

# Indoor Youth Competitions

## What's New 2018-2019

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### SEASONAL STRUCTURE

- **Creation of the Trillium White and Trillium Green divisions for the 15U-16U Girls Age Groups**
  - These tiers will only be created if the 15UG and 16UGs reach 150+ registered teams  
→ If there are fewer than 150 registered teams in each division, there will be no changes to the number of Trillium divisions in the respective division.
  - The expected growth of the 15UG age category is forecasted to reach 160-190 teams for the 2018-2019 season. This increase creates mis-matches in Trillium tournament draws (i.e. seed 90 and 190 could play in the same event). The additional tier will address this disparity and ensure that competitions are meaningful for all teams.
  - Trillium White and Trillium Green finishes will have different points structures.
  - A full seasonal structure will be outlined in the Youth Competitions Handbook for all age groups.
- **Introducing a Trillium level of competition for the 14U-16U Boys Age Groups**
  - Currently the 14U-16U boys only participate in 2 tiers of competition (Championship and Premier). The introduction of a Trillium division will allow for more meaningful competition and create more movement throughout the competition levels in the age divisions.
  - The Trillium division will run regardless of the number of registered teams.
  - A full seasonal structure will be outlined in the Youth Competitions Handbook for all age groups.
- **The 12UG division will have four (4) OVA events for the 2018-2019 season**
  - The first event will focus on development and not include playoffs.
  - The second event will have all teams compete at the Trillium level. The results will be used to create a Championship and Trillium level for the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.
  - The full seasonal structure will be outlined in the Youth Competitions Handbook for all age groups.
- **The 18U Division will have 5 OVA regular season tournaments**
  - For the 18UG/B Premier division only, the 4<sup>th</sup> event of the season will be a two-day, 12 team qualifier for the Grand Prix. The 12 teams for this 4<sup>th</sup> event will be chosen based on top 2 average finishes. The top 8 finishing teams from the Grand Prix qualifier will receive an invite to the 18U Grand Prix.
  - The 5<sup>th</sup> event of the season (the Grand Prix for the top 8 teams and Furlani Cup for the remaining teams) will be a 2-day event for all teams.
  - The 18U season will payout as follows:
    - Event #1: Provincial Cup (1 Day) – Trillium/Championship/Premier Divisions
    - Event #2: Challenge Cup (1 Day) – Trillium/Championship/Premier Divisions

- Event #3: McGregor Cup (1 Day) – Trillium/Championship/Premier Divisions
    - Event #4: Bugarski Cup – Trillium/Championship Divisions (1 day) & Premier Grand Prix Qualifier (2 day)
    - Event #5: Furlani Cup (2 day all divisions) - Trillium/Championship Divisions & Premier Division Grand Prix
  - A full seasonal structure will be outlined in the Youth Competitions Handbook for all age groups.
- **Underage Teams – Initial Placement for the female divisions**
  - If a team is competing in an older age category and has a pre-season rank in the older category they will be placed according to that rank.
  - If the team **does not have a pre-season rank** in the older age category, they will automatically be placed in the Trillium division when playing up. An exception occurs when the team is **ranked in the top 12% of their own age category (based on the most recent rankings)**, in which case they will be automatically placed at the bottom of the Championship division when playing up.
  - For the 15UG and 16UG age divisions, if a team does not have a pre-season rank in the older age group and is ranked between the top 13% - 50% of their age division (based on the most recent rankings) they will be placed in the Trillium White division. Teams ranked 51% - 100% will be placed in the Trillium Green division.
- **Eastern Elite Invitational 17U Girls (Formerly the Ontario Quebec Series)**
  - Will be hosted by the OVA at the Markham Pan-Am Centre on FEBRUARY 2, 2019.
  - This will be an invitational event for teams across Canada.
  - Registration, event details and tournament draws will be made available during the 2018-2019 season.
  - Not a mandatory event for 17U Ontario teams.
  - Not a ranking tournament for Ontario Championships.

## **CLUB ADMINISTRATION**

- **Recommendation that Clubs should no longer use age identifiers in team names**
  - Although teams often are comprised of athletes of a certain age, their age should not be the determining factor of their skill level.
  - Teams should be encouraged to participate in the tournaments that meet their skill level and challenge them to improve and develop.
  - Clubs with multiple teams in one age category (including teams playing up) should identify their teams with distinct names, reducing the chance of clerical errors when seeding them for tournaments.
- **All Clubs must list a Technical Director contact in NRS**
  - To help share best practices in athlete and coach development, all clubs will be required to designate a Technical Director in NRS whether they have a formal Technical Director position or not.

- The person listed as the Technical Director in NRS will be the club's contact point for the OVA and will receive monthly communication from the OVA's technical staff and be invited to join information webinars.
- Any Volleyball Canada and/or OVA decision on athlete and coach development programs will be shared with the members through the club's Technical Director.
- This is a crucial step in improving the OVA/clubs communication and aligning Ontario's programming with the new Volleyball Canada Athlete Development Framework.

## **PLAYING RULES**

- **The suggested warm up protocol introduced for the 2017-2018 season will become mandatory**
  - Athletes remain on one side of the net during a hitting warm up and team staff or volunteers retrieve the balls on the opposite side (see [this](#) video from Alberta Volleyball demonstrating this hitting warm up).
  - Athletes should not be crossing under the net during hitting warmups into the direct path of the balls.
  - Athletes should run around the outside of the court to retrieve balls.
  - Designate one side of the court as the attacking side and ask spectators to avoid sitting in this area.
  - Hitting should be directed away from courts with active games and from spectator seating areas, if at all possible.
  
