

SECTION XIX - VOLLEYBALL

1. Rules

The rules of Volleyball Canada shall govern ASAA Volleyball, with the following modifications:

- A. Substitutes - The modified 12 substitute rule will be used. The rule is as follows:
- i. a team shall be allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions in any one game
 - ii. a player may leave the game and re-enter the game, but only for the same player. Players are 'tied' together; e.g., 7 for 12 - these two players are attached for that game and a player must re-enter for the same player
 - iii. unlimited substitutions are allowed up to 12 per game

Examples:

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| 1. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 6 | 12 subs |
| 2. 7 for 12; 12 for 7 (2 subs) x 2 | 4 subs |
| 8 for 6; 6 for 8 (2 subs) x 4 | 8 subs |

- B. The top of the net is to be set at the height of 2.43 m for males and 2.24 m for females.
- C. Allow teams to list up to 15 on the scoresheet.
- D. Athletes of one gender must compete for a school team with athletes of the same gender.
- E. The libero must wear a uniform whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The libero uniform may have a different design but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.
- i. The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jersey that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The primary color of the libero's jersey/shirt must be different from any colour that appears on more than half of the body of his/her teammates' jerseys. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The style and trim of the libero's shirt, jersey and/or shorts may differ from his/her teammates.
- F. A team must start every match with 6 eligible players. In the event of an injury where a team has no eligible players available, the team may continue play with five players. The position in rotation that becomes vacant remains in the same rotational position and continues in the rotational order. Therefore, if the vacant position is in the front row, there are only two front row players, similarly in the back row. A point

and the ball is awarded to the opposition when the vacant spot rotates into position one.

2. Season of Play

The Season of Play for Volleyball shall be June 1 to the fourth Saturday in November. The Season of Play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.

3. Officials

The ASAA recognizes the Alberta Volleyball Association (AVA) as the official organization for training and certifying officials and gives its full support through the use of certified officials.

A. In Provincial competition, the competition Chairperson and the AVA officials Chairperson are responsible for appointing officials.

B. In Provincial competition, the competition Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the minor officials - linesmen and scorekeepers - are provided and properly trained.

4. Competitions

A. There shall be eight Provincial competitions that will terminate the Volleyball season. All competitions will be held on the fourth weekend in November.

B. i. 1A Format

Two pools of five will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of Volleyball Provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

If the 12-team provincial format is chosen, it will follow the same format as 2A & 3A

ii. 2A & 3A Format

Two pools of six will be determined by the Volleyball Commissioners using the summary of Volleyball Provincial seeding. At the completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will advance to an elimination match; the first place team from each section receives a bye, the second place teams play the third place teams from the opposite section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. All round robin and playoff games shall consist of rally point scoring, the best two of three games; first two to 25 points, third game to 15 points, all played to a two point difference with no cap.

iii. 4A Format

Three pools of four will be determined as per Item 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, pages 130-131. All games shall consist of rally point scoring played to a two-point difference with no cap. The round robin matches will be best two-of-three. The playoff round will follow the structure outlined in Item 5. Representation to Provincials, D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls, pages 130-131.

C. Tie Breaker Policy

If teams are tied in a section, the Volleyball Canada tie break procedure is used as outlined below. This system is used to rank teams in a section, but is not used to eliminate a team. If teams are tied for the last playoff spot, the lowest ranked team will play one game to 25 points (no cap - win by two points) against the next lowest ranked team. If the winner of this game is still tied with another team for the last playoff berth, these two teams will play one game to 25 points (no cap - win by two points) and so on, until the winning team is no longer tied for the last berth. For each of these elimination games, there will be a minimum warmup of 15 minutes [five minute warmup followed by 5-5 (serve within your five minutes)] to allow the teams an adequate warmup. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- i. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- ii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering only matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- iii. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
- iv. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering only games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- v. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the round, will be ranked higher;
- vi. Any game needed to break ties will be a single game, rally point scoring to 25 points with a two point difference to determine placing.

Matches or games between tied teams (steps i, ii. and iv. above) means that only matches or games involving tied teams should be included in the calculations. Steps iii. and v. use all matches or games in the round robin to determine rankings of the tied teams. Ratios are calculated using won/lost ratio, not lost games/games won.

