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2020 TEAM ONTARIO REGIONAL PROGRAM

Integrated Indoor/Beach Volleyball



GOALS

The Ontario Volleyball Association's Team Ontario Regional Program is part of the OVA Athlete Development Pathway as it allows the early identification of a high number of young athletes demonstrating a desire to achieve excellence in beach and indoor volleyball. Identification and development of both athletes and coaches are the leading principles behind this program.

BENEFITS

- Provides a unique development opportunity for all participants
- Provides a vehicle to develop coaches and encourage the participation of female coaches
- Creates an opportunity for athletes and coaches to meet and learn from other participants
- Increases the visibility of beach and indoor volleyball
- Provides a fun, educational and memorable experience for all participants

REGIONAL PROGRAM DATES

- November 29th – Deadline for hiring coaches
- April 12th -Deadline for hosting Tryouts
- May 1st – Deadline for selecting athletes
- May 10th – Deadline to register for the Team Ontario Regional training camp
- July 25th-29th – Training camp – Guelph
- July 30th – August 2nd – Ontario Summer Games – London, ON

REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Organize regional athlete selection camp
- Provide a regional representative for the coach selection committee
- Produce and circulate program information letters: tryouts, training camp, competitions, itineraries, etc., in conjunction with the team staff.
- General administrative support & liaison with team staff, players & parent and the OVA staff.
- Liaison to OVA office for logistics (submitting coach information and contracts, submitting player information, submitting information to post on OVA website)
- Evaluation of program (coaches, parents, athletes)
- Contribute \$3 dollars per athlete at tryout to cover the cost of Team Genius- athlete evaluation software (50/50 with OVA)
- **Paying coaches and chaperones honorariums and travel expenses**

ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hire Team Ontario Regional coach advisors and cover their expenses and honorariums
- Provide an OVA representative for the coach selection committee of each region
- Send a coach advisor to regional tryouts to help with player selection and cover related expenses
- Provide a regional athlete selection matrix and manage the Team Genius athlete evaluation software
- Select venue, create schedule, develop curriculum for the Team Ontario Regional training camp
- Collaborate with the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sports for the delivery of the volleyball competition at the 2020 Ontario Summer Games
- Handle all athlete registrations for tryouts and the Team Ontario Regional training camp

FORMAT OF REGIONAL PROGRAM

DATES AND LOCATION

Training camp: July 25th-29st, 2020 at the University of Guelph, Guelph, ON
Ontario Summer Games: July 30th- August 2nd, 2020 at Western University in London, ON

TRAINING CAMP

The Team Ontario Regional Program integrates beach and indoor volleyball in one training camp to prepare athletes to pursue their development in either discipline. Coaches are mentored both indoor and on the beach to deliver consistent coaching to the athletes, which allows them to improve their coaching skills in different contexts.

Athletes from all regions train together in a camp format similar to Team Ontario training camps allowing everyone to get the same training experience. Athletes from all regions will be mixed in 9 groups per gender and will be training both beach and indoor volleyball. Groups will rotate between disciplines throughout the camp.

This is a **no-specialization** program, which means athletes will play all positions, both indoor and on the beach.

COMPETITION

At the end of the training camp, athletes will participate at Ontario Summer Games in London, ON. The competition will integrate both indoor and beach volleyball.

Date: July 30th to August 2nd.

Venue: North London Athletic Fields for Beach and University of Western for Indoor.

