



2024 BCSS 'A' Boys Volleyball Provincial Championship Bulletin 1

Date: November 28 – 30, 2024

Host: Unity Christian School

Venues: University of the Fraser Valley, 33844 King Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7M7

Team Registration Fee: \$600.00 Per Team

Tournament Committee Host: Mark Huberts, mhuberts@unitychristian.ca

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NEW RULES (commencing in September, 2024)

The following rules have been approved for the 2024 volleyball provincials

- All matches will use the 12-sub unlimited rule with **1 or 2** liberos.
 - A team may designate different players as their liberos each set. The liberos do not serve.
- Boys teams may play the ball off the ceiling (including overhead obstructions) provided that the contact with the ceiling takes place above the floor within the court and free zone (head official to confirm free zone designation with host) and the ball does not cross into the opponents playing space immediately after contacting the ceiling or obstruction.
- The official game ball is the **Molten V5M5000 FLISTATEC Series**. The colour of the ball is irrelevant. However, when multiple balls are used within a match (3-ball system) all the balls must be of the same colour. For provincial championships, the same colour ball will be used for all matches.

Tournament Website: [A Boys Volleyball Provincial Website](#)

Berthing

- Each zone will receive one automatic berth. There is also one berth allocated to the tournament host.
- Three (3) berths will be allocated based on the percentage of active senior programs in each BCSS zone. **Berth allocations will be finalized following the team registration deadline (Oct 2nd).**
 - Teams must meet the minimum player registration on their STARS roster by the deadline date to be considered for zone berthing allocations.
 - Teams that register after the team registration deadline will remain eligible to qualify for a provincial championship berth.
 - Inactive teams (teams that are not actively practicing and competing) will be removed from the berthing ratio calculations.

- The remaining three (3) berths are considered at-large berths and will be awarded to zones at the discretion of the seeding committee based on the strength of the zone.
 - Allocation of at-large berths will be communicated to zones and schools by November 8th (which will be prior to the commencement of zone championship tournaments).
 - If a zone is unable to fill its berths, the berths will go back into the total number of at-large berths available.
 - No zone will receive more than 4 berths (not including host berth) into the provincial championships.
 - It's important to note that at-large berths are allocated to zones rather than specific schools.
- If a zone does not fill their berth, it will be allocated to the at-large berth pool.
 - **Zones will need to confirm their intent to send teams to provincials Nov 1.**

STARS Registration

- All student athletes must be registered on your school's STARS roster.
- Coaches need to be added to your STARS rosters by **October 16th**. Only coaches on the STARS roster will be permitted to be on the team's sidelines for provincial championship matches.
 - All coaches, managers, and assistants listed on school team rosters must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) for Coaches. CATT certification is valid for two years - cattonline.com

Important Dates

- Team Registration Deadline: **October 2nd, 2024**
- Roster Deadline Registration **October 16th, 2024**
- Zone Declaration/Intent to compete at Provincials: **November 1st, 2024**
- Zone Championships completed: **November 16th, 2024**
- Championship Registration Deadline: **November 18th, 2024**

Tournament Schedule (DRAFT)

- **Wednesday, November 27th**
 - Team Practices and Pictures
 - Coaches Meeting (at least one coach from each team must be in attendance)
- **Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th**
 - Opening Ceremony @ University of The Fraser Valley
 - Pool Play Matches
 - Tournament Banquet (see below)
 - Championship and Consolation Bracket Matches
- **Saturday, November 30th**
 - Placement & Medal Game Matches
 - Championship Awards Ceremony
 - Championship and Consolation Bracket Matches

Tournament Banquet Information

- Date: Thursday, November 28th
- Start Time: 6:30pm
- Location: Unity Christian School – Elementary School Gym
- Cost: TBC

Uniforms

All teams/athletes must wear matching official school uniforms during the games and at awards.

- Players must have the same jersey, including shorts. All uniforms are required to have a number on each jersey.
- The Libero(s) must have a similar uniform in the opposite colour, and the Libero(s) number must not be the same number as any other player.
- Corporate logos are restricted to a maximum of two logos, and each logo should not exceed the dimensions of a credit card.

Tournament Structure

The championship will consist of a sixteen (16) team tournament.

- The tournament will be separated into four (4) power pools of four (4) teams each. At the conclusion of the power pool play, all 16 teams will enter a traditional single-elimination bracket.
- The winners of each power pool will be moved up one spot (i.e., The winner of power pool B (teams 5-8) will be seeded 4th in the elimination bracket) while the last place team in each power pool will drop one seed (i.e., the last place team in power pool B (teams 5-8) will be seeded 9th in the elimination bracket).

All matches on the championship side of the draw will be Best 3-of-5. All Placement and Consolation matches will be best 2-of-3. The bronze medal match will be best 2-of-3.

Performance Bond

It is expected that teams will participate in all mandatory scheduled tournament functions. Schools must seek pre-approval to leave early from BCSS or the Tournament Director. Sanctions may be applied to schools who do not attend all mandatory tournament functions.

Awards

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for top 3 placing (15 per team)
- BC School Sports Provincial Championship Blue Banner
- Placement Plaques for all 16 teams
- 1st team All-Star awards
- 2nd team All-Star awards
- Most Outstanding Player award
- Most Outstanding Libero award

Apparel

Rush Apparel is the official supplier of BCSS Provincials merchandise. Rush will offer presales on tournament merchandise – the site will open in early November. We will provide more information in the next event bulletin

Hotel Information

- **Sandman Hotel Abbotsford Airport**
 - Nightly Rate: \$159 plus taxes
 - Block Name: BC School Sports Volleyball
 - Block ID: 421068
 - Block Code: 2411BCSSVB
 - Cut Off Date: October 28th, 2024.
 - Phone 604-869-7263 to book.

- **Sandman Hotel & Suites Abbotsford**
 - Nightly Rate: \$179 plus taxes
 - Block Name: BC School Sports Volleyball
 - Block ID: 421068
 - Block Code: 2411BCSSVB
 - Cut Off Date: October 28th, 2024.
 - Call 604-556-7263 to book.

- **Clarion Hotel**
 - 2 Queen Beds - \$155/night
 - Cut Off Date: October 28, 2024
 - To book rooms you can either call the front desk directly at 604-870-1050 ext 0 or use this online booking link
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/BH62A7>