

## OVR Beach FAQ and Quick Facts

What is Beach/Sand Volleyball?

Volleyball played outside on a sand surface (2 vs 2)

The court is smaller 16m x 8m (Indoor is 18m x 9m)

Are there different rules for Beach?

Yes... Below are the major differences

Cannot tip with an open-hand/finger tips

Block "counts" as a touch

Cannot touch the net "ever"

Cannot "double-contact" a free ball, downball, or serve

Cannot "sideways-set" the ball over the net

Players Officiate themselves

What do I wear?

### GIRLS UNIFORMS

- a. A uniform consists of two components- Shorts or briefs, and a top.  
A one-piece body suit is acceptable as a combination of the two components.  
Any outer garment I.E. sweat pants, tights, becomes the official uniform when worn.
- b. The uniform bottoms must be "FULL COVERAGE" shorts, spandex, or briefs.  
NO BIKINI BOTTOMS are permitted during competition.
- c. The uniform top can be a tank top, t-shirt, or a "FULL COVERAGE" sports bra.  
NO BIKINI TOPS are acceptable during competition.
- d. During competition each teams will display a 1 and a 2 for scorer identification purpose.

### BOYS UNIFORMS

- a. The uniform bottoms must be shorts or boardshorts.
- b. The uniform top can be a tank top or t-shirt (may play without a shirt/tank as well)
- c. During competition each teams will display a 1 and a 2 for scorer identification purpose.

How to register for a tournament?

Need to be a USA/OVR Member....have your Webpoint ID ready

Go to OVR Beach Tournament schedule

Email Tournament director requesting entry...

OR go to their "online" tournament registration page (if they have one)

Send your Payment to Director

Do I need to be part of a Beach Club to play?

No... You can play with anyone that has a current USA/OVR membership

and...you don't have to play with same partner all season

You just need to meet the uniform requirements

What age/divisions are offered?

Beach follows the same age definitions as indoor but every 2 years.

(<https://www.ovr.org/juniors/divisions.php>)

## **Girls**

U12 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition) - **NOTE: 12U/12 Club teams may play with 3 players**

U12 Open (Traditional USAV Definition...Sept 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off)

U14 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

U14 Open (Traditional USAV Definition...Sept 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off)

U16 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

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U18 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

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## **Boys**

U12 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

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U16 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

U18 Club (OVR "Grade Level" Definition)

What do I get when I sign-up/play in a tournament?..# of games etc..?

You will play in a pool of 3,4 or 5 teams

You will get a minimum of 5 games/sets

You will get "at least" one "post-pool" game/set

You will play games/sets to 21, 25, or 30...depending on number of teams in your pool

Players will officiate themselves...make sure to have a whistle

Plan on the tournament lasting about 5-7 hours

Awards given to 1st and 2nd place per division

Points earned (based on finish) will be tracked on the USA Jr Beach Tour website

(<http://usabeachranking.org/Default.aspx>)