

**2028 & 2029
14U Volleyball Canada
National Championships**



**Volleyball
Canada**

**Request for Letter of
Interest**

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National Championships Introduction

Volleyball Canada is proud to have hosted successful National Championships since 1953 building a tradition of excellence in competitive volleyball. With the introduction of the Open format 20 years ago, teams nationwide now compete for the national title across multiple age categories, ranging from 14U to 35+. Over 1500 teams participate in the Volleyball Canada Championship events annually.

The Volleyball Canada National Championships have evolved to include a robust experience for all attendees on and off the court. This includes designated zones for athletes, coaches and parents as well as photography studio, merchandise store, 18U social, partner/vendor booths, and a vibrant food truck zone.

Event Growth (14U events)

	2023			2024			2025		
	West (Winnipeg, MB)	East (Ottawa, ON)	Atlantic (Halifax, NS)	West (Richmond, BC)	East (Ottawa, ON)	Atlantic (Fredericton, NB)	West (Winnipeg, MB)	East (Ottawa, ON)	Atlantic (Fredericton, NB)
Teams	128	120	40	172	116	48	144	128	60
Participants	1,536	1,440	780	2,064	1,392	576	1,728	1,536	720
Spectators	2,304	2,160	1,850	3,096	2,088	864	2,592	2,304	1,080
Courts	16	15	5	22	15	6	18	16	8
Room Nights	3,060	3,917	495	2,995	3,456	1,843	4,268	3,802	2,189

General Event Information

- Economic Impact
 - Atlantic Nationals - \$310,408
 - West Nationals - \$504,220
 - East Nationals - \$1,109,599
- Each athlete travels with approximately 1.5 supporters/family members
- 85% of teams stay in a hotel, on average
- Teams book an average of 12 hotel rooms per night for 3 nights

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National Championships Objectives

The objectives of the Volleyball Canada National Championships are to:

1. Provide the opportunity to become a champion for all age categories and both genders
2. Offer a unique participation opportunity
3. To create a competitive environment with meaningful competition
4. To support development and high-performance programs
5. To promote the game of volleyball

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National Championship Hosting Opportunities

Volleyball Canada is seeking host cities with a capacity for hosting large scale events. Interested host cities are invited to submit information on their maximum event space capabilities as well as date availability for their respective venue(s) and accommodations. Hosts may propose any combination of hosting format with event



capacity, Volleyball Canada will allocate events to selected hosts that best meet the requirements of the National Championships.

Interested hosts who have hosted, or who have submitted an RFP since 2020 are not required to submit a complete RFP. Please see section 6 with details on submission requirements. Hosts who have not hosted or submitted a bid since 2020 may need to submit additional details. Please contact Volleyball Canada for further details.

Hosting Formats:

- Single Tournament (4-Day Event)
 - Check-in/practice day plus three competition days.
- Multiple Tournaments (Two or more 4-Day Events)
 - Check-in/practice day plus three competition days immediately followed by the next 4-Day Event
- Multiple Tournaments (Back-to-Back weekends)
 - Two or more 4-Day Events on back-to-back weekends
 - Ideally, courts remain set up in between tournaments

Event Capacity

Priority will be given to facilities who can host many courts under one roof, though proposals involving multiple facilities within one host city will also be considered. General event space for off court activations will also be required.

- Small Event
 - Minimum requirement of 10 courts
 - *A tournament with 10 courts will host an average of 80 teams
- Large Event
 - Minimum requirement of 22 courts
 - Preferred court number of 24 - 30 or more courts
 - * A tournament with 30 courts will host an average of 240 teams

Dates:

Volleyball Canada National Championships are to be held within the month of May:

- Events preferred to start either the first or second weekend in the month
- Single Tournaments (4-Day Event) are preferred to be held on a Thursday – Sunday model.
- Multiple Tournaments may extend throughout the week; it is preferable is to have access to at least one day of the weekend per tournament (including the long weekend).
- A minimum of two set-up days and two tear-down days are required per event. For events with 20+ courts, three to four set up days are preferred.

Hosting Organizing Committee

Volleyball Canada encourages applicants to include a Host Organizing Committee in their submission, although it is not mandatory. A Host Organizing Committee typically consists of the following roles:

- Event Chair
- Competition Director
- Finance Director
- Staff and Volunteer Director
- Referee Director



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Hosting Requirements

Venue Requirements - Competition

The following items outline the competition requirements for hosting Volleyball Canada Nationals.

- Minimum court space requirements
 - 9m x 18m Playing Surface
 - 3m Serving Space (Each End)
 - 2m Free Space (Each Side)
 - 2m-3m Between Courts
 - Space for spectator seating at each court
 - Safe walking space to access all courts
- A single venue with one large space or a combination of multiple smaller sized spaces within one venue would be acceptable. These spaces could include gymnasiums, hockey rinks, field houses, etc.
- A column free space is preferable however a limited number of columns is acceptable
- A minimum ceiling height of 9 meters. This clearance distance is to be measured from the playing service to the lowest impairment or overhanging obstruction of the ceiling.

Venue Requirements - Non-Competition

The following items outline the non-court requirements for hosting Volleyball Canada Nationals. These requirements will vary depending on the overall size of the event.

- Competition management office space(s)
- Referee Lounge
- Staff Lounge
- Medical Room
- Merchandiser area – minimum of 24' x 24'
- Salons for partner activations
- Food Court or food sales area
- Ticket sales area
- Storage for event equipment including storage of sport court crates

Accommodations Requirements

Adequate hotel capacity to host a large-scale event is required within the host city.

- Hotel rooms for event staff
- Hotel rooms for referees
- Hotel rooms for teams
 - Each team requires, on average, 12 rooms over 3 nights
 - Each court accommodates 8 teams

Funding Opportunities

Volleyball Canada encourages groups to explore a range of funding options, which may include:

- Funding to help offset facility expenses
- A list of potential funding opportunities—such as municipal, provincial, and third-party grants—and an indication of whether your organization has successfully received any of these in the past
- Any additional financial contributions your organization can provide
- VIK (value-in-kind) sponsorship to support event expenses



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Host City Selection

Volleyball Canada will review all submissions to determine the ideal hosting plan based on facility availability.

Volleyball Canada will request additional hosting information to confirm the capacity to host the designated events once potential host cities are identified.

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Submission of Interest

A Letter of Interest can be submitted by a Provincial/Territorial Volleyball Association, a local volleyball club, a tourism agency, municipality and/or event promoter. Interested hosts are welcome to offer a multi-year bid.

At the time of submission, a hold must be placed on the competition venue as well as on hotel rooms.

Submissions must include the following:

- Facility name & location
- Dates of availability
- Approximate number of courts / court diagram
- Confirmation of hotel capacity to support an event of this size and that there aren't any conflicting events which may reduce access to hotel rooms
- Indication of whether a Host Organizing Committee will be used
- Funding contribution details
- Letters of Support
 - From the Regional Referee Chairperson (RRC)
 - From the Local, Regional, and/or Provincial Tourism Bureau
 - From the Provincial Volleyball Association
 - From the local hotel organization

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Deadline for submissions is **March 13th, 2026**, follow-up on each submission will be provided by **April 13th, 2026**.



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Court Layout

