



2026 Promoter Tournament Guide

BVCA Club V Club has been created to realize the following goals:

1. Provide a competition environment for beach Clubs emulating the collegiate format for elite and developing athletes
2. Showcase beach volleyball in the collegiate format across the United States with other beach clubs that host the events and are known as BVCA promoters
3. Develop a clear pathway for beach club athletes to become recognized by college coaches

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BVCA Beach Calendar

Aug 1, 2025- July 31, 2026

The current schedule will be posted by Oct 1st at the beginning of season.

Membership – each athlete needs to purchase a BVCA membership to participate in the Club v Club Series. The membership is from Aug 1st-July 31st, the current season of Club v Club.

BVCA's Volleyball Life - Tournament Listings, Results and More!

Steps to be a promoter

1. Submit an online Request to Host before July 25th as a new promoter
2. Must be a club in good standing and has played the BVCA series for at least 1 year
3. Events are selected based on previous schedule events the year prior and developing regions based on the need for more events
4. Awarded dates with and email and sign your JVA/BVCA promoter agreement
5. Post on Volleyball Life as a BVCA promoter before Oct 15th.
6. Medals and Molten Ball prizes will be shipped to your location

Promoter Handbook: Equipment, Courts & Tournament Standards

Sand & Playing Surface

- Sand must be safe to play on — free from hazards such as large rocks, glass, needles, or debris.
- Conduct a pre-event inspection of all courts to confirm safety and consistent sand depth.
- Rake and level sand before competition each day.

Court Setup & Equipment

- Use 1–2-inch flat boundary lines on all courts.
 - No rope lines.
 - No tied-off or oversized lines.
- All nets must have official antennas installed.
- Nets should be in good condition and set at regulation height and properly tensioned.
- Each court should be clearly numbered and visible from the tent.
- Flip Score board is a must at every court

Promoter Tent & Event Hub

- Provide a 10x10 promoter tent (a club tent is acceptable).
- The tent serves as the official event hub for all communication and inquiries.
- Tables and chairs must be provided for tournament staff, referees, and the Tournament Director.
- Schedule, pool assignments, and results should be displayed online, and it is up to the TD to decide to use scoresheets.

Staffing & Roles

- For events with more than eight squads, a paid referee must be hired to assist with refereeing rotation and court management.
- A Tournament Director (TD) must always be present.
 - Club hosts cannot act as both a club coach and TD simultaneously.
- It is recommended to assign an Event Assistant to monitor flow, timing, and court fairness.

Health & Safety

- An emergency medical kit must be available on site.
- Ice must be provided for injuries.
- A certified athletic trainer is recommended (but not mandatory) to assist with injuries.
- An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) should be in place, including nearest hospital location and contact information.

Event Logistics

- Have a phone or radio system for communication between staff.
- Keep spare balls, lines, clips, scoreboards, and zip ties in the promoter tent.
- Maintain a lost and found area at the tent.

Volleyball Life (VBL) Procedures

- Every host must have the ability to format and manage their tournament in Volleyball Life (VBL) or hire someone qualified to handle it.
- Do not rely on Kevin from VBL to set up or manage your entire event for free. He must be compensated for any extra work.
- Kevin can assist with setup or troubleshooting only if you email or text him at least 10 days prior to the event. Do not wait until the Friday night before the tournament.
- Do not pre-sell your event and then list it as “sold out.” While you may inform clubs of your registration release date/time, all clubs must have a fair opportunity to register once it’s posted.
- **On Monday** before the event, you will receive your official seeding from the BVCA via email.
- **On Tuesday**, we recommend emailing seeds to all participating clubs and any information needed to the participating clubs
- **All pools must be formatted in VBL by Wednesday or no later than Thursday at noon before the event.** An informational email should go out to all club directors including tournament details and coaches’ meeting information.
- **Friday** is the final call for rosters and any last-minute pool adjustments.
- Any Friday changes must be communicated directly to club directors via text or email from the Tournament Director.
- Squads must submit rosters by **Friday at 5:00 pm** prior to the event. Lineups must be submitted before matches begin. Failure to comply will result in a **100-point deduction** for the club

Formatting the registration on Volleyball Life

Registration Information “Sample of info needed”

Event Title Format:

BVCA / Club Host Name or Tag / Format / Division / Location

Example: *BVCA 692West SoCal Challenge – 5v5 Open Division – Coronado, CA*

Event Description Format:

- Open 5v5 / Club 3v3
- Capacity limits (e.g., 12 squads in Open, 16 in Club)
- Pool Play: Top 2 advance to Gold; bottom 2 advance to Silver
- Coaches’ Meeting: 7:00 am
- Pool Play Matches: Begin at 7:30 am Saturday
- Playoffs: Bracket play begins at 9:00 am Sunday

- Seeding Options for playoffs: *Performance Seeding* (based on pool play) or *Capture Seeding* (based on initial seeding) must be listed in registration

Format Expectations:

- Clubs should expect 3 matches on Day 1 and 2 matches on Day 2. Adjustments due to weather or daylight may be made, but please communicate with me in advance. You must get approval in advance to change format of event.

