



OVA Beach Tour - What's New in 2026?

We're excited and ramping up for another Beach season. There are some new changes for this summer!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration for all Beach Tour events will be taking place in MyTeam.Click (MTC) for all 2026 events. Registration will open based on the following staggered start dates to allow for teams to plan ahead and register in a timely manner:

Event Dates	Registration Opening
May - June 14, 2026	April 1 st , 2026 @ 9am
June 20 th – August 2026	April 8 th , 2026 @ 9am

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates for the 2026 Beach Ontario Championships have been announced! To accommodate the continued growth of the sport and the increasing number of teams participating in our year-end event, an additional championship event has been added this season.

As part of this expansion, the 12U Girls and 13U Boys and Girls divisions will now compete on weekdays, allowing us to better manage capacity while maintaining a high-quality championship experience for all participants.

Please review the dates and age divisions below for full details.

Date	Age Division	Location
August 1-2	Adult/18UB/17UG/16UB/15UG/14UB	Ashbridges Bay, Toronto
August 6-7	12UG*, 13UB**, 13UG***	Ashbridges Bay, Toronto
August 8-9	Youth Open/18UG/17UB/16UG/15UB/14UG	Ashbridges Bay, Toronto

*12UG will be a one-day event on August 6.

**13UB will be a one-day event on August 7.

***13UG will be a two-day event on August 6 & 7th.

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes CANNOT play in both 13UG and 14UG Ontario Championships

PLAY DOWN CRITERIA & PROTOCOLS

As in previous years, beach athletes are required to play according to their chronological age; however, play down exemptions can be provided for those born between September and December of the previous year based on the following criteria:

- **New to beach:** Athletes who are brand new to the Beach Tour this year are allowed to play down an age group if it better suits their development.
- **Returning exemption:** Athletes who received an exemption the previous season may continue in the lower age group except in the following cases:
 - Girls – Finished in the Premier division at Beach Ontario Championships

- Boys – Finished in the top half of Premier teams at Beach Ontario Championships
- 900 points or higher for final ranking if the athlete did not play at Beach Ontario Championships

Athletes wishing to apply for a play down exemption must complete the exemption form within our registration system (MyTeam.Click – MTC) once the schedule is posted on March 1, 2026.

Players/parents may create their team in MTC at that time; the system will automatically flag a play down request based on the athlete's date of birth. Once the application is submitted, requests will be reviewed and a decision provided within two business days.

Teams are strongly encouraged to create their teams in the specific MTC events they intend to register for between March 1 and April 1. Doing so ensures that any play down requests are reviewed and confirmed or denied before registration opens on April 1 and/or April 8, allowing for a smoother registration process.