

Age Category Rules (2026)

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Female Age Categories:

12U Girls – athletes born after Sept 1, 2013

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. All 12U teams will register in the “A” Level.
- c. Maximum match roster size: 12 Athletes
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.15 metres.
 - ii. 6-on-6 competition.
 - iii. Court size: 9m (depth) x 9 m (width.)
 - iv. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - v. **Tripleball Format** will be utilized for **all** competitions
 - vi. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**. Setting the toss is NOT permitted.
 - vii. Volleyball Canada mandates that athletes in the 12U age category do not specialize. Coaches are required to assign court position 1, 2 or 3 as the designated setting position prior to each set.
 - viii. Players are not permitted to switch positions during play on the court.
-  e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count towards any rankings.
-  f. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count towards any rankings.
- g. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Super Spikes may be combined with 13U “A” Level Girls if numbers require.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 1. Pool play - teams will be placed into pools for meaningful competition opportunities (including considerations given to, but not limited to, regional representation, club representation, previous events).
 - 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools with consideration given to pool play results.
 - iii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - iv. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- h. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations with consideration to seasonal results.
- i. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Allocation/Berths determined prior to Regional Championships, Regional Championship results, taking into account geographical representation, and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their respective Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region, per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams

13U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2013

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum match roster size: 12 Athletes
- c. A / AA / AAA Levels
 - i. Teams must self-designate a level of play (A / AA / AAA) when creating their team.
 - ii. Teams should use the [Level Designation guidelines](#) to assist in self-designating a level of play. When self-designating, please be conservative with your assessment.
 - iii. Teams in “AAA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “AA” Level, which are considered stronger than teams in ‘A’ Level.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events, if numbers require.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net Height: 2.15 metres.
 - ii. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited. All levels.
 - iii. A combined [Tripleball](#)/Standard competition format will be utilized for all Super Spike pool/re-pool events
 - a. Saturday Pool Play - Tripleball Format
 - b. Sunday Re-Pool - Standard Format
 - iv. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**. The Toss is still required to be contacted via forearm pass.
 - v. Volleyball Canada mandates that athletes in the 13U age category do not specialize. Coaches are required to assign court position 1, 2 or 3 as the designated setting position prior to each set.
 - vi. Players are not permitted to switch positions during play on the court, in either competition format.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches - tripleball.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches - standard volleyball.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- g. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Super Spikes will feature separate AAA, AA and A Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 1. Pool play - teams will be placed into pools for meaningful competition opportunities (including considerations given to, but not limited to, regional representation, club representation, previous events).
 - 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools with consideration given to pool play results.
 - iii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - iv. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- h. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Standard volleyball - Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations with consideration to seasonal results.
 - iii. All teams within each region, regardless of level, compete in the same event.
- i. Provincial Championships
 - i. Division 1 - Standard volleyball format rules will apply
 - ii. Division 2+ - Tripleball format rules will apply
 - iii. Draw Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - iv. [Fair Play Rule](#) will be utilized.

1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
- v. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account geographical representation, and RDC recommendations.
- vi. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
- vii. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
- viii. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

14U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2012

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum match roster size: 12 Athletes
- c. A / AA / AAA Levels
 - i. Teams must self-designate a level of play (A / AA / AAA) when creating their team.
 - ii. Teams should use the [Level Designation guidelines](#) to assist in self-designating a level of play. When self-designating, please be conservative with your assessment.
 - iii. Teams in “AAA” Level are considered stronger than teams in “AA” Level. which are considered stronger than teams in ‘A’ Level.
 - iv. Levels may be combined for events if numbers require.
- d. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net Height: 2.15 metres.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only - 12 unlimited. **All levels.**
 - iii. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted.**
-   **UPDATED** e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
-  **UPDATED** f. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- g. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Super Spikes will feature separate AAA, AA and A Level events if numbers allow.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open format, no power pools.
 - iii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iv. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - v. Rankings are based on previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations (including considerations given to, but not limited to, regional representation, club representation).
 - vi. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vii. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- h. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations.
 - iii. All teams within each region, regardless of level, compete in the same event.
- i. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only - 12 unlimited)
 - 2. No libero
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account geographical representation, and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

15U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2011

a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.

b. Competition Guidelines

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i. **NEW for 2026** - Net Height: **2.24 metres**.

ii. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes

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iii. All Divisions: **1 Libero**, 12 Unlimited substitutions.