Refund Policy (must be posted on form):

“Paid registrations will not be refunded for withdrawals within 30 days of the event. If the spot is filled, refunds may be issued at the discretion of BVCA (minus VL and Stripe fees).”

If an event sells out 90 days or less prior to the event date, the promoter may issue a 14-day ‘all-in’ confirmation request to all registered teams. Teams must confirm their registration within this 14-day period. After the closing of this 14-day confirmation window, no refunds will be provided for teams that withdraw from the event, regardless of whether their spot is filled.

Additional Information:

- Parking details (if applicable)
- Hotel recommendations (if applicable)
- Promoters’ contact information (email and phone number must be included)

General Notes

- Each club may register a maximum of 2 squads per division initially. After 3 weeks, registration may be expanded to allow more squads from a single club.
- JVA Promo Codes must be included in registration by the Promoter
 - Fall Events: JVA2025
 - New Year Events: JVA2026
- Each registration link must provide a \$50 JVA promo code discount per squad. This code is only for club v club
- Entry fee limits:
 - 5v5 = \$1,050
 - 3v3 = \$650

(Hawaii events are the only exceptions due to increased costs.)

Format of Pools and Playoffs

Performance vs Capture seeding for playoffs

- A) Director can choose which format but must be written on registration link. If for some reason it is not written the email or call the promoter to ask.

4-team pool-standard 3 matches in a pool

5-team pool

Option 1: Play all 4 matches on day one

Option 2: Play 3 matches and 1 match on day 2

*One squad must play 4 matches on Day 1 and that will be the 1 seed in the tournament.

On day 2, teams will finish pool play. Brackets will be formatted and teams that lose first round in bracket will be out of the tournament.

6 Team Pools -make two 3 team pools and cross over

Crossover format 1v1, 2v3, 2v3

7 Team Pools

Modified pool-plays are 3 matches, and one team plays must play 4.

Injury Substitution Policy

In the event of an injury during competition, a club may designate a substitute athlete from within its club. The designated substitute must not be actively participating in the event at the time of substitution.

INJURIES

- If there is an injury during the game – the team will forfeit that match and then a substitute player can be inserted for the next match.
- If an alternate athlete from your club is available and not playing the event, they can be substituted into the line-up before the next match starts.
- If one of your athletes on another squad is still actively playing in the event then they may fill the spot but will be counted as a forfeit at the 3's or 5's in the last flight of a 3v3 or 5v5. If a player is no longer playing in the event, then the Tournament Director may allow the athlete to be an alternate.
- If no substitution from the same club is available, clubs are allowed to use an available player from an opposing club. The substituted player from another club can only play in the 3's or 5's flight as a forfeit and every match in that flight played by the substituted player is forfeited.

Lineup Submission Requirement

- Lineups must be submitted **before every game** and again on **Day 2 prior to bracket play**.

- Tournament Directors are responsible for ensuring this process is followed.
- Volleyball Life (VBL) must not permit matches to begin until the required lineup has been entered. VBL is actively working on this solution in management software.

Regional Event Seeding

- Regional events will be seeded using each team's top three highest-scoring events within a 360-day calendar period. In each BVCA event, if your club has multiple squads, we will adjust the lowest seeded squad and move them into another pool at the same position.

Nationals Seeding & Qualification

- **BVCA Nationals Qualification**
 - Qualification will be determined by ranking points.
 - Ranking points are calculated from each club team's top 4 highest-scoring events of the season.
- **2026 National Championships (Hermosa Beach)**
 - **Volleyball Life (VBL)** will seed squads based on their rosters, using the **average Tru Volleyball ranking score** of all players on the roster.
 - Applies to Club vs. Club divisions for Open, Club, and Futures.

Day of Event: Director and Coaches Technical Meeting

The meeting needs to be finished 30 minutes before the start of the match. These meetings are there to help facilitate the process of the tournament flow, referee assignments and player responsibility of turning in score sheets or deciding to use on-line scoring only. Any questions regarding the event can be asked at this meeting

After Day 1 matches of the event: Brackets should be posted by 7:00 pm for Sundays matches.

3-way Tie Break in the Duals format of Club v Club

1. Dual Record
2. Match Record
3. Set Record
4. Point Ratio

Player Uniform Standards

- All players competing in **Club vs Club Challenges** must wear **matching club uniforms**.
- **T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, and leggings** are acceptable forms of competition attire.
- **Swimsuits are not allowed** at any BVCA-sanctioned event.
- Clothing must be **appropriate and professional** for a junior sporting environment.
- Promoters should include a brief uniform reminder in their pre-event email to clubs and coaches.

Competition Balls:

The official BVCA volleyball is the Molten BV5000

Email: Brynn@moltenusa.com for BVCA promoter discount

BVCA Rules:

BVCA Club Challenge Series powered by JVA - Beach Volleyball Clubs of America

Referee and Work Requirements

All teams will be assigned work duty during the tournament. This includes providing a referee and scorer for another match when assigned.

