

What's New?!

OVA Beach Tour 2020



Fees/Registration

- Volleyball Canada has increased their membership fee from \$29.00 to \$30.00 for the 2019-2020 season. Therefore, the total individual membership fee for athletes, team staff, coaches, club contacts and executives is now \$83.11 (if not already purchased during the 2019/2020 indoor season), which is inclusive of the Volleyball Canada, OVA membership fee and HST.
- Refunds and cancellations will now incur a \$20 administration fee. Please see section 2.4 of the Beach Tour Handbook for full details.

Age Categories

- Athletes are to participate in the age category associated to their Chronological Age Class. The categories for 2020 are:

Age Category	Chronological Age Class
12 & Under	Born 2008 or later
13 & Under	Born 2007 or later
14 & Under	Born 2006 or later
15 & Under	Born 2005 or later
16 & Under	Born 2004 or later
18 & Under	Born 2002 or later
Youth Open	Born 2000 or later
Adult	No age restriction

- Those athletes who are new to the sport of beach volleyball and whose birthdate fall in the extended age category may be eligible to play down an age category.
- **Those who are eligible to play down an age class must apply for exemption from the OVA** by emailing Kelvin Cheng (kcheng@ontariovolleyball.org). The email must have a description of their objective and rationale for playing down.
- Extended age categories are as follows:

Age Category	Extended Age Class
12 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2007 and December 31 st 2007
13 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2006 and December 31 st 2006
14 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2005 and December 31 st 2005
15 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2004 and December 31 st 2004
16 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2003 and December 31 st 2003
18 & Under	Born between September 1 st 2001 and December 31 st 2001
Youth Open	Born between September 1 st 1999 and December 31 st 1999

- Please see section 2.1 of the OVA Beach Tour Handbook

Policies

- **Person in Authority (PIA) Code of Conduct** - The OVA values the safety, rights and wellbeing of our athletes and their families. It is the responsibility of every OVA club, coach, volunteer and staff member to participate in the effort to create a safe environment for all OVA participants.
- This Person in Authority code of conduct is intended to protect OVA participants from abuse. It provides guidelines for conduct that are consistent with the development of healthy relationships between adult persons in authority and youth sport participants. The Code provides behavior guideposts that identify inappropriate or concerning behavior at an early stage to help better protect athletes and coaches.
- See Appendix IV in the OVA Beach Tour Handbook for the OVA Safe sport Abuse Prevention Person In Authority Code of Conduct.
- **Concussion Code of Conduct** - Under Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, every sport organization will ask you to confirm that you reviewed one of the Concussion Awareness Resources in this website (Ontario.ca/concussions) before you can register/participate in a sport.
- You must review one of the resources once a year, and then confirm that you have completed the review every time you register with a sport organization.
- Sport organizations must also establish a Concussion Code of Conduct and individuals must confirm that they have reviewed the sport organization's applicable Concussion Code of Conduct prior to registration/participation in a sport.
- Please see Appendix V in the OVA Beach Tour Handbook for the full details.

Please be sure to also visit our [YouTube video](#) which is a step by step guide on how to register for 2020 OVA Beach Tour events and what to expect at all beach tournaments this summer.