanitoba.ca) online registration link or [https://site2666.goalline.ca/registration\\_team.php?id=2936](https://site2666.goalline.ca/registration_team.php?id=2936) . If you encounter any problems with the online registration system, please contact Anthony at the Volleyball Manitoba office.

Phone: 925-5912. Email- [volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca)

## League Meetings

It is **MANDATORY** for all teams to have a team representative at the pre-season information meeting. Teams will receive information about the league that includes schedules, rules, and expectations. Tournament information will also be available. Please only send **ONE** team representative.

**League Meetings (2 options):**

**Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

**Location: Sport Manitoba Building Conference Room A (145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg, MB)**

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## Defaults

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to several issues this past season, we will once again be collecting Performance bonds, so please bring a \$100 Performance Bond cheque to the meeting.**

Teams default if they are incomplete or absent at the time they are scheduled to play, and have not followed the required cancellation or rescheduling procedures.

All games are expected to start at the scheduled time (permitting a 5-minute warm-up). If a team arrives after this time they forfeit their first set. An additional set will be forfeited every 10-minute increment after the start time. If a team forfeits the entire match, they will be subject to the following default penalties:

**1<sup>st</sup> Default** – \$40 deduction

**2<sup>nd</sup> Default** – \$60 deduction

**3<sup>rd</sup> Default** – Removal from the Summer Series Beach League

It is the responsibility of the opposing team to notify the Volleyball Manitoba staff by recording the default on the score sheet. We would ask that the opposing team e-mail the staff at Volleyball Manitoba at [volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca) about the default as well.

## Cancellation Procedures

Teams wishing to cancel a match must follow these procedures to avoid a default penalty:

- **Notify the opposing team contact by 4:30pm on the day prior to the scheduled match**  
AND
- Notify the Volleyball Manitoba staff (by phone 925-5787 or by email [volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca)) by 4:30pm on the **day prior to the scheduled match**. If you are leaving a message, please include your division, team name, court number, and scheduled time.

If the official cancellation procedures are not followed, a team is subject to a default and the consequential fine.

## Rescheduling Procedures

The team that cancels a match is responsible for rescheduling the match using the following procedures (in this order):

1. Contact the opposing team and decide on a specific date (and time if necessary) to play the match. **All matches must be made up prior to rain week.** It is in everyone's best interest to reschedule games sooner than later. Courts fill up closer to the deadline, therefore you may not be guaranteed a court.

2. Contact the Volleyball Manitoba office (by email or phone) with the confirmed date. The staff will let you know what court number and time is available, or will suggest another date.

The opposing team is expected to make every effort to assist in rescheduling the match. All rescheduled matches must be **completed before** the scheduled rain week. If the match is not **rescheduled** (meaning a date had been decided on), the team who originally cancelled will be penalized with a loss. **This is not a default.** \*NOTE: The online results will display a default until the game is rescheduled. It will then be changed once the game has been played.

If a team decides to schedule the match for a different venue, please notify Volleyball Manitoba staff. The winning team is responsible for faxing/delivering/emailing the results to the Summer Series Staff.

## **Weather Cancellation**

Weather cancellations will be announced at **4:05pm** on the day of the scheduled games. We will be posting cancellations on the website. A message will also be posted on the League Facebook page. In the past we have delayed posting messages as the weather would sometimes pick up after the allotted announcement time. We suggest that everyone keep checking the website to confirm cancellations.

**Do not assume** that a match is cancelled, or is not cancelled. Remember that the weather may vary across the city.

The league is subject to cancellations due to severe weather conditions including exceptionally heavy winds, thunderstorms, torrential downpour, etc.

## **Rain Week**

Games that are rained out will be played during a scheduled 'Rain Week'. **\*THE LEAGUE WILL BE MOVED AHEAD AND PLAYOFFS WILL START EARLY IF NO RAIN DAYS WERE REQUIRED\*** If games get rained out on more than one occasion teams are required to re-schedule.

