

# What's New?!

## OVA Beach Tour 2021

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### Return To Play

- The 2021 Beach Tour season will be following the OVA [Return To Play](#) protocols and Public Health guidelines to operate safely.
- Athletes and parents/guardians must maintain physical distancing at all times when off the court.
- All participants must complete the online daily health screening questionnaire and contact tracing information on the day of the event prior to arriving at the venue.
- Masks are required to be always worn by all individuals/participants, **except by athletes while on court during the competition**. Athletes must wear a mask when they step off the court at the end of their match.

### Event Format

- Each day will consist of two waves (AM/PM wave). The AM wave start at 9:00AM and the PM wave will start at 1:30PM. Schedules and court assignments will be posted on the OVA website. Teams can check in 45 minutes before the start of each wave.
- The 2021 Beach events are based on the 2020 Beach Friendlies model, with the addition of small playoff brackets dependent on the number of teams in a division.
- All pool play matches will be 2 sets to 21 points or 30/35-minute rounds depending on the number of teams in a pool.
- Playoff matches will be 2 out of 3 sets (21, 21, 15) or 45-minute rounds.
- Playoff brackets are broken down to tiers, with a maximum of 4 teams per tier.
- Upon completion of playoffs, each team will have a specific rank.
- To help alleviate the need for travel outside an athlete's region, for the 2021 season there will be no difference in points based on venue, and all events will award Beach Tour points.

### Check-In

- Check in will open 45 minutes before the start of the wave and will close 15 minutes before the start of the first match.
- Athletes and parent/guardian must complete the daily health screening (DHS) questionnaire online before arriving at the event. The link to the DHS can be found on the event schedule posted [here](#).
- Athletes are required to check in prior to beginning their on-court warm up, daily health screening questionnaire will be verified of the participant and their parent/guardian onsite.

### Player Referees

- All matches for pool play and playoffs will be self-refereed and players are responsible for making their own calls.
- Certified referees will be available to answer questions; however, they are not required to referee all playoff matches.

### Time Outs

- Technical Time Out - For the 2021 season, there will be no technical timeouts, however, each team is allowed one timeout of 30 seconds, per set (including the third sets to 15).
- Medical Time Out - In order to avoid lengthy delays and for matches to not exceed the allocated time on the schedule, the medical timeout for the 2021 OVA Beach Tour season must not last more than 3 minutes total, with the time starting from the moment the athletic therapist and/or OVA referee arrives on the court.

### Fees/Registration/Membership

- Participation in Beach Tour Events will only require the purchase of a Beach Recreational Player membership (\$12.91) in order to participate at a Beach Tour event.
- 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

Age Category	
12 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2008
13 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007
14 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
15 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005
16 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2004
18 & Under	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2002
Youth Open	born on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2000
Adult	No age restriction

- 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](http://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.

### Ontario Championships:

- Please note that due to the ongoing changes to the Ontario regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic, information on the Ontario Championships age group, format, location, registration fee and dates will be made available at a later date.
- Please note, it is at OVA's discretion when the events will take place and the OVA can combine age groups/events during Ontario Championships if the number of registered teams does not meet minimum number.
- To be eligible to compete in a single age division in Ontario Beach Championships, each partner must participate in a minimum of one (1) Beach Tour event.

- Ontario Championships Dates: August 21/22 and August 28/29
- Ontario Championships Location: TBD
- Ontario Championships Registration Fee: TBD