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**Summer Series Youth  
Development 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, 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 Indoor Club season will have been required to attain their 2016/17 Volleyball Canada/Manitoba Membership in order to be eligible to participate

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

## Registration

Teams must register for the Youth 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=2959](https://site2666.goalline.ca/registration_team.php?id=2959). 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. This can be a parent/guardian or teammate. Teams will receive information about league that includes schedules, rules and expectations.

### League Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**

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

## Defaults

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to several issues this past season, we will once again be collecting Performance bonds this year, so please ensure you 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.beach@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.beach@sportmanitoba.ca) about the default as well.

## Cancellation Procedures

Teams wishing to cancel a match must abide by the following 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 league, team name, court number, and scheduled time.

If the above 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 not been decided on), the team who originally cancelled will be penalized with a loss (0-2). 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 Summer Series Staff voicemail (925-5787). Please do not phone before this time, as it often interferes with staff updating the message. In the past we have delayed putting messages on the phone, as the weather would sometimes pick up after the allotted announcement time. We suggest that everyone keep checking the website to confirm if there are any 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 heavy winds, thunderstorms, torrential downpour, etc.

## Rain Week

Games that are rained out will be played during 'Rain Week'. The rain week date will be posted on the schedule and will be played on the same day of the week following the same time and court assignments that are listed for the date that was rained out. Not all youth leagues will have the same rain date as the number of teams varies across the age groups and divisions. **THE LEAGUE WILL BE MOVED AHEAD ONE WEEK IF NO RAIN DAYS ARE REQUIRED.** This means you must be prepared to start playoffs earlier if there is no rain week to make up games. If games get rained out on more than one occasion, teams are required to re-schedule any other match on their own after their first rained out game.

## Schedules

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

In advance of the League Season, Volleyball Manitoba will be hosting a training camp opportunity on May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Sessions will take place in the evenings and will focus on teaching the fundamentals of Beach Volleyball. This program is not included in the League Registration Fee, but is recommended for athletes who are new to the game as it will provide them with a good starting point to their season and enhance their experience throughout the summer.

In addition to League Play, there will be a mid-season exhibition challenge mini-tournament on Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> and a season-wrap-up playoff tournament on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. (Please note that the season will wrap up early this year, due to Canada Summer Games taking over the facility later in July).

## 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.

## Play-off Tournament

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

The first team to arrive should pick up a ball and a score-sheet clipboard from the staff. Keys and or cell phones will be left with the staff as collateral to ensure that the ball and score-sheets are returned.

Only one ball will be provided for each court. Teams are responsible for providing their own warm up balls.

Score-sheets will be available to those who pick up the game ball.

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.

## 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 boy's 15/16u team may only use a player from another boy's 15/16u or 13/14u divisions, not a player from the 17/18u boy's division

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 only do this 2 times in the season; any subsequent times will be considered a default.

**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 player 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.

## 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 a 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 July 20, 2017.**

## Coaching

Players are not allowed to receive external assistance or coaching during a match.

Coaching may occur during timeouts, however a timeout must be called by a player, not a coach. Coaching may also occur between sets.

A coach must identify themselves to both teams before the beginning of the match, and must have their name recorded on the score sheet.

All teams found to violate the above coaching protocols will initially be given a warning, and if the problem persists, will be given a default.

**New This Year:** Volleyball Manitoba will be offering an updated league structure.

From 6:15pm-7:00pm, 14U, 15U and 16U athletes will be offered the opportunity to participate in training sessions run by Team Manitoba beach volleyball coaches.

Following the training session, scheduled matches will begin at 7:00pm. Matches will be timed 30 minutes, and athletes will play two matches per evening.

## Refereeing, and Scorekeeping

In addition to the available Coaching, Volleyball Manitoba is endeavouring to have Court Supervisors and/or Referees for most of the Youth League matches.

League participants will also take part in a Beach Volleyball Referee Workshop as part of their League Registration to help prepare them for the league season.

Most games are self-officiated, which means players are responsible for calling and scorekeeping their own match. If there is a dispute over the rules it is up to the players to settle the dispute themselves. Although the league presents an opportunity for competition, it is still a **learning environment**. Please be courteous in reminding the opposing team if they are committing a fault.

There will be referees supervising the matches and will provide judgement when needed. Again, it is the player's responsibility to clarify with a referee if it is necessary.

## 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 even after guidance from a referee, 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 Canada/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 Anthony Roberts (Volleyball Manitoba staff) by email or phone.

Email: [volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca)

Phone: 204-925-5912

## Rules:

### Girl's/Boy's League

#### Format:

- Approximately 6-7 weeks of Round Robin (teams may have a bye if there is an uneven amount of teams registered for the category)
- 1 week for rescheduled rained out matches, and  
**NOTE:** If a rain week is not required, playoffs will move ahead one week.
- All matches are a true best of three format, with the third set being played only under the circumstance that the teams split the first two sets.
- 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.

#### 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 16u girls' team may use a player from the 15u girl's/ 14u girl's divisions, however may not use a player from the 18u girl's division).
- An alternate player may be used a maximum of four times during the regular season
- Alternates may only be used in playoffs in situations that the League Administrators consider necessary. Please contact the league if you require an alternate player for playoffs.

- Players included on the roster are eligible to play in all games.
- Substitutions may only be made between sets.
- Team rosters must be finalized by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Rules:**

1. Net Heights:

<i>Age</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>
12, 13, 14u	2.10m	2.20m
15, 16u	2.15m	2.35m
18u	2.24m	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.: 7:00pm, 7:35pm, 8:10pm, and 8:45pm). After this time the Default 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.
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 (but within the extended sidelines).
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 (volleying) 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 path.
12. Open hand tips are not permitted.
13. If the ball is contacted during a block, this is counted as the first contact and the ball must be put over the net with no more than two more 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. when the score adds up to 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.**

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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. **16U and younger.** After a team loses service the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During a rally each athlete has the freedom to position him/herself anywhere on the court
  18. 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)