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iv. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.

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c. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays

i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.

ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.

iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

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d. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments

i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.

ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.

iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

e. Super Series Guidelines

i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details

ii. Division 1/2

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1. **NEW for 2026** - Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.

a. All events: Open format, no power pools

i. Day 1 - Pool Play

1. 16 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 1

2. 16 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 2

ii. Day 2 - Playoffs:

1. Tier 1 - Top 8 teams

2. Tier 2 - Teams 9 to 12 and 17 to 20

3. Tier 3 - Teams 13 to 16 and 21 to 24

4. Tier 4 - Teams 25 to 32

iii. Division 3 and subsequent divisions

1. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.

a. All events: Open format, no power pools

i. Teams will serpentine across all pools.

i. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.

ii. Rankings:

1. Teams will be ranked into their regional ranking event based on the team's finish at the previous year's 14U Provincial Championship.

2. Teams are not required to attend a regional ranking tournament

3. Teams that do not attend a regional ranking tournament will start the season ranked below teams that did attend a Regional Ranking Tournament.

4. First Super Series event

a. Teams will be ranked based on their result at their respective Regional Ranking Tournament.

5. Second and third events

a. Teams will be ranked based on Super Series results

b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Regional Ranking Tournament results.

c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for

and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.

d. You can view the [Public Ranking Document here](#).

iii. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).

iv. All Super Series events are weighted equally.

f. Provincial Championships

i. Division 1

1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.

a. Open format, no power pools

b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover games following pool play

ii. All subsequent Divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)

1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.

a. Open format, no power pools

iii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.

iv. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.

v. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 or 2 at the Provincial Championship.

vi. The four Division 3 teams with the highest point totals will be eligible to move into Division 2 at Provincial Championships

1. Teams must have attended 2 out of 3 events to be considered to move to Division 2 at the Provincial Championship.

2. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 2.

i. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.

ii. Division 1 = 16 teams. All other divisions = 8-16 teams.

16U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2010

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes
- c. Competition Guidelines

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- i. Net Height: 2.24 metres.
- ii. All Divisions: **1 Libero**, 12 Unlimited substitutions.
- iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.

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d. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays

- i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
- ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
- iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

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e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments

- i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
- ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
- iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

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f. **NEW for 2026** - Qualifier Event

- i. Teams ranked 1st-24th based on Athlete Ranking Points will automatically be positioned in Division 1/2. They do not need to attend the Qualifier Event.
- ii. Teams that are ranked 25th to 48th (24 teams, based on athlete ranking points) will be invited to participate in the qualifying tournament.
 - 1. Teams may choose not to participate if they do not wish to play in Division 1 or 2 for the season.
 - a. These teams, opting out of the qualifying tournament, will be ranked into Division 3 based on their athlete ranking points
 - 2. Should a team refuse the invitation to participate, no additional teams will be invited to replace them.
- iii. The qualifying tournament will consist of pool play and an abbreviated elimination playoff bracket.
 - 1. All teams will move from pool play into the elimination bracket.
 - 2. The tournament will end when only 8 teams remain in the tournament (quarterfinals).
 - 3. The 8 teams remaining will qualify and move into Division 1/2 for the season
 - 4. The eliminated teams will be seeded into Division 3 for the start of the season based on their athlete ranking points.

g. Super Series Guidelines

- i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details
- ii. Division 1/2

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- 1. **NEW for 2026** - Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. All events: Open format, no power pools
 - i. Day 1 - Pool Play
 - 1. 16 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 1
 - 2. 16 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 2
 - ii. Day 2 - Playoffs:
 - 1. Tier 1 - Top 8 teams
 - 2. Tier 2 - Teams 9 to 12 and 17 to 20
 - 3. Tier 3 - Teams 13 to 16 and 21 to 24
 - 4. Tier 4 - Teams 25 to 32
- iii. Division 3 and subsequent divisions
 - 1. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. All events: Open format, no power pools
 - i. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - v. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - vi. Rankings:

