



# Beach Tour

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

2025 Season

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<b>1 – VLY BEACH TOUR AIMS</b>	
1.1	<p>The Volleyball Ireland Beach Tour (also referred to as “VLY Beach Tour”) has been established with the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide top-level national competition for Ireland’s elite and developing players,</li> <li>• To showcase beach volleyball to audiences across Ireland,</li> <li>• To attract new players to the sport and encourage them to develop their skills,</li> <li>• To provide an important stage in the progression of athletes to ‘higher level’ tours, such as CEV &amp; FIVB events,</li> <li>• To engage new and existing tournament promoters across Ireland,</li> <li>• To provide exposure and marketing opportunities for the sport’s commercial partners,</li> <li>• To provide a wide range of events to support all levels of beach player through an innovative two-tier system,</li> <li>• To support the development of a referee pathway.</li> </ul>
1.2	<p>The purpose of this Handbook is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a support guide to event organisers,</li> <li>• Guarantee the integrity of beach volleyball and the VLY Beach Tour,</li> <li>• Ensure that the interests of all players, spectators, promoters, officials and commercial partners are afforded maximum levels of protection,</li> <li>• Provide all involved parties with the opportunity to reap the benefits of a successful Tour.</li> </ul>

<b>2 – TOUR PROMOTERS &amp; ORGANISERS</b>	
2.1	The VLY Beach Tour is promoted by Volleyball Ireland and sanctioned by the Beach Tour Management Committee (BTMC).
2.2	Volleyball Ireland approves and oversees the calendar of tournaments, the rules and regulations, the publicity and promotion, membership system and overall administration of the VLY Beach Tour.
2.3	The delivery of events is undertaken by the appointed event organisers. Volleyball Ireland has no responsibility for the delivery of events.
2.4	All correspondence relating to the VLY Beach Tour should be sent to <a href="mailto:info@volleyballireland.com">info@volleyballireland.com</a>

### 3 – TOUR CALENDAR

3.1 The Tour Calendar for the 2025 season currently stands as follows:

Date	Venue	Format
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Women's Beach Tour
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Men's Beach Tour
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Women's Beach Tour
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Men's Beach Tour
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Bettystown Beach	Junior Beach Tour
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Bettystown Beach	Men's / Women's Beach Tour
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Elite Beach Tour
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Blanchardstown	Beach Blitz – Men 10-1, Women 2-5
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Inchydoney Beach	Junior Beach Tour
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Inchydoney Beach	Men's / Women's Beach Tour
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Nations Cup – Men's Qualifiers
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Nations Cup – Women's Qualifiers
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Beach Blitz – Women 10-1, Men 2-5
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Elite Beach Tour
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Men's Beach Tour
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Blanchardstown	Women's Beach Tour
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Blanchardstown	Nations Cup Finals (M & W)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Blanchardstown	Beach Blitz – Men 10-1, Women 2-5
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dollymount Beach	Junior Beach Tour
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Dollymount Beach	Men's / Women's Beach Tour
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Blanchardstown	Beach Blitz – Women 10-1, Men 2-5
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Blanchardstown	Women's Beach Tour
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Blanchardstown	Men's Beach Tour
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Blanchardstown	Mixed Competition
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Blanchardstown	4 v 4 Beginners
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Blanchardstown	Elite Beach Tour
Date TBC		King & Queen of the Court

*All dates subject to change and to council permissions*

The VLY Beach Tour calendar may be amended during the season at the discretion of the BTMC.

