



Beach Tour

Player Information & Event Guide

August 29th
Bettystown Beach, Meath

3*

The Volleyball Ireland National Beach Tour 3* event is here.

This player guide has been created to help you re-familiarise with the Tour and the events this coming weekend. It contains some handy information on the venue, competition format and Covid rules and regulations.

With Covid in mind, you must complete the VLV Beach Tour covid fit to play survey before you can participate in the event.



The Survey is available here > <https://forms.gle/k95WdmgvjfWpqHwE7>

Contents

1. Timetable & General Info [2](#)
2. Match Protocols IMPORTANT [3](#)
3. General Event Information [4](#)
4. Venue and Location [4](#)
5. Covid Information & Requirements [6](#)
6. Format & Draw [7](#)
7. Ranking Points [8](#)
8. Checklist [12](#)

Match Protocols

For 3* events the following match protocols will apply:

|  | REFEREEING GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS |  |
|--|--|---|
| PROTOCOLS | | |
| <p>The designation "relevant FIVB Delegate(s)" has been used in all protocols to apply to Technical Delegate and Refereeing Coach. Their specific roles are defined at the FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook.</p> | | |
| OFFICIAL MATCH PROTOCOL | | |
| -10 min. | Previous match finishes, referees to complete post match formalities and exit court area. | |
| -8 min. | Announcement of match as soon as court is prepared by the sand levellers, players and officials enter the court area. Players from this time must be in official match uniforms. Watering and raking should be complete by this time. Players warm up on court area and other preparations, officials check match equipment, score sheet, conditions, players area, etc. | |
| -5 min. | Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table. <i>(Note: If local conditions dictate, the coin toss time can be moved forward to allow extra warm up time).</i> | |
| -4 min. | Beginning of official warm up period (3 min.) | |
| -1 min | End of official warm up period, players to leave the court area to their respective player's area. First referee to the referee's chair, second referee to position standing in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions. Individual player's announcement and entry onto the rear of the playing court (Fig 1). After last player's entry to rear of court, the first referee whistles and players shake hands under the net (Fig 2). | |
| 0 min | Commencement of the match. | |
| End of match | Players shake hands with their opponents and referees near the first referee's chair and proceed across the court to the scorer's table (Fig 3). The score sheet is signed by the captains. All participants gather their belongings, and the referees lead the teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match. | |

Notes:

- **This protocol may be altered from 3 min to 5 min official warm up time by altering the toss to (-7 min).**
- This protocol may be further adapted for particular Television coverage or requirements if necessary.
- It is not necessary to excessively delay the exit from the court by waiting for the referees to sign the score sheet. This can be done outside the court area.
- Coin toss can be taken off the court if required to speed up protocol.
- In cases where the length of the warm-up is extended, by FIVB Officials, all officials should enter the court 10 min before the match and proceed with the protocol above from 8 min onwards.
- Coaches are allowed in the court during respective team's warm-up until the start of the official match protocol. Where applicable, upon confirmation by the Referee Coach it is possible for the team coaches to stay until immediately before the start of the coin toss.

Timetable & General Info

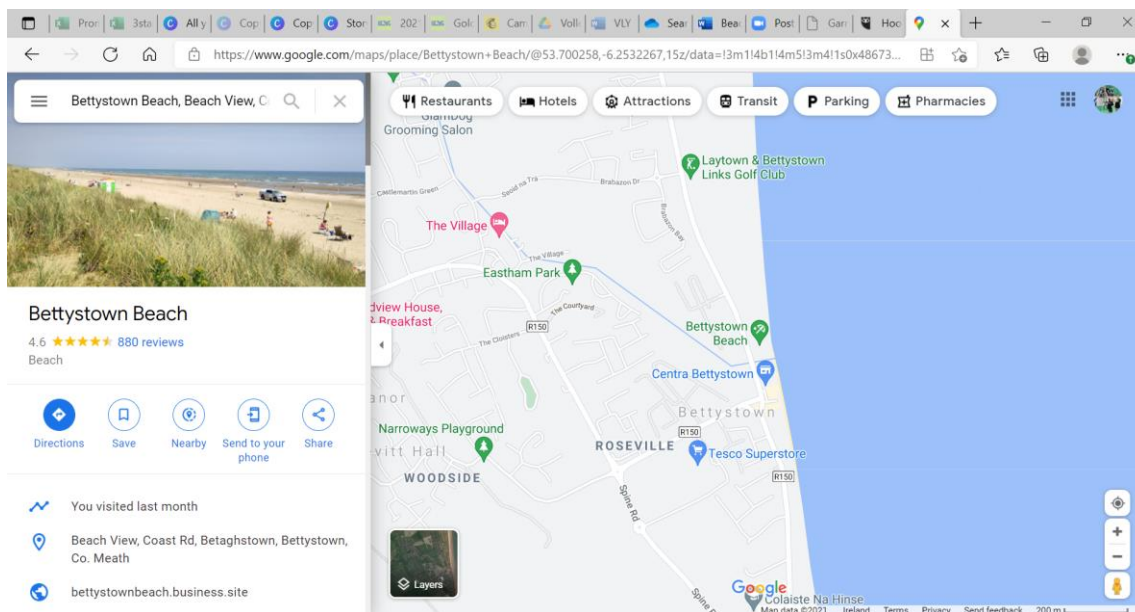
Some key information ahead of this weekend's VLY Beach Tour;