1. For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2025 Provincial Championship results' [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
2. Teams from rural communities, that have not had athletes compete in the club system previously, may apply for an exemption in order to be placed in a higher division than what was assigned using the athlete ranking points.
 - a. Teams must provide justification and details as to why they should be placed in a higher division.
 - i. i.e. The players were on a high school team that won Provincial Championships
 - b. Teams will not be eligible to be ranked in Division 1 or 2 using an exemption.
3. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points.
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Points.
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - d. You can view the [Public Ranking Document here](#).
- vii. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
- viii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - vii. Division 1
 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover games following pool play
 - viii. All subsequent Divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)
 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - ix. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.
 - x. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
 - xi. Teams must compete in at least 2 Super Series to be eligible to compete in Division 1 or 2 at the Provincial Championship.
 - xii. The four Division 3 teams with the highest point totals will be eligible to move into Division 2 at Provincial Championships
 1. Teams must have attended 2 out of 3 events to be considered to move to Division 2 at the Provincial Championship.
 2. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 2.
 - xiii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - xiv. Division 1 = 12 - 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

17U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2009

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes
- c. Competition Guidelines

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- i. Net Height: 2.24 metres.
- ii. **NEW for 2026 - All Divisions:** 1 Libero, 12 Unlimited substitutions.
- iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.

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- d. **NEW for 2026 - 1-Day Playdays**
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

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- e. **NEW for 2026 - 1-Day Tournaments**
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.

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- f. **NEW for 2026 - Qualifier Event**
 - i. Teams ranked 1st-16th based on Athlete Ranking Points will automatically be positioned in Division 1/2. They do not need to attend the Qualifier Event.
 - ii. Teams that are ranked 17 to 40 (24 teams, based on athlete ranking points) will be invited to participate in the qualifying tournament.
 - 1. Teams may choose not to participate if they do not wish to play in Division 1 or 2 for the season.
 - a. These teams, opting out of the qualifying tournament, will be ranked into Division 3 based on their athlete ranking points
 - 2. Should a team refuse the invitation to participate, no additional teams will be invited to replace them.
 - iii. The qualifying tournament will consist of pool play and an abbreviated elimination playoff bracket.
 - 1. All teams will move from pool play into the elimination bracket.
 - 2. The tournament will end when only 8 teams remain in the tournament (quarterfinals).
 - 3. The 8 teams remaining will qualify and move into Division 1/2 for the season
 - 4. The eliminated teams will be seeded into Division 3 for the start of the season based on their athlete ranking points.

g. Super Series Guidelines

- i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details
- ii. Division 1/ 2

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- 1. **NEW for 2026 -** Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
- 2. All events: Open format, no power pools
- 3. Day 1 - Pool Play
 - a. 12 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 1
 - b. 12 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 2
- 4. Day 2 - Playoffs:
 - a. Tier 1 - 1st, 2nd place teams from all pools in Division 1, and the two 3rd place teams in Division 1 with the best records
 - b. Tier 2 - The remaining 3rd/4th Place teams from Division 1, the 1st place teams from all pools in Division 2 and one 2nd place team in Division 2 with the best record.
 - c. Tier 3 - The remaining 2nd place teams in Division 2 and the 3rd and 4th place teams in Division 2.
 - d. Each tier will play in it's own 8 team playoff bracket
- iii. Division 3 and subsequent divisions
 - 1. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.