## **Schedules**

Schedules will be completed for the duration of the entire regular season. Schedules will be available online on the Volleyball Manitoba website.

## **Results**

Results will be posted online every Friday. **The score sheets will only be kept for one week after the results are posted.** After the score sheets are recycled, errors will not be corrected. If you see an error with in that time please contact the Beach staff, and we will reference the score sheet.

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## Playoffs

The play-off draws will be posted online as well. The playoff bracket will list the team name, the court number, and the time of the match so that teams will not have to cross reference with the schedule.

If you have questions regarding the playoff bracket, please contact the Volleyball Manitoba staff.

## Balls and Score-sheets

A ball and scoresheet will be provided to each court prior to the start of the 6:15 pm game. Only one ball will be provided for each court. Teams are responsible for providing their own warm up balls.

All players' names must be printed neatly on the score sheet. **One member from each team must sign the score sheet to verify the score and the players.** The score is final once the score sheet has been signed by both teams and returned to the Summer Series Staff.

Please leave the ball and scoresheet on the court for subsequent games. Teams playing the last game on a court must ensure that the scoresheet and ball are returned to the blue bins by the clubhouse.

## Alternate Players

Only Volleyball Canada/Manitoba members are allowed to play in the Summer Series Beach League. An incomplete team may have a member of a different team play for them, as long as the alternate is from an equal or lower division of the same league. For example, a Women's 2s 'A' team may only use a player from a Women's 2s 'A' or 'B' divisions, not a 'AA' Women's 2s team.

The use of an alternate player must be listed on the score-sheet remarks. Teams are expected to use the honour system, and not abuse this rule to improve their teams.

**Teams may not use alternate players during playoffs.**

## Substitutions

Substitutions are permitted in the Summer Series Beach League. Teams may substitute players after each set.

A substitute may be a member of the team roster, or may be an alternate play so long as the regulations outlined above are followed and the alternate player is recorded on the score sheet before the beginning of the match.

In the case of an injury, teams will be permitted to use a substitution within a set so long as the substitute is a member of the roster, or the player was recorded as an alternate player on the score sheet prior to the beginning of the match.

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### Alternates in Playoffs

In the event that an alternate player is required for playoffs, the team in question must make a special request with league administrators at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled match. Generally, requests will only be granted in case of injury or other unforeseeable extenuating circumstance.

### Roster Changes

A roster change is adding or removing a player to or from a roster. Rosters may only include current Volleyball Canada/Manitoba members. To submit a roster change, you must send an email to [volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca) requesting a roster change. This email must include your team name, and the name of the **existing Volleyball Canada/Manitoba member** you would like to add/remove from your roster. Once a player is removed from a roster, they may not return to the same roster. Only the team contacts may request a roster change.

- Teams may have a maximum of 4 people on their roster.

Before submitting a roster change to the Volleyball Manitoba staff, please ensure that the player to be added to the roster is a current Volleyball Canada/Manitoba member. You will receive an email confirmation when the change is complete.

**The deadline for roster changes is Aug 1, 2017.**

### Protest Procedures

All disputes during play must be settled immediately. Once the score-sheet is signed by a member from each team, the score is final and will not be changed.

If there is a protest during the game, both teams must resolve the issue before the game resumes. Please remember that the **Summer Series Beach League Rules may be slightly different from the Volleyball Canada Rules.**

If the dispute cannot be settled, the teams must approach a member of the Summer Series Staff, and they will use their judgement to resolve the issue. If the Summer Series Staff are approached to resolve an issue, their decision is final. Teams must then play out the rest of the match.

### Complaint/Concerns Procedures

We encourage all Volleyball Manitoba members to voice their opinions. We rely on evaluative and constructive criticism from our members to improve the programs offered to our members.

Please direct these opinions to Volleyball Manitoba staff by email or phone.

