

OVA will adopt Volleyball Canada's NEW rule affecting 16U and younger Beach divisions.

Volleyball Canada recently announced the following new rule to be enforced at the 2011 National Championships.

**Rule:** After a team loses service, the last player to serve for that team, at the moment of service by the opposing team, must be positioned closer to the right sideline than their teammate. This requirement must be followed until that team regains the right to serve. During a rally each athlete has the freedom to position him/herself anywhere on the court

**Rationale:** Currently at the national team and provincial team level we are experiencing athletes who are only able to side out from one side of the court or are only comfortable doing so from one side. This is a significant limiting factor for both developing athletes and Canada internationally if talented athletes are unable to pair together because of this limitation.

The OVA will be adopting the rule in full starting on June 25th in an effort to prepare Ontario athletes for this summer's National Championships as well as benefit from the developmental advantages the rule affords. The rule will be applied to every OVA Beach Tour Event as well as all Satellite beach tournaments from June 25th on.

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