2. All events: Open format, no power pools
3. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
- ix. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
- x. Rankings:
 1. For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2025 Provincial Championship results' [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
 2. Teams from rural communities, that have not had athletes compete in the club system previously, may apply for an exemption in order to be placed in a higher division than what was assigned using the athlete ranking points.
 - a. Teams must provide justification and details as to why they should be placed in a higher division.
 - i. i.e. The players are on a high school team that won Provincial Championships
 - b. Teams will not be eligible to be ranked in Division 1 or 2 using an exemption.
 3. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points.
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Points.
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - d. You can view the [Public Ranking Document here](#).
- xi. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
- xii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. Division 1
 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover games following pool play
 - ii. All subsequent Divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)
 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - iii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.
 - iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
 - v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results.
 - vi. The four Division 3 teams with the highest point totals will be eligible to move into Division 2 at Provincial Championships
 - i. Teams must have attended 2 out of 3 events to be considered to move to Division 2 at the Provincial Championship.
 - ii. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 2.
 - vii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches

- for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- viii. Division 1 = 12 - 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

18U Girls – athletes born between Sept 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2008

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: "Learning to Compete"; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes
- c. A team roster for the 18U category can include 2 athletes born from Jan 1-August 31, 2007, with the following restriction:
 - i. Athletes are NOT permitted to be part of any USport, CCAA or other Post-Secondary volleyball program for the current season (October 1, 2025 - May 1, 2026)
 - ii. Definition of Post-Secondary: Part of a Post-Secondary Volleyball program is defined as rostered with a post-secondary institution that they are attending. Athletes are permitted to tryout/train with a post-secondary team in September 2025. CEGEP Division 1 athletes who are registered in the CCAA are considered post-secondary athletes. Post-secondary does not include intramural programs or club programs within a post-secondary institution. CEGEP athletes in Division 2 and 3 are not considered post-secondary athletes.
 - iii. Athletes within the appropriate age category above (16-month window) are not restricted by post-secondary participation.
- d. Athletes born January 1 to August 31, 2008 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- e. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net Height: 2.24 metres.
 - ii. All Divisions: **1 Libero**, 12 Unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.
- f. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- g. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- h. **NEW for 2026** - Qualifier Event
 - i. Teams ranked 1st-16th based on Athlete Ranking Points will automatically be positioned in Division 1/2. They do not need to attend the Qualifier Event.
 - ii. Teams that are ranked 17th to 40th (24 teams, based on athlete ranking points) will be invited to participate in the qualifying tournament.
 1. Teams may choose not to participate if they do not wish to play in Division 1 or 2 for the season.
 - a. These teams, opting out of the qualifying tournament, will be ranked into Division 3 based on their athlete ranking points
 2. Should a team refuse the invitation to participate, no additional teams will be invited to replace them.
 - iii. The qualifying tournament will consist of pool play and an abbreviated elimination playoff bracket.
 1. All teams will move from pool play into the elimination bracket.
 2. The tournament will end when only 8 teams remain in the tournament (quarterfinals).
 3. The 8 teams remaining will qualify and move into Division 1/2 for the season

4. The eliminated teams will be seeded into Division 3 for the start of the season based on their athlete ranking points.

i. Super Series Guidelines

- i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details

ii. **NEW for 2026 -** Division 1/ 2

1. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
2. All events: Open format, no power pools
3. Day 1 -Pool Play
 - a. 12 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 1
 - b. 12 Teams will serpentine across all pools in Division 2
4. Day 2 - Playoffs:
 - a. Tier 1 - 1st, 2nd place teams from all pools in Division 1, and the two 3rd place teams in Division 1 with the best records
 - b. Tier 2 - The remaining 3rd/4th Place teams from Division 1, the 1st place teams from all pools in Division 2 and one 2nd place team in Division 2 with the best record.
 - c. Tier 3 - The remaining 2nd place teams in Division 2 and the 3rd and 4th place teams in Division 2.
 - d. Each tier will play in it's own 8 team playoff bracket

iii. Division 3 and subsequent divisions

1. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
2. All events: Open format, no power pools
3. Teams will serpentine across all pools.

iv. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.

v. Rankings:

1. For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2025 Provincial Championship results' [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
2. Teams from rural communities, that have not had athletes compete in the club system previously, may apply for an exemption in order to be placed in a higher division than what was assigned using the athlete ranking points.
 - a. Teams must provide justification and details as to why they should be placed in a higher division.
 - i. i.e.The players are on a high school team that won Provincial Championships
 - b. Teams will not be eligible to be ranked in Division 1 or 2 using an exemption.
3. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points.
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Points
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - d. You can view the [Public Ranking Document here](#).