- a. The event is hosted by Volleyball Ireland at Bettystown Beach, Co Meath
- b. All players must be present for the technical meeting at 10.00**
- c. There will be official event photographers present at the event. These will be identified with an official event accreditation. All image rights are waived as part of the registration process.
- d. The 3* Women's event will be live streamed by media partners Pundit Arena which is funded by Sport Ireland's Women in Sport fund and the Federation of Irish Sport's 20x20 campaign to raise the profile of female athletes.
- e. A sanitised match ball will be provided at the start of each match. The winning team must return the match ball immediately at the end of their match, so it can be cleaned.
- f. First Aid is provided by *Code Blue*.
- g. There are no amenities at the Beach, please ensure you bring adequate food, water and refreshments. There is a café and shops within walking distance.
- h. All matches are best of 3 sets.
- i. Referees are provided for all 3* matches.
- j. The schedule is outlined in the Format and Draw section.
- k. All players must complete the Covid fit to play survey.
- l. Matching uniforms are mandatory for players taking part in the 3* event. You must wear matching tops.**
- m. Whilst there are bins on Bettystown Beach we ask that all players take all litter and rubbish home. Recycling bins will be provided by Volleyball Ireland.
- n. No alcohol is permitted on the Beach.
- o. No smoking is permitted within the Tournament area. The tournament area runs from Court 1 to Court 8, and 10m each side of that.
- p. Any off court disputes on the day, will be resolved through the 3-person independent adjudication panel.

Venue and Location Information

The VLV Beach Tour event ‘Bettystown Beach Blast’ will be held at Bettystown Beach, Bettystown Co. Meath. This venue has been used by the Tour for several years and whilst the wind can get up, the soft deep sand and beautiful views are perfect.

- a. **Coordinates:** 53.7002° N, 6.2445° W
- b. **Google Map:** [bettystown beach coordinates - Google Maps](#)
- c. **Toilets:**
- d. **Getting here:** If you have to travel via car, share where possible (with Govt Covid restrictions in mind). There are a very limited number of parking spaces.
 - i. Map >



Covid Information

Volleyball Ireland tournaments and competitions all fall under our Government approved Return to Play protocols. This includes regular cleaning of equipment, social distancing where possible and a no high 5 policy.

- a. To participation in a Volleyball event all players must:
 - i. Be in line with current travel restriction guidelines. More information on this > <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
 - ii. Not have been around anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
 - iii. Not be in a period of self-isolation and/or cocooning under the current Health Policy Rules.
 - iv. Not be displaying Covid19 symptoms, such as a high temperature or feeling unwell.
 - v. **Complete the Volleyball Ireland fit to play survey.** This must be updated if your situation changes. The fit to play survey is available here > <https://forms.gle/k95WdmgvjfWpqHwE7>
 - vi. Sign in at each session completing the Declaration of fitness form provided by Volleyball Ireland at the technical meeting.
 - vii. Have completed the return to play Covid 19 awareness training through the Sport Ireland website > <https://www.sportireland.ie/covid19/course>
 - viii. Volleyball Ireland's protocols can be found here > <https://www.volleyballireland.com/about/welfare/coronavirus/>

Format and Draw

The Tournament website is available here, which outlines the match schedule, groups and format. This will updated in the build up to the event, and the information within should not be considered final.

<https://www.tournify.uk/live/vlybett>

In summary, both the Men's and Women's Pool stages will be round robins. The Women's pools have 4 teams each with the top 2 progressing to the semi finals. The Men's competition is 2 x pools of 3. 2nd in A plays 3rd in B and visa versa for the right to play the group winners in the Semi Finals.

Ranking Points

Ranking points from all VLV Beach Tour events contribute to the overall National Beach Tour Championship.

| POSITION | 3* | 2* | 1* & JNR. U20 | JNR U16 |
|----------|----|----|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 96 | 60 | 24 | 16 |
| 2 | 84 | 48 | 20 | 14 |
| 3= | 72 | 36 | 18 | 12 |
| 4 | 66 | 30 | 17 | 10 |
| 5= | 60 | 24 | 16 | 9 |
| 7= | 48 | 20 | 14 | 8 |
| 9= | 36 | 18 | 12 | 7 |
| 11= | 24 | 16 | 10 | 6 |
| 13= | 20 | 14 | 8 | 5 |
| 15= | 18 | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| 17= | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 19= | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 25= | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Checklist

As a polite reminder, please remember the following:

- Complete the Fit to Play Survey
- Arrange with your partner **to wear matching tops**
- Attend the Technical Meeting and Register on time
- Bring plenty of water and food
- Bring Sun Cream and plenty of it
- Sun Glasses are recommended
- Bring adequate clothing for all weather conditions
- Plan your route in advance.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser
- Share your photos and content with our Social Media Channels (VLV BEACH TOUR is on FB and Insta)
- Have Fun!!