COMPETITION DESCRIPTION

For the 2020 Ontario Summer Games, the OVA will be trying a new competition format that combines beach and indoor volleyball. The best way to describe it would be to say it is a “volleyball biathlon”. It will work the following way:

- Athletes will be divided in nine (9) teams of twelve (12) players
- Athletes from all regions will be mixed up in all the teams.
- Both indoor and beach competition will be non-specialized. All athletes will play at all positions.
- Net Height: Boys 2.35m & Girls 2.20m
- There will be 6 regular sessions and 1 playoff session during the competition
 - Regular sessions: Thu PM, Fri AM, Fri PM, Sat AM, Sat PM, Sun AM
 - Playoff session: Sun PM
- All athletes will play in 4 indoor volleyball and 2 beach volleyball regular sessions
- All athletes will play at minimum 1 indoor volleyball match during the playoff session
- Regular indoor sessions:
 - All teams will play 2 matches (2/3) per session with Fair Play rules
- Regular beach sessions:
 - All teams will be scheduled for 6 matches (2/3) per session
 - Teams will split in 6 pairs that will play in 1 match each
 - If a team has injured players, other players will be allowed to play in more than 1 match

- Teams will be ranked 1 to 9 using the following scoring and tie breaking procedure:
 - Most points for matches won
 - 3 points for 2-0 win, 2 points for 2-1-win, 1 point for 1-2 loss, 0 point for 0-2 loss
 - Best ratio of sets won/sets lost
 - Best ratio of points won/points lost
 - Head to head
- The playoff session will be indoor volleyball only. 1st ranked team goes directly to the final. Teams ranked 2 & 3 play in semi-final. Other teams play a classification match.
- See Appendix A for full proposed schedule

TEAM SELECTION

ALL PARTICIPANTS

All participants (athletes, coaches and officials) must be full members in good standing with the Ontario Volleyball Association.

ATHLETES

The Team Ontario Regional Program is designed for athletes with the skill set to play at the Premier level of competition within the 14U age division in the OVA. For this reason, the eligibility criteria for both boys and girls is as follows:

- Athletes must be born in 2006 and be registered on a 14U team that is registered for the 2020 Ontario Championship in the 14U age category.
- Athletes born in the extended age class of September to December 2005 are eligible as long as they are registered on a 14U team
- Eligible athletes who play on a 13U or 15U team due to their club not offering a 14U team will be granted an exception

Athletes participating in the Team Ontario Regional Program CANNOT be part of any other Team Ontario programs in 2020. This includes Tall Maples, HPC, Team Ontario White, Red and Black for both beach and indoor.

The Team Ontario Regional Program is an introductory program that is not meant for multi-year participations. Athletes can be part of this program only **once** in their OVA career. Since all athletes go through the 14U age group at some point in their development, all athletes will get a chance to tryout for this program at least once. Exceptional athletes who skip the 14U age division are most likely at a skill level more appropriate for more advanced Team Ontario programs.

COACHES

The requirements to be a regional coach as part of the Team Ontario Regional Program are:

- All coaches must have completed the following 3 online modules prior to November 1st, 2019 as per the 2020 OVA Coach Certification Policy:
 - Foundations of Volleyball
 - Making Head Way
 - Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- Selected coaches will be expected to have met all the 2020 OVA Coach Certification Policy requirements prior to the Team Ontario Regional camp
- All coaches must have a valid police record check, vulnerable sector screening check and have completely filled out and signed off on the OVA Screening Disclosure Form
- All coaches must be Development Coach (Level 1) certified or have the Development Coach Trained status which means they have completed the Development Coach Workshop. This requirement must be met prior to the start of the Team Ontario Regional camp.

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION

Allocation of spots per region was determined by membership numbers for the 2019-20 season. The following numbers are per gender:

	Players	Coaches	Chaperones
Region 1	4	1	1
Region 2	8	2	1
Region 3	37	6	3
Region 4	12	2	1
Region 5	33	5	2
Region 6	14	2	1
Total	108	18	9

ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION CAMPS

Each region will have to run an open identification camp

- Camps must run before April 12th, 2019
 - Recommended dates are the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April
- The camp can be held on different days at more than one (1) location
- An OVA designated mentor coach will be present at each tryout if the region's tryout dates are posted at least six (6) weeks in advance.
 - *An OVA mentor coach may not be available if too many tryouts are taking place on the same day*

