



**SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
2023-2024 DIVISION 3 VOLLEYBALL
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Note: In the event of any discrepancy between the French and English versions of these regulations, the French version shall prevail.

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Note : ** New article
* Modification to the article

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2023-2024 VOLLEYBALL

Article 1 **Official Regulations in use**

- 1.1 The official regulations of the game are issued by Volleyball Québec.
- 1.1.1 The rule governing a LIBERO is applied at school level in the midget girls' and boys', juvenile girls' and boys' categories.
- 1.1.2 Participation Rule: In the bantam category, the participation rule of Volleyball Quebec is applied.
- 1.2 Nevertheless, the following RSEQ Sport-Specific Regulations take precedence over the Official Regulations.
- 1.3 The RSEQ High School Governing Rules must be respected.

Article 2 **Age Categories**

Category	Date of birth for 2023-2024 season
Bantam	From October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011
Midget	From October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009
Juvenile	From July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007

Article 3 **Composition of the delegation**

3.1 **Delegation:**

Student-athlete:	14 (per team)
Coach/Chaperone	maximum of 6 coaches/chaperones per team and maximum of 3 persons on the players' bench

- 3.2 Team managers may register fourteen (14) student-athletes. A minimum of seven (7) active student-athletes (Midget and Juvenile) and eight (8) active student-athletes (Bantam) is required for all championship games, otherwise the team forfeits their games.

3.3 Eligibility of student athletes for the provincial school championship

A player who participates on a D3 team is eligible to play a single tournament on a D2 or D1 team (no matter the number of games played). Upon their 2nd tournament, this player loses their eligibility for the D3 provincial school championship.

Article 4 **Playing format**

4.1 Preliminary rounds

The tournament is organized on a round-robin basis, by section.

4.1.1 10 or more regions

Upon receipt of the participation forms, if ten (10) or more regions show their intention to participate, the championship will accept sixteen (16) teams. The participating teams will be divided into four (4) sections of four (4) teams each.

Teams will be seeded one (1) to sixteen (16) based on the standard seeding process (see Article 8).

Section A Team	Section B Team	Section C Team	Section D Team
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
Host team	15	14	13

The host team and teams from regions that enrol more than one (1) team must be organized to ensure they do not compete in the same section as their region's champion team.

- During the preliminary round, each team plays a match of two (2) sets of twenty-five (25) continuous points against each team in its section.
- One (1) point per set won is given to determine the team's rank.
- After the preliminary round, each section is ranked one (1) to four (4).

Seeding matches for playoff rounds:

- Seeding matches to determine positions 1 to 8 and 9 to 16 consist of two (2) of three (3) sets (continuous points). The first 2 sets are played to 25 points. If a 3rd set is required, it will be 15 points.

Game #1 1st Section A vs 1st Section D (positions 1 and 3)

Game #2 1st Section C vs 1st Section B (positions 2 and 4)

Game #3 2nd Section A vs 3rd Section D (positions 7 and 11)

Game #4 2nd Section B vs 3rd Section C (positions 6 and 10)

Game #5 2nd Section C vs 3rd Section B (positions 8 and 12)

Game #6 2nd Section D vs 3rd Section A (positions 5 and 9)

Game #7 4th Section B vs 4th Section C (positions 14 and 16)

Game #8 4th Section D vs 4th Section A (positions 13 and 15)

4.1.2 9 regions or less

Upon receipt of the participation forms, if nine (9) regions or less show their intention to participate, the championship will accept twelve (12) teams. The participating teams will be divided into three (3) sections of four (4) teams each. Teams will be seeded one (1) to twelve (12) based on the standard seeding process (see Article 8).

Section A Team	Section B Team	Section C Team
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
Host team	11	10

The host team and the teams from regions that register more than one (1) team must be organized to ensure they do not compete in the same section as their region's champion team.

- All of the matches consist of two (2) of three (3) sets (continuous points) against each team in its section. The first 2 sets are played to 25 points. If a third set is required, it will be 15 points.
- After the qualifying round, each section is ranked one (1) to four (4).

4.1.3 Order of matches

In each section of four (4) teams, matches will take place in the following order:

- 1) 2nd versus 4th in the section
- 2) 1st versus 3rd in the section
- 3) 1st versus 4th in the section
- 4) 2nd versus 3rd in the section
- 5) 1st versus 2nd in the section
- 6) 3rd versus 4th in the section

When creating the schedule, teams should not play more than two consecutive matches.