5. Representation to Provincials

A. 1A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. If the school has one court available for competition, there will be 10 teams at the 1A Tournament. If the host school has two courts available for competition, there will be 12 teams at that 1A Tournament.

The representation to Provincials for 1A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 "
Edmonton Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional berths	1 representative
Total	10 teams

There will be a maximum of two representatives per Zone (includes host team).

The representation to Provincials for a twelve team Tournament shall be as follows:

Edmonton Zone	1 representative
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Calgary Zone	1 "
South Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional Berths	3 representatives
Total	12 teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per Zone (includes host team).

ii. Additional Berths

1. The ASAA office will calculate Provincial Championship history for teams representing their Zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their Zone at Provincials during this time will receive Zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each Zone will be calculated.
2. The first additional berth will be awarded to the Zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the Zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.

3. If there is a tie between two or more Zones for the final additional berth, the Zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous Provincial Championship Tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the Zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent Provincial Championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous Provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

B. 2A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. 2A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 2A Tournament. The representation to Provincials for 2A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 "
Edmonton Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional berth	3 representatives
TOTAL	12 teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. Additional Berths
 1. The ASAA office will calculate Provincial Championship history for teams representing their Zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their Zone at Provincials during this time will receive Zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each Zone will be calculated.
 2. The first additional berth will be awarded to the Zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the Zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
 3. If there is a tie between two or more Zones for the final additional berth, the Zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous Provincial Championship Tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the Zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent Provincial Championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous Provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

C. 3A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. 3A Competition: There will be 12 teams at each 3A Tournament. The representation to Provincials for 3A boys and girls shall be as follows:

Calgary Zone	1 representative
South Central Zone	1 "
Edmonton Zone	1 "
North Central Zone	1 "
Central Zone	1 "
North East Zone	1 "
North West Zone	1 "
South Zone	1 "
Host school	1 "
Additional berths	3 representatives
TOTAL	12 teams

There will be a maximum of three representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. Additional Berths

1. The ASAA office will calculate Provincial Championship history for teams representing their Zones for the three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their Zone at Provincials during this time will receive Zone points based on the following criteria: gold medal - 4 points; silver medal - 3 points; bronze medal - 2 points; 4th place - 1 point. Cumulative three-year point totals for each Zone will be calculated.
2. The first additional berth will be awarded to the Zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the Zones with the 2nd and 3rd highest point totals.
3. If there is a tie between two or more Zones for the final additional berth, the Zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous Provincial Championship Tournaments will be allocated the additional berth. If still tied, the Zone with the highest place finish at the next most recent Provincial Championship shall be allocated the berth. If still tied, subsequent previous Provincial competitions shall be reviewed in descending order until the tie can be broken.

D. 4A Competition for Boys and Girls

- i. In 4A boys and girls competitions there shall be a maximum of 12 teams participating with representation as follows:

Calgary Zone	3 representatives
South Central Zone	1 representative
Central Zone	1 representative
Edmonton Zone	3 "
North West Zone	1 representative
North East Zone	1 "

South Zone	1 representative
Host school or Zone	1 representative
TOTAL	12 teams

There will be a maximum of four representatives per Zone (includes host team).

- ii. In the event there is a wildcard for the 4A Championship, including a vacant berth resulting from a Zone vacating their Zone berth(s):
 1. Each Zone will receive one (1) eligible team to compete for the wildcard berth. The team eligible to receive this wildcard berth will be the highest ranked team not already qualified for the Provincial Championship (even if they are in the Zone that is hosting the championship).
 2. During the final ranking conference call, the ranking Committee will discuss the merits of each team, based on their Zone's strength, as well as each individual team's strength Provincially throughout the year. Based on the discussion of the ranking Committee, the ASAA representative and the Volleyball Commissioner will choose the best team to receive the wildcard berth into the Provincial Championships.

iii. Competition Pools

A power pool format will be implemented for the first day of the Provincial competition. The teams will be ranked into three competition pools by an ASAA ranking Committee. Teams ranked 1 - 4 are in Pool A; teams 5-8 are in Pool B; and teams 9-12 are in Pool C. All teams will play a best two-of-three match against each of the other teams in the pool on the Thursday of the championship. After these matches, the teams will be seeded into the playoff round based on the final standings in the pool. The current CVA tie-breaking procedures will apply if necessary to complete the final standing of teams in each pool.