vi. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).

vii. All Super Series events are weighted equally.

b. Provincial Championships

i. Division 1

1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover games following pool play
- ii. All subsequent Divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)
 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
- iii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.
- iv. Rankings are based on Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
- v. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's top 2 Super Series results.
- vi. The four Division 3 teams with the highest point totals will be eligible to move into Division 2 at Provincial Championships
 - i. Teams must have attended 2 out of 3 events to be considered to move to Division 2 at the Provincial Championship.
 - ii. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 2.
- vii. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
- viii. Division 1 = 12 - 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

Male Age Categories:

12U Boys – athletes born after Sept 1, 2013

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum match roster size: 12 Athletes
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.20 metres.
 - ii. Court size = 9 x 9 metres.
 - iii. 6 on 6 competition.
 - iv. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - v. Tripleball Format will be utilized for **all** competitions
 - vi. 12U Boys will be combined with 13U Boys if numbers dictate the need. If combined, 13U rules will be utilized.
 - vii. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**. Setting the toss is NOT permitted.
 - viii. Volleyball Canada mandates that athletes in the 12U age category do not specialize. Coaches are required to assign court position 1, 2 or 3 as the designated setting position prior to each set.
 - ix. **UPDATED**
- d. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will be randomly assigned to Play Day matches.
 - ii. Teams may play 2 or 3 sets depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - 1. Modified 1-Day Tournament with at least 4 matches.
 - 2. Not all places will be played out to a winner.
 - 3. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & re-pool, no elimination playoffs.
 - 1. Pool play - teams will be placed into pools for meaningful competition opportunities (including considerations given to, but not limited to, regional representation, club representation, previous events).
 - 2. Re-pool – Modified power pools with consideration given to pool play results.
 - ii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - iii. Teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations with consideration to seasonal results.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Allocation/Berths determined prior to Regional Championships, Regional Championship results, geographical representation, Seeding Advisory Panel and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8 - 12 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

13U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2013

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum match roster size: 12 Athletes
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.20 metres.
 - ii. 13U Boys will be combined with 14U Boys if registration numbers dictate the need. If combined, 14U rules will be utilized.
 - iii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iv. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.
 - v. Volleyball Canada mandates that athletes in the 13U age category do not specialize. Coaches are required to assign court position 1, 2 or 3 as the designated setting position prior to each set.
 - vi. Players are not permitted to switch positions during play on the court, in either competition format.
- d. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - 1. Teams will be randomly assigned to Play Day matches.
 - 2. Teams may play 2 or 3 sets depending on time constraints.
 - 3. Matches do not count toward rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - 1. Modified 1-Day Tournament with at least 4 matches.
 - 2. Not all places will be played out to a winner.
 - 3. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - 1. Pool Play - teams will be placed into pools for meaningful competition opportunities (including considerations given to, but not limited to, regional representation, club representation, previous events).
 - 2. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - ii. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - iii. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations with consideration to seasonal results.
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitution.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, taking into account geographical representation, and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8 - 23 teams.

14U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2012

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum match roster size: 12
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height: 2.20 metres.
 - ii. 13U Boys may be combined with 14U Boys if registration numbers dictate the need. If combined, 14U rules will be utilized.
 - iii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iv. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.
- d. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count towards any rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count towards any rankings.
- f. Super Spike Guidelines
 - i. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs. Open, no power pools.
 - ii. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iii. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings are based on previous Provincial Championship results, Super Spike results and Regional Development Committee (RDC) recommendations.
 - v. Geographical consideration will be taken when allocating teams into pools.
 - vi. Guaranteed five matches per Super Spike (two-day event).
- g. Regional Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs.
 - ii. Rankings are based on RDC recommendations
- h. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Pool play and playoffs. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - ii. Fair Play Rule will be utilized.
 - 1. Substitutions (3rd set only): No libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. Rankings are based on Regional Championship results, considering geographical representation, and RDC recommendations.
 - iv. Teams that do not attend their Regional Championship will be placed in the lowest Division at their Provincial Championship.
 - v. The RDC will allocate the number of berths per region per Division prior to the Regional Championships.
 - vi. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8 - 23 teams.

