

# BEACH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Beach Registration

1. Register as a member on the Great Plains website.
2. Registration is \$15 per athlete, if not already a registered member of the Great Plains Region.
  - a. Checks should be made out to Great Plains Region.
3. After membership is confirmed, you can register for tournaments.
4. Pre-registration for tournaments is preferred but not necessary.
  - a. You can pre-register by sending an email to [info@gpvb.org](mailto:info@gpvb.org) with your name, age and partner, if known.
  - b. It is preferable if you sign up as a team, but individuals are welcome.
  - c. If not pre-registered, you can just show up at registration time ready to play!

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“The two things you can do to make a volleyball player better (1) have them coach (2) have them play beach doubles...”

**John Kessel, Director of Education for USA Volleyball**

## Costs

- Players are required to be a member of the Great Plains Region. If not a current member, beach registration fees are \$15.
- The registration fee covers liability insurance, administration fees, rulebook and region and national newsletters.
- Tournament fees are \$10 per player. You only pay for the tournaments in which you play.

## Tournament Info

- Season standings are compiled using the same point system used by AVP.
  - Points are awarded based on the number of teams in a division at each tournament and their respective finish in each.
- Medals will be given to the top two finishers in each age division at each tournament
- The player with the highest point total at the end of the season will be determined the Beach Champion.
- If there are 3 teams or fewer registered in an age division for a tournament, those teams may be asked to play up an age division to guarantee a minimum number of games for each team.
  - Teams moving up will still be given awards for their appropriate age group.
- Players will referee other games.
  - Officiating will be covered during the rules meeting before each tournament.
  - If there is a dispute, it will be settled by the tournament director.
- The beach tournament schedule and additional information is on the Great Plains website, [www.gpvb.org](http://www.gpvb.org); then click Juniors, then Outdoor Volleyball.

## Tournament Registration

- Registration will start 45 minutes before the scheduled start time for each tournament. If you are late, you put yourself at risk of not being able to participate. If teams are needed to fill pools, we will go to the wait list. If pools are filled, the late teams will not be allowed to enter.
- Parents and coaches are NOT permitted on the playing surface.

- If parents or coaches do not comply with this rule, the player could be expelled from the tournament, and could face expulsion from the program.
- All players, coaches and parents will be held to the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct rules and ethics.
  - Violations of those rules will result in appropriate sanctions.

## Game Format

**The scoring format will depend upon the number of participants at a given tournament in each age bracket, and will be determined by the tournament director.**

- All games are rally scoring win by two. No cap.

Options include:

- one game to 30, switch sides at 10
- One game to 21, switch sides at 7
- One game to 15, switch sides at 5
- Two out of three games to 15 or 21, with the third game always to 15.

In a tournament with a minimum of 4 teams, each team is guaranteed 4 games.

## Partners

- Players can sign up with their chosen partner at each tournament or they can register as an individual and partners will be drawn before the tournament starts.
  - If your regular partner is out of town, you can play with another and still have a chance to earn points.
- Points will be kept on an individual basis.
  - When the season ends, the top player in each age division will be declared the Beach Champion.

## Rules and Officiating

The playing rules will be found in the current Official United States Beach Volleyball Rules Book. These are the same rules used by the AVP. You can download the official beach rules at:

<http://www.usavolleyball.org/RulesOfficials/outdoor.asp> or you can request a free rule book with your membership.

**There will be a rules clinic before the start of each tournament.** Parents and coaches are welcome to attend these clinics. The athletes will referee other team's games. It will be to your advantage to understand the beach rules. Players are asked to be diligent in both refereeing and scorekeeping duties.