### 4 – TOUR STRUCTURE

**Men's & Women's Beach Tour** events will be open to everyone on a first come-first served basis, with 12-16 teams taking part. A round robin group stage will lead into separate Cup and Plate knockout competitions, ensuring players of all abilities have a chance of success. Note that Beach Tour events at Blanchardstown will be limited to 12 teams – events away from

	Blanchardstown may cater for additional teams, subject to demand.
	<p><b>Elite Beach Tour</b> events are open to the leading teams on the Beach Tour. The top ranked six teams, plus up to two wildcards, will compete in these flagship events. Any teams can enter, but only the highest ranked teams on the entry list will gain a place. Elite Beach Tour events have a performance focus, with more profile for top players.</p> <p>Please note that, for Elite Beach Tour events, each player in a team will require a minimum of 50 ranking points to be eligible to take part.</p>
	<p><b>Junior Beach Tour</b> events return in 2025. These are played at U18 levels, and 2v2 format. Players born on or after 1/1/2008 are eligible.</p>
	<p><b>Beach Blitz</b> events are intended for newer players to the beach tour. Each event will be played over a 3-hour period with single set matches throughout, and a reward of tour ranking points for the higher ranked teams.</p> <p>Please note that, for Beach Blitz events, only players with 50 ranking points or less are eligible to take part. If players earn ranking points in Blitz competitions that take them above the 50-point threshold, they are not eligible to take part in future Blitz competitions.</p>
	<p><b>Nations Cup</b> – following the successful indoor Nations Cup, a beach competition will be launched in 2025, with players playing for their home countries. The format is still to be finalised, but will involve a qualifying competition, followed by a Finals Day later in the season.</p>
	<p><b>King &amp; Queen of the Court</b> – 2025 sees the return of the popular King &amp; Queen of the Court format. Both men’s and women’s teams will compete on a single day to be crowned the champions.</p>
	<p><b>Mixed Competition</b> – Format tbc</p>
	<p><b>4 v 4 Beginners</b> – Format tbc</p>

## 5 – EVENT CRITERIA

	Event criteria are agreed by the BTMC. These criteria are intended to ensure that all events are accessible for all levels of player and sustainable for event organisers.
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## 6 – EVENT APPLICATION PROCESS

6.1	It is mandatory for all event organisers planning to host a VLY Beach Tour event to register their event with BTMC by no later than March 1 <sup>st</sup> preceding the start of the Tour. The confirmed calendar will then be released by the end of March, with events included at the sole discretion of the BTMC.
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6.2	All the events referenced in clause 3.1 will be hosted by Volleyball Ireland.
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## 7 – RULES & REGULATIONS

	<p>All VLY Beach Tour players agree to abide by the VLY Beach Tour Handbook, the VLY Player Code of Conduct and, where applicable, all individual tournament rules and regulations.</p> <p>A link to the Code of Conduct is <a href="#">here</a></p>
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## 8 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

8.1	At all VLY Beach Tour events, it is the responsibility of the event organizer and/or technical supervisor to deal with all disputes or protests arising during the tournament, irrespective of whether they do or do not relate to playing matches.
8.2	If a player is deemed to be bringing the game into disrepute, the event organizer/technical supervisor has the right to report the individual and his/her behaviour to the BTMC. The BTMC may, in conjunction with the event organizer/technical supervisor, issue the player a disciplinary warning and, furthermore, a disciplinary hearing.
8.3	Should the BTMC wish to penalise the player, the BTMC will appoint an independent panel, to which the player can plead their case, after which the panel will make a final determination.

## 9 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

9.1	To be eligible for entry into a VLY Beach Tour event, a player must meet the following conditions:
	<p>All players MUST hold a valid Volleyball Ireland Player License (see clause 9.2). Licenses can only be obtained via Just Go, Volleyball Ireland’s membership portal.</p> <p>Please note that such licenses are only valid for the season for which they are purchased and are not carried over to successive seasons.</p> <p><b>Adult Licenses</b> cost €20, making the player eligible to play in all VLY Beach Tour events, excluding junior tour events. Non-League or National League licenses are acceptable.</p> <p><b>Junior Licenses</b> cost €10, making the player eligible to play in all VLY Beach Tour events, but can only be purchased by Under 18s.</p>