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15U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2011

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height: 2.35 metres.
 - ii. 1 Libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. **NEW for 2026** - Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.
- d. **NEW for 2026** - 1 - Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3 randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1 - Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - 1. All events: Open format, no power pools
 - a. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - iii. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings
 - 1. Regional Ranking event
 - a. Teams will be ranked into their regional ranking event based on the team’s finish at the previous year’s 14U Provincial Championship.
 - b. Teams are not required to attend a regional ranking tournament
 - c. Teams that do not attend a regional ranking tournament will start the season ranked below teams that did attend a Regional Ranking Tournament.
 - 2. First Super Series event
 - a. Teams will be ranked based on their result at their respective Regional Ranking Tournament, or their subsequent rank if they do not attend a regional ranking tournament.
 - 3. Second and third events
 - a. Teams will be ranked based on Super Series result(s).
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on results after the Regional Ranking Tournament.
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - 4. You can view the [Public Ranking Document here](#).
 - v. All teams are guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vi. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- g. Provincial Championships
 - i. Division 1
 - 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover games following pool play

- ii. All subsequent Divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)
 - 1. Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - a. Open format, no power pools
- iii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.
- iv. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
- v. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams, if the number of teams registered allows. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

16U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2009 - Dec 31, 2010

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Training to Train”; 70% training, 30% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.35 metres.
 - ii. 1 Libero, 12 unlimited substitutions.
 - iii. **NEW for 2026 -** Receiving the serve or toss with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) **is permitted**.
- d. **NEW for 2026 -** 1 - Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3 randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026 -** 1 - Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - 1. First Event: Open Format, no power pools.
 - a. Teams will serpentine across all pools.
 - 2. Second and third events: Modified power pool format (top 8 teams).
 - a. Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - iii. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings
 - 2. For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2025 Provincial Championship results’ [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
 - 3. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points.
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Points
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - v. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vi. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- f. Provincial Championships
 - i. Division 1
 - 2. Pool play & elimination playoffs
 - a. Open Format, no power pools
 - b. 2nd v 3rd place crossover game following pool play
 - ii. All subsequent divisions (2, 3, 4, etc)
 - 2. Pool Play & elimination playoffs
 - a. Open Format, no power pools

- iii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter-final rounds.
- iv. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
 - 1. Teams must attend 2 out of 3 events to be eligible for Division 1 at the Provincial Championship.
 - 2. If a team only attends 1 event, that result will be the only result used and the team would be limited to Division 2 and lower.
 - 3. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 1.
- v. Division 1 = 12 - 16 teams. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams

17U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2009

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes.
- c. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height: 2.43 metres.
 - ii. 1 Libero, 12 unlimited substitutions
- d. **NEW for 2026** - 1 - Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3 randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- e. **NEW for 2026** - 1 - Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- f. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - 1. First event: Open format, no power pools.
 - a. Teams will serpentine across all pools
 - 2. Second and third event: Modified Power Pool format (top 8 teams).
 - a. Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools
 - iii. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings:
 - 1. For the team’s first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes’ 2025 Provincial Championship results’ [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
 - 2. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points
 - b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Point.
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - v. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vi. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- g. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1
 - 1. When there is only one (1) division at Provincial Championships,
 - a. Modified Power Pools (Top 8 Teams)
 - b. Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - 2. When there are more than one (1) division at Provincial Championships
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. Teams will be serpentine across all pools in their division.
 - ii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - iii. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team’s best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.

1. Teams must attend 2 out of 3 events to be eligible for Division 1 at the Provincial Championship.
 2. If a team only attends 1 event, that result will be the only result used and the team would be limited to Division 2 and lower.
 3. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 1.
- iv. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams, if the number of registered teams allows. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.