ATHLETE MATRIX AND EVALUATION TOOL

In 2020, all regions will use *Team Genius* during their identification camp. This app streamlines the evaluation process by making it easier for regions to provide a fair and transparent athlete assessment. Some of the features of *Team Genius* are:

- Evaluators can assess players based on the OVA Team Ontario Regional Athlete Matrix
- Scores given to same athletes by different evaluators get averaged out automatically
- Coaches can evaluate the same athlete during different sessions
- Easy to compare athletes scores and to filter through big pool of players
- Automatically sends athletes a report with their scores and how they compare to the rest of the athletes in each skill

SELECTION OF ATHLETES

The Team Ontario Regional Athlete Matrix will be used to assess the athletes in the following areas:

- **Physical:** height, standing reach, spike jump (All physical testing will be done at Ontario Championships and is mandatory)
 - **Individual Skills:** Technical and tactical abilities in serving, passing, setting, hitting, blocking, defending
- Athletes will be scored and ranked based on their scores in the different areas of assessment regardless of their position: Athletes will be selected in order of their rank up to the number of allocated spots for each region Each region will be allowed to select 2-6 alternates per gender

UNIFORM AND ATHLETE GEAR

The OVA will be providing Team Ontario Regional Program athletes with a clothing package. Details will be given to athletes later in 2020. All athletes are responsible for submitting their clothing sizes during tryouts

USER FEES AND REGISTRATION

The OVA user fee for this program is **\$1100** per athlete and is free of HST. It includes:

- Room and board for both the Team Ontario Regional training camp and the Ontario Summer Games
- Team Ontario Regional Training camp participation
- Ontario Summer games participation
- Clothing Package
- Transportation from Guelph to London

Payment for the program must be completed by each individual athlete through the National Registration System (NRS) by **May 10th, 2020**.

APPENDIX A

Proposed Schedule (Draft):

Ontario Summer Games – Proposed Schedule (Draft) GIRLS

Thursday- July 30th	Friday -July 31 st	Saturday -August 1 st	Sunday- August 2 nd
	Beach Morning (D,E,F) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 E3 F1 F2 F3 Indoor Morning (A,B,C,G,H,I) AC BH GC BI GI AH	Beach Morning (A,F,G) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 A1 A2 A3 F1 F2 F3 I1 I2 I3 Indoor Morning (B,C,D,E,H,I) EH CH CI BD DI BE	Beach Morning (C,E,I) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 C1 C2 C3 E1 E2 E3 I1 I2 I3 Indoor Morning (A,B,D,F,G,H) AB BG GH DH DF EF
Beach Afternoon (A,B,C) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 A1 A2 A3 B1 B2 B3 C1 C2 C3 Indoor Afternoon (D,E,F,G,H,I) DG EI DE FH HI FG	Beach Afternoon (G,H,I) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 G1 G2 G3 H1 H2 H3 I1 I2 I3 Indoor Afternoon (A,B,C,D,E,F) AE BC AD BF EF CD	Beach Afternoon (B,H,D) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 B1 B2 B3 D1 D2 D3 H1 H2 H3 Indoor Afternoon (A,C,E,F,G,I) AG CF AI EG FI CE	Play offs Gold Bracket Top 4 teams Semis Finals Bronze Medal Silver Bracket remaining 5 Quarter Semis Finals Bronze

Ontario Summer Games – Proposed Schedule (Draft)- BOYS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Beach Morning (D,E,F) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 E3 F1 F2 F3 Indoor Morning (A,B,C,G,H,I) AC BH GC BI GI AH	Beach Morning (A,F,G) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 A1 A2 A3 F1 F2 F3 I1 I2 I3 Indoor Morning (B,C,D,E,H,I) EH CH CI BD DI BE	Beach Morning (C,E,I) Pool 1 Pool 2 Pool 3 C1 C2 C3 E1 E2 E3 I1 I2 I3 Indoor Morning (A,B,D,F,G,H) AB BG GH DH DF EF
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