<b>10 – TOURNAMENT ENTRY</b>	
10.1	Entry to all tournaments, and payment of entry fees, must be completed via JustGo, VLY's membership portal.
10.2	<p><b>Entry deadlines</b></p> <p>Entry deadlines are at the event organiser's discretion, including any decision to close the tournament to entries once all spaces have been filled. Unless otherwise stated, all events operate on a first-come-first-served basis.</p> <p>Please note that event organisers, in conjunction with the BTMC, may exercise discretion for players on international duty at CEV and/or FIVB sanctioned events.</p>
10.3	<p><b>Confirmed Entry Lists</b></p> <p>For all events except Elite Beach Tour events, entry lists can be confirmed at the event organiser's discretion.</p> <p>For Elite Events, entry lists must be confirmed by the Tuesday preceding the event; entry is based on ranking points accrued by this date.</p>
10.4	<p><b>Entry Fee</b></p> <p>The entry fee for each event is at the discretion of the event organiser, but for VLY Events, the entry fee will be:</p> <p>VLY Beach Tour (Adult) = €36 per team.  VLY Beach Tour (Junior) = €36 per team.  Elite Beach Tour = €50 per team.  Beach Blitz Events = €25 per team.</p> <p>Entry fees for other events will be confirmed in due course.</p>
10.5	<p><b>Number of Entries per event</b></p> <p>The maximum number of teams in each event (except Elite) will be dependent on the number of available courts and playing format.</p>

<b>11 – WILDCARDS</b>	
11.1	The awarding of Wildcards will only be considered for Elite Tour events, and at the discretion of the event organiser and the BTMC.

## 12 – WITHDRAWALS / CHANGES TO PLAYING PARTNERS

12.1 Teams who withdraw within seven days of an event are not entitled to a refund unless another team replaces them in the interim, or if indicated otherwise by the event organiser in the respective tournament regulations.

12.2 All event organisers must run a reserve list for every event.

Teams on a reserve list will stay there unless either there is a withdrawal from the competition, or in the event that sufficient teams are on the reserve list that enable an expanded competition to be played.

*For example, if all 12 teams in a competition are filled, the next feasible number of teams to run a competition is 16. So, unless four teams join the reserve list, and then all four teams commit to playing in the competition, then the teams on the reserve list stay there.*

12.3 The following shall apply in the case of a team withdrawing from an event:

<b>All Events except Elite</b>	The next entered team on the reserve list will be offered a position in the event. If they do not accept, the next team on the reserved list will be offered a position and so on. The reserve list will be headed by those who applied first etc.
<b>Elite Beach Tour</b>	The highest seeded team on the reserve list will be offered a position. If they do not accept then the next highest seeded team will be offered a position etc.

12.4 If a player wishes to change their partner within 14 days of the event, the following shall apply:

<b>All Events except Elite</b>	The player can be replaced without penalty.
<b>Elite Beach Tour</b>	The team will be re-ranked on their new seeding. If there is a team on the reserve list who has a higher ranking than a team in the competition, then they will be replaced. If there is no reserve list of the reserve team(s) can no longer take part in the event, then the original team will stay in the event.

12.5 The BTMC or event organisers reserve the right to request supporting evidence in respect of the withdrawal of a player (e.g. medical certificate).

12.6 Event organisers have the right to report any suspicious activity to the BTMC and, if those suspicions are proven to be valid, penalties may be imposed.

## 13 – VENUES

13.1 In all instances, the tournament site shall be under the control of the event organiser. Players,

	<p>coaches, team officials and spectators are expected to treat each venue with respect and in accordance with any host venue guidelines, regulations or by-laws that may be in place.</p> <p>In the event of any non-compliance with such guidelines, the event organiser may impose sanctions against those responsible.</p>
13.2	Whilst every effort is made to ensure the suitability of each tournament site, they are independently managed. Volleyball Ireland accepts no responsibility for any injury caused because of debris on the playing surface or site.
13.3	Volleyball Ireland will provide insurance for each event.