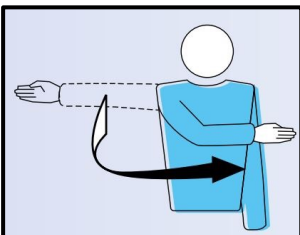
If it is a team's first time competing on the beach or they are unsure about any of their work responsibilities, they should notify tournament staff during the technical meeting for clarification and guidance.

The top referee has the ultimate responsibility but can take guidance from the scorer. If a referee is provided by BVCA for the game, then the duty team must act as a 2nd referee and scorer.

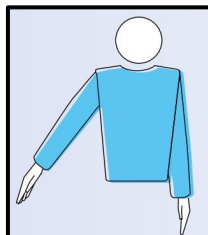
It is the responsibility of the duty team to ensure that games start on time. Teams should warm up prior to the match and will only have a maximum of 5 minutes on court for spiking and serving practice. In un-timed matches, it is imperative that duty teams commence matches in accordance with the protocol advertised at the technical meeting. It is also important that the duty team ensures that breaks, set breaks and end changes are completed in the allotted time.

We request that the following hand signals are used:

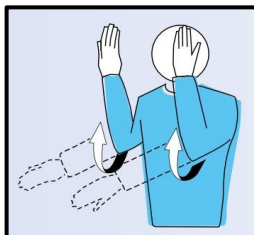
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Ball in



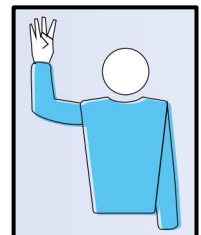
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Ball touched



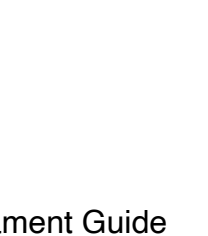
Four hits



Reaching beyond net



Net touch



Replay

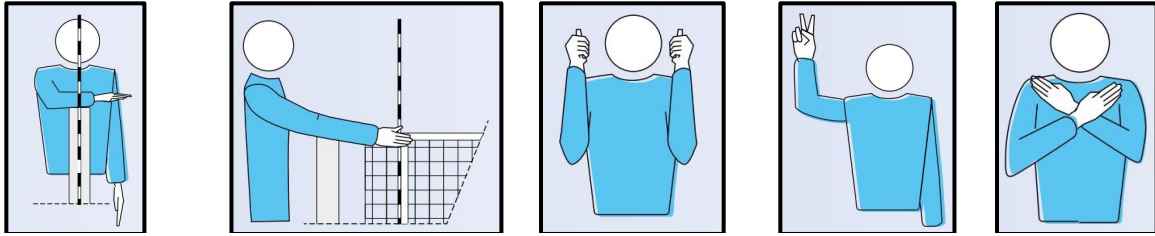


Double contact



End of set





Penalties for not Fulfilling Work Duty:

Penalties for not fulfilling your club's work duty requirements at a tournament will result in a 100 pt deduction off your seasons ranking points.

BVCA Coaches:

- All Coaches need a JVA or USAV background check <https://jvavolleyball.org/background-screen-form/>
- Each club is permitted to have 3 coaches per squad and can coach in a match at the various positions (1 – 3 or 1 – 5).
- Walk and Talk and Dead ball coaching must be allowed at all BVCA events.
- Coaches can coach: Prior to the match commencing, during a time out, during the break between sets, and when the ball is not in play

Coaching Restrictions During Matches

- A coach may not speak to the opposing players or coaches about anything
- A coach may not question a referee decision directly.
- If either of the above occurs, the coach will be warned and if it persists, they will be penalized further.

Lightning and Severe Weather Policy

The safety of athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators is the highest priority during all BVCA-sanctioned outdoor events. Tournament Directors and Promoters are required to follow this policy without exception when lightning or severe weather is detected.

Monitoring and Detection

- The Tournament Director or designated safety official must continuously monitor weather conditions throughout the event using a reliable lightning detection app, weather radar, or alert service.
- When lightning is detected within a 10-mile radius of the venue, all play must be suspended immediately.
- Announce a lightning delay and instruct everyone to leave the courts and seek proper shelter.

Safe Shelter Procedures

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- All players, coaches, staff, and spectators must move to a fully enclosed building or enclosed vehicle.
- Do not take shelter under tents, trees, shade structures, or near metal poles, fences, or bleachers.
- Tournament staff should have a pre-identified safe shelter area and clearly communicate it during the coaches' meeting.

Suspension and Resumption of Play

- Once play is suspended, the 30-minute rule applies:
 - Play may not resume until 30 minutes have passed since the last observed lightning flash or sound of thunder.
- If another lightning strike or thunderclap occurs during that waiting period, the 30-minute clock resets.
- The Tournament Director or designated safety official has final authority to resume or cancel play based on safety conditions.

Communication and Event Adjustments

- Promoters must have a communication plan in place (text alerts, group messages, or PA announcements) to notify coaches and players of delays or cancellations.
- Event schedules may be modified, shortened, or canceled as needed to ensure participant's safety.
- All clubs should be reminded of the lightning policy in pre-event communications and at the coaches' meeting.