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Toronto Invests in 2026 Ontario Volleyball Championships, Driving Economic Impact and Community Engagement

Toronto, ON — The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) is proud to announce support from the City of Toronto through the Toronto Significant Event Investment Program (TSEIP) for the 2026 Ontario Volleyball Championships, taking place April 16–25 at the Enercare Centre at Exhibition Place.

The largest indoor volleyball event in Canada will bring 1,334 teams in the 13U-18U divisions and more than 45,000 athletes, coaches, and spectators to Toronto over nine days of competition.

The event is expected to generate over 15,000 hotel room nights and will create more than 425 local employment opportunities, delivering significant economic benefits to the city.

“With the support of the City of Toronto TSEUP grant, we are able to elevate the championship experience while expanding our impact in the community,” said Alishia Lidums, Director of Operations for the OVA. “This investment allows us to not only deliver a premier Provincial Championship event, but also to create inclusive opportunities for people across Toronto to connect with the sport.”

Funding from TSEIP will support key areas including venue operations, event production, accessibility services, volunteer training, and marketing initiatives.

The 2026 Championships will also introduce new community-focused programming, including free “Try It” volleyball sessions and the province’s first-ever Sitting Volleyball Ontario Championships, an important step forward in advancing accessibility and inclusive sport opportunities.

Beyond competition, the OVA is committed to creating a lasting community legacy. Working alongside the City and local partners, the organization will implement a comprehensive engagement strategy aimed at increasing youth participation, expanding volunteer pathways, and connecting with diverse communities across Toronto.

The Ontario Volleyball Association thanks the City of Toronto for its leadership and investment in major events that promote tourism, economic growth, and active, healthy communities.

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