<b>14 – EXPECTATIONS OF EVENT ORGANISERS</b>	
14.1	Event organisers must agree to the terms of the Event Organiser Agreement, issued by the BTMC prior to the start of the new season.
14.2	Event organisers must follow the official event application procedure.
14.3	Organisers are responsible for meeting and delivering the criteria for the tier of event they are organizing. Those criteria are detailed in Appendix B.
14.4	In the event of any non-compliance in 14.1 to 14.3 above, the BTMC reserves the right to withdraw an event from the Beach Tour calendar, even after the event has taken place.

<b>15 – PLAYER REGISTRATON &amp; TECHNICAL MEETING</b>					
15.1	<p>The following guidelines apply in relation to a technical meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1480 1412 1845"> <tr> <td><b>All Events except Elite</b></td> <td>The Event organiser may choose to either hold a technical meeting on the morning of the event or publish details of the draw and competition rules via email or social in the days prior to the event.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Elite Beach Tour</b></td> <td>There will be no technical meeting on the morning of the first day of the event, and the schedule will be published the day before the event. Please note that players are expected to arrive in good time for both playing and any officiating duties.</td> </tr> </table> <p>In the event of a technical meeting being required, <u>all players must be in attendance</u>.</p>	<b>All Events except Elite</b>	The Event organiser may choose to either hold a technical meeting on the morning of the event or publish details of the draw and competition rules via email or social in the days prior to the event.	<b>Elite Beach Tour</b>	There will be no technical meeting on the morning of the first day of the event, and the schedule will be published the day before the event. Please note that players are expected to arrive in good time for both playing and any officiating duties.
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<b>Elite Beach Tour</b>	There will be no technical meeting on the morning of the first day of the event, and the schedule will be published the day before the event. Please note that players are expected to arrive in good time for both playing and any officiating duties.				
15.2	In the event of exceptional circumstances preventing a team from registering, or a player from attending the Technical Meeting, it will be the team’s or player’s responsibility to notify the				

	Event organiser in advance of the inability to register or attend, and to demonstrate the existence of such exceptional circumstances.
15.3	The Event organiser may impose sanctions on any team for failing to register or for any player(s) failing to attend a Technical Meeting.

**16 – COMPETITION FORMAT**

16.1	The format for each match shall be confirmed in due course but will be determined by the number of entries in each competition.
16.2	<p>The format for Junior and regular Beach Tour Events shall be at the Event organiser’s discretion, and will depend on a number of logistical factors, including size of venue, number of teams entered etc. In general terms, however, best efforts will be made to ensure all teams are scheduled to play a minimum of three matches.</p> <p>Formats may involve group play, single or a hybrid of different formats, and details will be circulated in advance of events and at the technical briefing. The formats are summarized as follows:</p> <p>Group Play – teams are divided into groups, with each team playing all others in the group once. Depending on results, a team or teams from each group will progress to further rounds.</p> <p>Single Elimination – a knockout format in which the winner of each match progresses to the next round and the loser is eliminated.</p> <p>Note that it may be necessary for teams to compete in a third-place match once they have been eliminated from a competition and, depending on the format of a particular event, any teams eliminated at the same stage/round will all be awarded the same final ranking for the event.</p> <p>In the event of teams competing in group play, positions will be decided on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Matches Won</li> <li>2 – Set Difference</li> <li>3 – Points Difference</li> <li>4 – Head-to-Head result</li> </ul> <p>For Blitz competitions, the order of tie-breaks will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Matches Won</li> <li>2 – Points Difference</li> <li>4 – Head-to-Head result</li> </ul>
16.3	For Elite Events, teams are divided into groups, depending on number of competing teams and seedings. The top seeds will be kept apart in the group stage.

	<p>Each team plays each of the other teams in their group once, with teams ranked on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Matches Won</li> <li>2 – Ratio of points for / points against</li> <li>3 – The winner of the match between teams</li> </ul> <p>Depending on the format and number of groups, the overall knockout format for the competition will be communicated to teams in advance of the event.</p>
16.4	Rules and Regulations for all other events will be circulated under separate cover.