- **Teams are permitted to list two (2) Assistant Coaches on the scoresheet**
  
- **Teams can now list 14 players on the scoresheets at all OVA tournaments (under review for Volleyball Canada National Championships)**
  
- **Fair Play Clarification due to addition of 14 player roster**
  - 12 different players (or all players listed on the scoresheet) must start either the first or second set.
  - There are no restrictions on who can play in the third set. Any player from the roster may start or be substituted.
  
- **Coaches are now permitted to sit anywhere on the bench**

## **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

- **Soft Uniform Rule**
  - For any OVA event that takes place in November 2018, a soft uniform rule will be in effect. This means that teams will be permitted to participate in OVA events without matching uniforms at first glance.
  - Uniforms will still be required to have numbered jerseys on the back and chest.

- Liberos will still be required to wear a contrasting jersey colour.

## **REGISTRATION**

- **REMINDER - Teams do not have to have a full roster listed in NRS to register for the first event of the season. Club/Team contacts are only required to register a team name. However, all individuals must be registered members in NRS prior to participating in any OVA event → this includes Club practices. All athletes must be added to the NRS roster prior to playing in their first tournament.**

## **FEES**

- Volleyball Canada will be increasing their membership fee from \$28.00 to \$29.00 for the 2018-2019 season. Therefore, the total individual membership fee for athletes, team staff, coaches, club contacts and executives is now \$82.11.
- Club Fee: \$175.
- The fee structure is under review for 2018-19 youth competition tournaments. Final fees will be posted by August 3, 2018.

## **RESPECT IN SPORT (RIS)**

- Any parent/guardian who has not completed the RIS course, must do so by December 31, 2018 for their child to be eligible to play in subsequent OVA tournaments. The cost of the program is \$12, which is payable by the parent/guardian.
- Failure to complete the RIS module and record the certificate number in NRS by December 31, 2018 will make your child ineligible to compete in OVA tournaments until the program has been completed.
- All parent/guardians who have previously completed the RIS Parent module and have recorded their certificate number in NRS do not have to re-take the module.
- Register and complete RIS training by visiting:  
<https://ontvolleyballparent.respectgroupinc.com/start.jsp>
- Questions? Contact Carrie Campbell, Manager of Indoor Programs at  
[ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org).

## **ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 2019 Tournament Dates:
  - Event 1: April Friday 5 – Sunday April 7\*

- Event 2: April Thursday April 11 – Saturday April 13 (full facility)\*\*
- Event 3: April Sunday 14 – Tuesday 16 (full facility)\*\*
- Event 4: Friday April 19 – Sunday 21 (full facility)
- Event 5: April Friday 26 – Sunday 28\*

*\* Addition of satellite locations in Waterloo region to manage the growth and address capacity issues of RIM Park*

*\*\*No athlete or team will be permitted to participate in Event 3 if they participated in Event 2*

- 17U Division 1, Tier 1 at Ontario Championships will have double referees for all matches (3 days).
- 11UG and 12UB Divisions will be offered again:
  - 11UG teams qualify to participate in Ontario Championships by playing in one 12U Girls event during regular season play.
  - 12UB teams will qualify to participate in Ontario Championships by playing in one 13U Boys event during regular season play.
  - The Ontario Championships will take place over two days and the teams will be playing Triple Ball and all teams are guaranteed two matches on Day 2 of the event.
- Due to the growing number of teams competing at the Ontario Championships, combined with venue capacity concerns with RIM Park, the number of underaged teams competing will be capped. A team's rank within the age category will be used to determine teams that may be accepted into the draw.

### **COACH CERTIFICATION POLICY**

- Coaches wanting to get certified at the Advanced Development context now have to be certified Development Coach before starting the evaluation process. Coaches can take courses in both contexts at any time but need to complete the evaluations in sequential order.
- 2018-19 is Year 3 of the VC/OVA coach certification policy. As per the OVA policy, head coaches who fail to meet the certification requirements for three (3) consecutive years will not be allowed to coach at Ontario Championships. Note that the Volleyball Canada policy is different and all coaches who fail to meet the Year 3 requirements may be suspended from Nationals even if they have complied with the certification requirements for the previous 2 years.

Questions on coach certification? Please contact Kelvin Cheng at [kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org).

### **IN DISCUSSION - VOLLEYBALL CANADA RULE CHANGES 2018-2019**

- Based on member feedback, we have forwarded the following rule and National Championship changes to the Domestic Development Committee (DDC) of Volleyball Canada:
  - Fair play substitution in second set – (currently OVA rule only)
    - *“In the case of a team with less than 12 payers on the game roster, players who played the first set and who are starting the second set can be substituted at anytime during the second set.”*
  - Bronze medal matches to be played at National Championships for all divisions and tiers
  - Allow overage players in 18U category to play National Championships provided the following conditions are met (currently OVA rule only):
    - The athlete has not competed on an OCAA, OUA, CCAA or USports team for the 2018-19 season
    - There are no more than two (2) 19U athletes on the team roster
  - Competition rules
    - a. Net height of 2.43m for 16UB
    - b. Addition of liberos for 16UB
    - c. Allow 2 liberos per match
    - d. Allow hand passing for serve receive for the 15U age group
  
- The DDC is scheduled to meet in September 2018 to discuss any rule changes for the 2019/20 season. Final decisions will be made at the following DDC meeting in December 2018. If you have further suggestions, or to offer your support for rule changes, please forward these to:
  - Carrie Campbell (OVA Manager of Indoor Programs & Special) [ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org) or LP Mainville (OVA High Performance Director) [lpmainville@ontariovolleyball.org](mailto:lpmainville@ontariovolleyball.org)
  - Please click [he re](#) for the appropriate Volleyball Canada staff member