Teams that finish last in their pool will drop to the next lower pool for seeding in the playoff round and teams that finish first in their pool will move up to the next higher pool for seeding in the playoff round. For example, if a team plays in Pool B (5-8) and finishes last, it will drop to the top of Pool C and be seeded 9th for the playoff round. The team finishing first in Pool C (9-12) will move up to the bottom of Pool B and be seeded 8th for the playoff round.

Playoff Round

Based on the power pool results all teams will then be seeded from 1-12. The playoff round follows a 12-team elimination schedule. First round play will be a best three-of-five match involving team 5 vs 12, 6 vs 11, 7 vs 10 and 8 vs 9 - with the top 4 teams receiving a bye for the first round. Every match on the championship side of the playoff round, including the bronze medal match, will be best three-of-five.

Once a team has been eliminated from the championship side, all remaining matches will be best two-of-three. Teams will continue to play for final placement (1-12).

Rankings

1. There will be separate ranking Committees for each gender comprising one voting representative from each Zone (where a 4A team exists). One additional non-voting member of each Committee will be designated as the tabulator and will be responsible for receiving and compiling all results submitted by individual Committee members. Recruitment of ranking Committee members and tabulators as well as determination of the ranking timeline will be the responsibility of the Volleyball Commissioners annually.
2. Rankings will be done bi-weekly. A total of four (4) rankings will be developed prior to the power pool rankings for the Provincial Tournament. A final ranking will take place on the Monday preceding the championship Tournament after all qualifying teams have been identified. A ranking timeline will be posted no later than September 7 annually.
3. By 12:00 p.m. on Monday prior to each release date, each Committee member is responsible for procuring and emailing all other Committee members any information deemed important to an accurate and valid ranking. This information shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A. final standings from Tournament play that involve prospective ranked teams in their Zone
 - B. match results for league play involving prospective ranked teams in their Zone
 - C. general comments about prospective ranked teams and their players (injuries, etc.)
 - D. a preliminary ranking based on all available information collected to that point (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

All members will have access to the results from the previous two weekends (from the emails the rankers share) and know how other members have ranked. By 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the ranking week, each member will then send an email with their final ranking to the tabulator only. Once the tabulator has received all the rankings, a reverse points ranking will be applied, meaning that a team that receives a first place ranking will receive 10 points. A second place ranking receives 9 points and so on.

Once the rankings have been calculated, each tabulator will forward to the ASAA and the media around the province a summary listing the top 10 teams. The ASAA will post the rankings on the ASAA website upon receiving them from the tabulators. Each Committee member will also receive the complete ranking information detailing how each member voted. This will support the accountability of ranking. On the Monday prior to the championship, the ranking Committee will create a final ranking for all 16 qualifying teams by conference call. Once ranked, the teams will be placed into competition pools as outlined above.

iv. Regionals

1. In the event that a school from the North Central Zone opts up to the 4A level, they will participate in a North West regional to determine the one representative from that Zone/region. Schools opting up will always travel to the North West Zone for this regional.

v. Regionals Format:

Regional playoff in 4A Volleyball shall follow a standardized format, based on the number of participating teams regardless of the playoff location.

1. 3-6 teams: Round robin (matches) with top teams advancing. If the round robin provides a first place finisher, the second and third place finishers play a match to determine second. In tie situations, follow the procedure in Item 4.C. Tie Breaking Procedures, pages 127.
2. 7 or more teams: Two section round robin (matches) with the top two from each section crossing over to play each other (1 vs 2). Winners of these two matches advance but require a final match to determine first and second. It is important to equalize the strength of the two sections.

6. Playing Equipment

The official game ball to be used for ASAA Provincial Volleyball competitions shall be the Tachikara SV5W Gold-SWB.

7. Scoresheet

The AVA youth scoresheet, modified to allow 15 players per team on the roster as per SECTION XIX - VOLLEYBALL, 1.A.iii. page 125 will be used at ASAA Provincials. Scoring will be the best of three games: the first two games to 25 points and the third game to 15 points with all games played to a two-point difference with no cap.