Email: [volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca) Phone: 204-925-5787

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## Rules

### Men's, Women's, and Coed 2s League

#### Format:

- 6-7 weeks of Round Robin play
- 1 week for rescheduled rained out matches, and
- 3-4 weeks of playoffs.

**NOTE:** If a rain week is not required, playoffs will likely move ahead one week.

- **All matches follow best of three format, with the third set being played only if necessary.**
- First 2 sets to 21, win by 2, no cap. Third set, to 15, win by 2, no cap.
- Side changes will occur every 7 points in sets to 21 points, and every 5 points in sets to 15 points; side changes must be immediate without delay!
- **FOR WOMEN'S 2s B:** Round Robin matches are **3 sets** (rally point scoring) with a 1 minute break between sets. Each team will be awarded **1 point per set won, with an entire point being awarded for the third set if and only if the first two sets are split between teams. Otherwise, the third set will be worth half of a point.** This system will be used to rank teams. **3 games will be played regardless of the outcome of the first 2 sets.**

#### Substitutions:

- Use of an alternate player is permitted during regular season play so long as the player is recorded on the score sheet prior to the beginning of the match.
- An alternate player must be a Volleyball Canada/Manitoba Member and must be from a division equal to or below the team's level (ie A Men's 2 'A' team may use a player from the Men's 2 'A' division but not may not use a player from the Men's 2s 'AA' division).
- Each alternate player may only be used four times during the regular season and may not be used during the playoffs.
- Players included on the roster are eligible to play in all games.
- Only one sub is allowed per gender. For Coed 2's, each team is allowed one male sub and one female sub.
- Substitutions may only be made between sets.
- Team rosters must be finalized by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Rules:**

1. Net height: men – 2.43m, women – 2.24m, coed – 2.43m
2. There will be 5 minutes prior to each match for both teams to warm up on the court. All games will start no later than 5 minutes after their scheduled start time (i.e.: 6:20pm, 7:05pm, 7:50pm, and 8:35pm). After this time the Forfeiture Procedure is to be followed.
3. There will be a coin toss to start the match. The winner of the toss chooses to serve, receive or the side from which to begin the 1st set. The loser of the toss can choose to serve or receive granted the winner of the coin toss chooses sides, or may choose the side from which to start granted the winner of the coin toss has chosen serve/receive. The loser of the coin toss is given the initial choice of serve/receive/side for the 2nd set. There will be another coin toss before the start of the 3rd set (if necessary).
4. The server has 5 seconds to put the ball in play and is allowed only 1 toss.
5. The ball may be served from any point behind the end line.
6. The let serve is permitted (not a fault if the service hits the net, continues over, and remains within the court boundaries).
7. The ball cannot be blocked on a serve.
8. The ball may only be attacked on a serve if it is contacted below the height of the net.
9. **Overhand passing (volleying) the ball during serve reception is not permitted.**
10. **Overhand passes (volleys) are not permitted on 1st contact** (except on hard driven balls).
11. When setting the ball over the net, the path of the ball must be perpendicular to the line of the player's shoulders.
12. Open hand tips are not permitted.
13. If the ball is contacted during a block, this counts as the first contact and the ball must be put over the net with no more than two additional contacts. The blocker who touches the ball may play the ball on the next touch.
14. ONE 30 second time-out each set for all divisions and an optional Technical T.O. in the middle of the set (i.e. when the total score of the set is 21).
15. **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.**
16. A player may not take support from the net simultaneously while playing the ball, create an advantage over the opponent by touching the net, or make actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.
17. Please see the FIVB rule book for additional information on the rules and regulations.  
[http://www.fivb.org/en/refereeing-rules/Documents/FIVB\\_BeachVolleyball\\_Rules\\_2015-2016\\_EN\\_V3\\_20150205.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/en/refereeing-rules/Documents/FIVB_BeachVolleyball_Rules_2015-2016_EN_V3_20150205.pdf)