## 17 – MATCH TIMING & SCORING

17.1	<p><b>Intervals Between Matches</b></p> <p>A maximum 5-minute interval will take place between matches, unless otherwise indicated by the standing referees.</p> <p>Teams scheduled to play back-to-back matches, or teams playing straight after refereeing a match, a minimum 5-minute interval will be permitted. The maximum length of this interval shall be at the discretion of the Event organiser, who shall have the final word on the matter.</p>
17.2	<p><b>Variation of Match Format</b></p> <p>In conjunction with VLY Beach Tour Management, the Event organiser may decide to use a reduced scoring format in some or all matches of a tournament.</p> <p>At the discretion of the Event organiser, matches may be played without the provision of a technical time-out.</p> <p>Any variations to the standard match format, as provided for in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules will be advised at the Technical Meeting, or in the advanced communication.</p>
17.3	<p><b>Alterations to Match or Tournament Format during an Event</b></p> <p>Where necessary, the Event organiser may alter the match or tournament format during an event, to ensure player safety and/or the completion of the event.</p> <p>Any such match or tournament format changes will be announced to all competing teams immediately upon such a decision being made.</p> <p>Any matches that are in progress at the time of such a decision being made and announced will be allowed to be completed under the originally advertised match/tournament format.</p>
17.4	<p><b>Ready to Play</b></p>

Please note that teams should be ready to start matches at the scheduled time, or no more than 5 minutes following the conclusion of the preceding match, whichever is later. If the preceding match is overrunning, teams should wait by the court ready to enter at the conclusion of the preceding match.

If a team is not in position to play at the end of any warmup period, the opposing team shall be entitled to claim a walkover, and the team not ready to play shall forfeit the match.

## 18 – INCOMPLETE OR CANCELLED EVENTS

18.1 The Event organiser has the authority to suspend or cancel play, as deemed necessary, in conditions where the principles of fairness and/or enjoyment may be difficult to meet. Cancelled events will be confirmed as early as possible, and in conjunction with VLY’s Beach Tour Cancellation Policy, a copy of which is available on the VLY website and can be found in Appendix C.

18.2 If a tournament is not started, or the first round is incomplete and cannot be resumed with adequate time to complete the event, the tournament will be declared “cancelled”.

18.3 Where possible, a cancelled tournament will be rescheduled to another date. Teams will be notified as soon as possible when a cancellation occurs.

18.4 Teams may be required to re-enter any such rescheduled tournaments. Those teams that do not re-enter a rescheduled tournament will have their entry fee refunded.

18.5 If a tournament is cancelled after the first round, but before all subsequent rounds are completed, then the number of rounds played will determine the ratings, points and prize money available. These will be allocated in proportion to the number of completed rounds. For example, if half of the scheduled matches are played before the tournament is cancelled, then 50% of the ratings, points and prize money will be awarded.

18.6 In the event of a cancelled tournament, Volleyball Ireland accepts no responsibility for any losses incurred by a player as a result of the cancellation.

## 19 – OFFICIAL COMPETITION BALL

19.1 All VLY Beach Tour events will be played using the Mikasa “Beach Pro” Beach Volleyball.

## 20 – OFFICIAL COMPETITION UNIFORMS

20.1 The following shall apply in respect of player uniforms:

<b>Junior Tour</b>	Players may wear any uniform they like.
<b>VLV Beach Tour</b>	Players on the same team must wear tops that are the same colour.
<b>Elite Beach Tour</b>	<p>When a player competes in their first Elite Tour event, they will be given a playing top. Players on a team must wear matching bottoms.</p> <p>Players must wear the official VLV Beach Tour 3* events uniform at all such events.</p> <p>Players in a team must always wear matching uniforms, that meet the following requirements:            Men – Official top but permitted to wear a T-Shirt/Long-Sleeved top under their singlet, and leggings may be worn under shorts.            Women – Official top but permitted to wear a T-Shirt/Long-Sleeved top under their singlet, and shorts or leggings may be worn instead of bikini bottoms.</p>

## 21 – VLV BEACH TOUR RANKING SYSTEM

21.1 The Ranking Points system provides an overall ranking of Beach Volleyball players in Ireland, details of which can be found in Appendix A. Tour point rankings as based on a player’s best 6 performances from the current and previous beach tour season.

