



# FACILITY ACCESS AND USE POLICY

## 1. Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this policy:

- a) "Event" – A Volleyball BC sanctioned event
- b) "Facility" – A building, school or sport venue, rented or operated by Volleyball BC to host a Volleyball BC sanctioned event
- c) "Individual" - All categories of membership defined in the Volleyball BC Bylaws; all individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, Volleyball BC including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, coordinators, judges, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, directors and officers of Volleyball BC; all parents, guardians, family members, or spectators attending a Volleyball BC sanctioned event.
- d) "Designated Use Areas" - Areas of a facility at an Event that are accessible by participants and spectators and that have been determined in the permit or agreement made with the facility operator. These include gymnasiums, lobbies, bathrooms, entry/exit access points and other common areas determined by the facility operator.

## 2. Purpose and Application

Volleyball BC has an obligation to follow the rules and guidelines set by each facility used for a Volleyball BC event. Failure to follow these rules and guidelines jeopardizes Volleyball BC's ability to access facilities.

This policy is in place to ensure that Volleyball BC is able to continue to access appropriate facilities throughout the province to host youth volleyball events. This policy applies to all Individuals included in the definition above, including team participants, volunteers, staff, parents, guardians, family members, and spectators.

The Volleyball BC representative responsible for the Event (eg. the on-site coordinator, Tournament Director, Referee Supervisor) is authorized to apply the *Facility Access and Use Policy*.

## 3. Food and Drink

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply at all facilities rented or operated by Volleyball BC for youth club volleyball events.

- No food or drink (with the exception of water) is allowed inside gymnasiums or court level areas.
  - This restriction is in place for all attendees including players, coaches and spectators
- No food or drink (with the exception of water) is allowed in Designated Use Areas of facilities.
  - This includes entry ways, lobbies, hallways, etc.
  - Some facilities may allow food/drink in Designated Use Areas. This information will be communicated to all participants via email prior to each event.
    - If you do not receive a copy of the pre-event email, please contact your club for a copy.

- Failure to adhere to food and drink rules will result in a \$50 fine (per instance) assigned to the team they are affiliated with.
  - Refusal to remove food and drink from restricted areas when requested may result in additional sanctions as per Volleyball BC's *Event Conduct policy*. These include, but are not limited to, a verbal warning, ejection from the facility for the remainder of the day, or ejection for the remainder of the tournament.
  - If an Individual refuses to identify the team that they are with, they may be asked to leave the Event.

#### 4. Designated Use Areas

- All facility areas outside of the Designated Use Areas are off-limits to teams and spectators at all times throughout the Event.
  - Designated Use Areas typically include gymnasiums and facility access points and common use areas (lobbies, bathrooms) and are determined by the facility operator.
  - Some facilities may allow additional Designated Use Areas. This information will be communicated to all participants via email prior to each event.
    - If you do not receive a copy of the pre-event email, please contact your club for a copy.
- Seating will be provided based on availability at each facility. This may include bleachers, chairs or benches.
  - Individuals may not move chairs, furniture or equipment from other non-Designated Use Areas of the facility.
- Failure to adhere to Designated Use Area rules will result in a \$100 fine (per instance) assigned to the team they are affiliated with.
  - Repeated infractions may result in additional sanctions as per Volleyball BC's *Event Conduct policy*. These include, but are not limited to, a verbal warning, ejection from the facility for the remainder of the day, or ejection for the remainder of the tournament.
  - If an Individual refuses to identify the team that they are with, they may be asked to leave the Event.

5. Decisions made in the scope of this Policy may not be appealed.

6. This Facility Access and Use Policy does not supersede or replace Volleyball BC's [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#), [Protests and Event Discipline Policy](#) or [Event Conduct Policy](#). It also does not prohibit other Individuals from reporting the same incident of gross misconduct to Volleyball BC to be addressed as a formal complaint under Volleyball BC's [Discipline and Complaints Policy](#).

7. Volleyball BC shall record and track all incidents reported to its office.

8. This Policy will be reviewed periodically by the Volleyball BC Regional Development Committee.

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