

COVID-19 Beach Volleyball Modifications

These modifications are subject to update in the interest of player safety at any time and include recommendations from Ontario Volleyball Association Return to Volleyball framework.

All federal, provincial and local Government Health Regulations and Health Unit orders will be adhered to at all times.

Teams and/or players who do not comply with the modifications to the game experience outlined below will be ejected from the league. Risking player and staff safety will not be tolerated.

These measures are being implemented by FCSSC to allow our members who love the game, the opportunity to play. It is imperative that all members/players conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner. Combative, ignorant or disrespectful treatment of FCSSC staff or Health Ambassadors will not be tolerated. **Fun for all. Safety first. Kindness always.**

Personal Protection

- All members must comply with [FCSSC's Safe Return to Play guidelines](#). Please read before playing.
- Player arrival and exit will be routed separately to minimize contact during game turnover. Members must follow the post signs and specified traffic flow at the game play location.
- Please wear a mask during arrival and departure, until 2m of space from all other players is safely established in the team "beach" area. Masks are not required during play.
- Members must check in at the Check-In station and complete the Self-Screening before entering the playing area. Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used at Check-In.
- Members are asked to use the hand sanitizer that will be available courtside during game play.
- A soap & water wash station will be set up at FCSSC's Beach Volleyball Court Complex and at all other play locations, where possible.
- Members are asked to arrive on time, not early, and depart quickly after games to ensure social gathering limits are not exceeded at the play location and the risk of contact with others is minimized.
- The grassy area around the courts, the "beach", is designated for arriving teams and players out of rotation (not actively playing on the court), to wait safely. All members should be 2m apart in this area, unless from the same household. FCSSC strongly recommends bringing a personal lawn chair or beach towel to mark each player's spot (and store personal belongings such as towels, sanitizer, masks etc). Picnic tables/benches will not be available this season.
- Each team will identify a Health Ambassador who will be named Co-Captain. Health Ambassadors will ensure that all members of their team are complying with safety regulations set out by FCSSC and the Province BEFORE, DURING & immediately AFTER play.
- Injured players should ask for assistance only as needed, first from a member of your household if present, a teammate, then the Game Coordinator. Anyone assisting an injured player must wear a mask and sanitize after contact.
- Members are asked to bring your own towel and to wipe away sweat as often as possible.
- Arm sleeves are recommended to minimize skin to ball contact.
- When you arrive home, make sure you wash your hands with soap and water.

- No spectators permitted this season. Only registered players will be permitted at game play locations to ensure contact tracing accuracy (if needed) and gathering limit compliance.

Rule Modifications

- For the 2020 season, at FCSSC's Beach Court Complex, only EVERY OTHER COURT WILL BE to maximize space between games and to comply with the <50 person Phase 3 gathering limit requirement.
 - FCSSC Leagues will be pooled to ensure that there are no more than 50 players per pool, as required by the Phase 3 Team Sport requirements.
 - 4-on-4 teams will be capped at 6 players per team – 36 players – and 8 teams or less per pool.
 - 6-on-6 teams will be capped at 8 players per team – 48 players – and 6 teams or less per pool.
- NO CONTACT between participants, including handshakes, high-fives, huddles.
- Players are asked to only play in their positional zone and give space when neighboring teammate is playing a ball near the edge of the zone. No poaching other zones to maximize safe distancing between teammates.
- Front row players, including setters, are to provide 1M distance between themselves and the net.
- No spiking within 1M of net.
- No blocking at the net.
- New ball rotation after each set; a new sanitized ball will be made available for each set. 3 balls issued per game, per court.
- Wayward balls are to be retrieved by team/player gaining the serve.
- Scoreboards are not permitted this season, to minimize touch of common surfaces. Each team will designate a player on their team to keep score. Teams will vocally communicate set score regularly to avoid disputes.

Game Coordinator

- All Game Coordinators will be trained on the necessary Safety procedures and protocols to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and will be enforcing compliance with the safety rules & requirements.
- All Game Coordinators will have access to and must wear a face mask while at a game location unless safely 2m away from all participants.
- Game Coordinators will sanitize equipment as often as possible without game play interruption, and at least before and after each hour of play, as required by Phase 3 Team Sport guidelines
- Game Coordinators will have a supply of industrial grade disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer (70% alcohol) available to help teams and league play comply with disinfectant requirements.
- Game Coordinators will help each team's Health Ambassador ensure that all rule modifications and other Safe Return to Play guidelines are being followed by all team members.
- Game Coordinators will have available basic first aid equipment and ensure only they issue supplies should a team forget to bring their own kit.
- Game Coordinators who choose to bring their own stereo for the benefit of others should be the ONLY person touching the equipment and playing device.
- Game Coordinators will disinfect all equipment before and after all games.