21.2 All teams eliminated at the same point in a tournament will be allocated the same points. For example, the teams knocked out at the quarter-final stage will all be allocated the same number of points.

## 22 – TOURNAMENT SEEDING POLICY

22.1 Teams will be seeded for an Event based on the combined ranking points earned by team members, from each member’s best 6 results in the current and previous season. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that for the 2025 season, the ranking period covers the 2024 and 2025 seasons only.

From a logistics perspective, it should be noted that it is possible that ranked sides may play each other more than once during a competition. Whilst every effort is made to avoid this, unexpected results may provide for this outcome. In other words, if the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team in the competition loses a group match, they may find themselves on the same side of a knockout

	draw to the 1 <sup>st</sup> ranked team, and it is possible that in a hybrid double elimination/knockout competition, pairs of teams may find themselves playing each other more than once.
22.2	Should two or more teams have the same total of ranking points, seedings will be determined by the lowest ranking point total of an individual member in each team. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that if the lowest ranking point total in one team is 50 points, that team will be ranked higher than a team whose lowest ranking point total is 49.
22.3	Only teams receiving a wildcard entry into a tournament will be seeded at the discretion of the Event organiser, in consultation with the VLY Beach Tour Committee, whose decision will be final.
22.4	A team's seeding points may change from the point that the entry list is confirmed to the day of the event. In this instance, the team will be seeded according to their new seeding points total on the day of the event.
22.5	Player points will be available on the Volleyball Ireland website.

### 23 – TOURNAMENT PRIZES & TROPHY PRESENTATION

23.1	Details of tournament prizes can be found in Appendix B
23.2	It is expected that the top 3 teams in an event stay for the presentation ceremony. If a player or team fails to attend the presentation ceremony, the Event organiser reserves the right to withhold any prizes that might otherwise have been awarded to the team(s).

### 24 – OFFICIATING

24.1	<p>As a rule, referees will not be provided for every event. Where there are insufficient referees to officiate matches, teams will be expected to do their share of refereeing and scoring matches. In this case, competition schedules will indicate which team is to officiate which match(es). Failure to do so may result in sanctions being applied for non-compliance.</p> <p>Teams are reminded that the biggest reason for delays occurring is trying to find referees appointed to a match being there – so teams are asked to help in the smooth running of the day by doing their share of refereeing.</p>
24.2	Team members officiating in matches shall be located on opposite sides of the court (one to be first referee and the other as scorer). The first referee shall stand for every match.
24.3	If sufficient referees are available to perform first referee duties in matches, teams may still be required to second referee and/or score.

24.4	Teams must ensure that they regularly check the Tournify app for information on both match schedules and referee/scoring appointments, and the majority of delays on a day occur due to teams not checking their appointments.
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<b>25 – SAFEGUARDING</b>	
25.1	<p>Event organisers agree to uphold a level of Safeguarding as laid out by their respective NGB during Junior Tour Events, and when young people are present. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where U18s are participating in the event, the host must appoint a Children’s Officer who has Safeguarding 2 and Garda Vetting (achieved through VI) credentials. That person must remain present on site for the duration of the Event and remain vigilant to any risks at all times.</li> <li>• The host organization must have an up-to-date Child Safety Statement and Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• For all U18s participating in the event to have provided a parental consent form, which must clearly indicate who the Children’s Officer is for that event.</li> <li>• Deal with any Safeguarding concerns that might arise in accordance with NGB guidance.</li> <li>• If any concerns are raised, the Children’s Officer must report these to the Host Club’s Designated Liaison Person, and to VI’s National Children’s Officer.</li> <li>• If, in the opinion of the Children’s Officer, there an imminent risk or danger to any Under 18s taking part in the event, they must contact Tusla or An Garda Siochana in the first instance, along with VI’s National Children’s Officer.</li> </ul>
25.2	<p>The following links may be useful:</p> <p><a href="#">Statutory Emergency Contact Details</a></p> <p><a href="#">How to Apply for Garda Vetting Clearance</a></p> <p><a href="#">Volleyball Ireland’s Safeguarding Policy</a></p>