18U Boys – athletes born between Sept 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2008

- a. LTAD Developmental Stage: “Learning to Compete”; 60% training, 40% competition.
- b. Maximum roster size: 15 Athletes
- c. A team roster for the 18U category can include 2 athletes born from Jan 1-August 31, 2007, with the following restriction:
 - 1. Athletes are NOT permitted to be part of any USport, CCAA or other Post-Secondary volleyball program for the current season (October 1, 2025 - May 1, 2026)
 - 2. Definition of Post-Secondary: Part of a Post-Secondary Volleyball program is defined as rostered with a post-secondary institution that they are attending. Athletes are permitted to tryout/train with a post-secondary team in September 2025. CEGEP Division 1 athletes who are registered in the CCAA are considered post-secondary athletes. Post-secondary does not include intramural programs or club programs within a post-secondary institution. CEGEP athletes in Division 2 and 3 are not considered post-secondary athletes.
 - 3. Athletes within the appropriate age category above (16-month window) are not restricted by post-secondary participation.
- d. Athletes born January 1 to August 31, 2007 that are currently attending grade 12 may apply for an exemption that will allow them to participate in all Volleyball BC indoor club events, including Provincial and National Championships.
- e. Competition Guidelines
 - i. Net height = 2.43 metres.
 - ii. 1 Libero, 12 unlimited substitutions
 - iii. Receiving the serve with an overhand motion using the fingers (volleying/setting the serve) is permitted.
- f. NEW for 2026 - 1-Day Playdays
 - i. Teams will play 3-randomly assigned matches.
 - ii. Teams will play 2 or 3 set matches depending on time constraints.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- g. NEW for 2026 - 1-Day Tournaments
 - i. Teams will play a minimum of 4 matches.
 - ii. Modified playoff will determine a winner, but not all placings.
 - iii. Matches do not count toward any rankings.
- h. Super Series Guidelines
 - i. Please review the [Super Series Competition Structure](#) for full details.
 - ii. Format: Pool play & elimination playoffs.
 - 1. First event: Open format, no power pools
 - a. Teams will serpentine across all pools
 - 2. Second and third event: Modified Power Pool format (top 8 teams).
 - a. Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools
 - iii. The playoff draw format will be based on the number of teams in the event.
 - iv. Rankings:
 - 1. For the team's first event, each team will be ranked by their top eight athletes' 2025 Provincial Championship results' [Athlete Ranking Points](#).
 - 2. Second and third events are based on Super Series results.
 - a. If a team does not compete in the first Super Series, they will be ranked based on their Athlete Ranking Points

- b. Teams that have achieved a result in a Super Series event will be ranked ahead of the teams with the same ranking based on Athlete Ranking Points.
 - c. All ties in rankings are decided based on the highest finish from the last event, second last event, and so on. If both teams are still tied, results from the last event both teams participated in will be applied in the following order; final placement, matches for and against, sets for and against, points for and against. If teams did not participate in the same event, the result from their last event will be used.
 - v. Guaranteed five matches per Super Series (two-day event).
 - vi. All Super Series events are weighted equally.
- i. Provincial Championships
 - i. Format: Division 1
 - 1. When there is only one (1) division at Provincial Championships,
 - a. Modified Power Pools (Top 8 Teams)
 - b. Teams will serpentine within the power pools, remaining teams will serpentine across remaining pools.
 - 2. When there are more than one (1) division at Provincial Championships,
 - a. Open format, no power pools
 - b. Teams will be serpentine across all pools in their division.
 - ii. Non-traditional playoff brackets may be used to avoid teams from the same pool meeting in the quarter or semi-final rounds.
 - iii. Teams are ranked based on the average of their team's best 2 Super Series results, as per public ranking document.
 - 4. Teams must attend 2 out of 3 events to be eligible for Division 1 at the Provincial Championship.
 - 5. If a team only attends 1 event, that result will be the only result used and the team would be limited to Division 2 and lower.
 - 6. Teams that do not have a Super Series event in their region may apply for an exemption to only attend one event to be eligible for Division 1.
 - iv. Division 1 = 8 - 16 teams, if the number of registered teams allows. All other divisions = 8 - 16 teams.