**APPENDICES**
**APPENDIX A – RANKING POINTS (AWARDED TO EACH MEMBER OF A TEAM)**

POSITION	ELITE	VLY BEACH TOUR	BEACH BLITZ
1	96	66	20
2	84	52	18
3=	72	40	16
4	66	33	14
5=	60	26	10
7=	48	22	6
9=		20	
11=		18	
13=		16	
15=		14	
17=		8	
19=		4	
25=		2	

APPENDIX B – EVENT CRITERIA TABLE

	VLY BEACH TOUR EVENT	ELITE TOUR EVENT
GENDER	Mixed or single gender	Single gender
ORGANISER	Club/National Squad / VLY Staff	VLY Staff
PLAYERS	2v2	2v2
ENTRY	First come, first served – BTMC reserve the right to entry	Ranking Pts plus 4 wildcards
PRIZE	Prizes for top 3 teams.	Prizes and/or Medals for 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place.
SCORING	Matches in group stages may be 1 set; 3-set matches may be shortened (15, 15, 11).	All 3-set matches.
NUMBER OF TEAMS	Minimum of 6 teams per gender (Max TBC based of courts)	Max 8 teams
FORMAT	To be determined by BTMC & VLY	To be determined by BTMC & VLY
OFFICIALS		
UNIFORM	Matching Colours	Yes

## APPENDIX C – VLY BEACH TOUR EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

### **Introduction**

This document serves to clarify the decision-making processes in relation to the cancellation of Beach Tour Events and ensures that the communication of any such decision is made in a timely manner to all involved.

VLY Beach Tour Events are intended to be **fair** and **enjoyable** to all participants, and it is on the basis of defending these two key areas that any decision to cancel an event will be made.

### **The Process**

From a week in advance of a VLY Beach Tour Event and every day thereafter, the weather forecast for the venue in question (or nearest location if unavailable) will be checked – on the *Met Eireann* website/app – to ensure that conditions are likely to be conducive to a successful event.

If, 48 hours in advance of the event, the forecast is predicting any, some or all of the following, then all stakeholders will be informed of the adverse forecast, and warned that a cancellation may take place:

- A base wind speed in excess of 25 km/h,
- Wind gusts in excess of 35 km/h,
- Heavy rain for prolonged periods during the duration of the Event,
- Any weather warnings covering the location and duration of the Event.

This notification shall take the form of an email, accompanied by a relevant screengrab from Met Eireann highlighting the issue. From there, a final call will be made 24 hours prior to the start of the Event and, in the event of a decision being taken to cancel the Event, all stakeholders will be notified by email as soon as possible thereafter. A notification will also be posted on VLY's social media channels to that effect as well.

It is also possible that the medium-term forecast in advance of an Event might be adverse. If that forecast deteriorates, or fails to improve, then VLY reserves the right to cancel an event in advance of the timelines noted above.

### **Mitigation**

VLY acknowledges that some venues have unique features that may mitigate the potential effects of adverse weather, and therefore VLY reserves the right to take this into consideration during the decision-making process.

In addition, it should be noted that the data being considered is simply a prediction of what might happen, and no guarantee that it actually will eventuate as predicted. As such, it is accepted that there may be occasions where a forecast results in an Event being cancelled, but it subsequently transpires that the weather on the day would have been reasonable for conducting the Event.