The Organizing Committee must allow 60 minutes for matches of 2 sets, and 70-75 minutes for matches of 2 to 3 sets

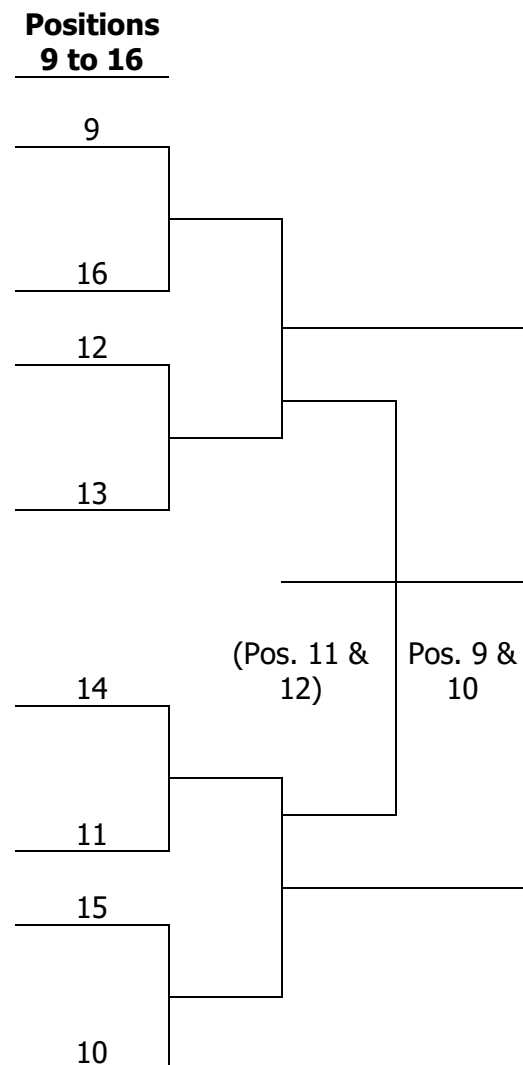
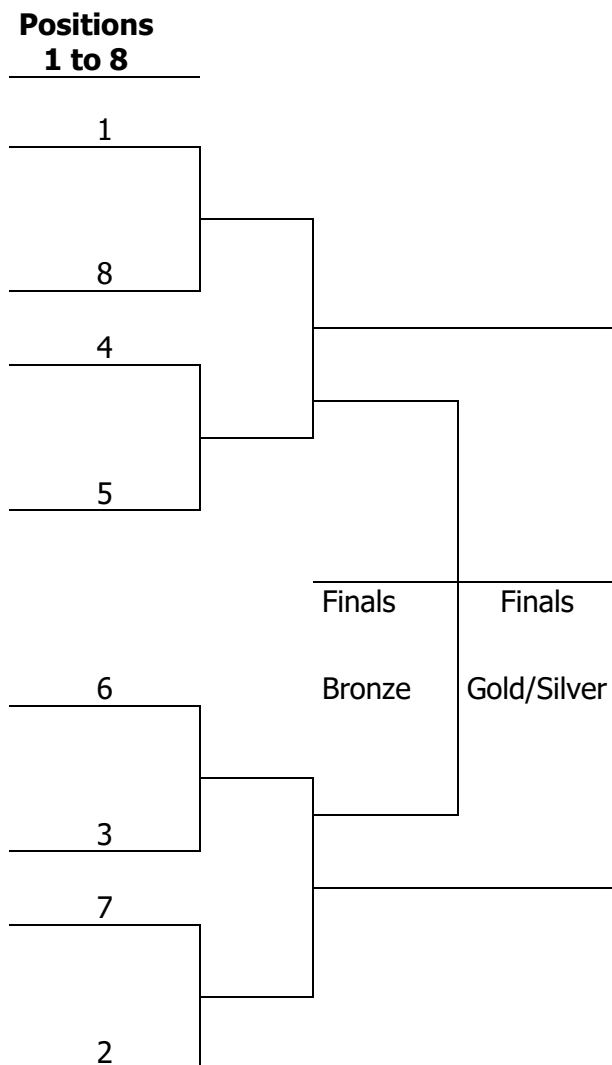
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Playoffs

After the preliminary round and seeding matches, the procedure is as follows:

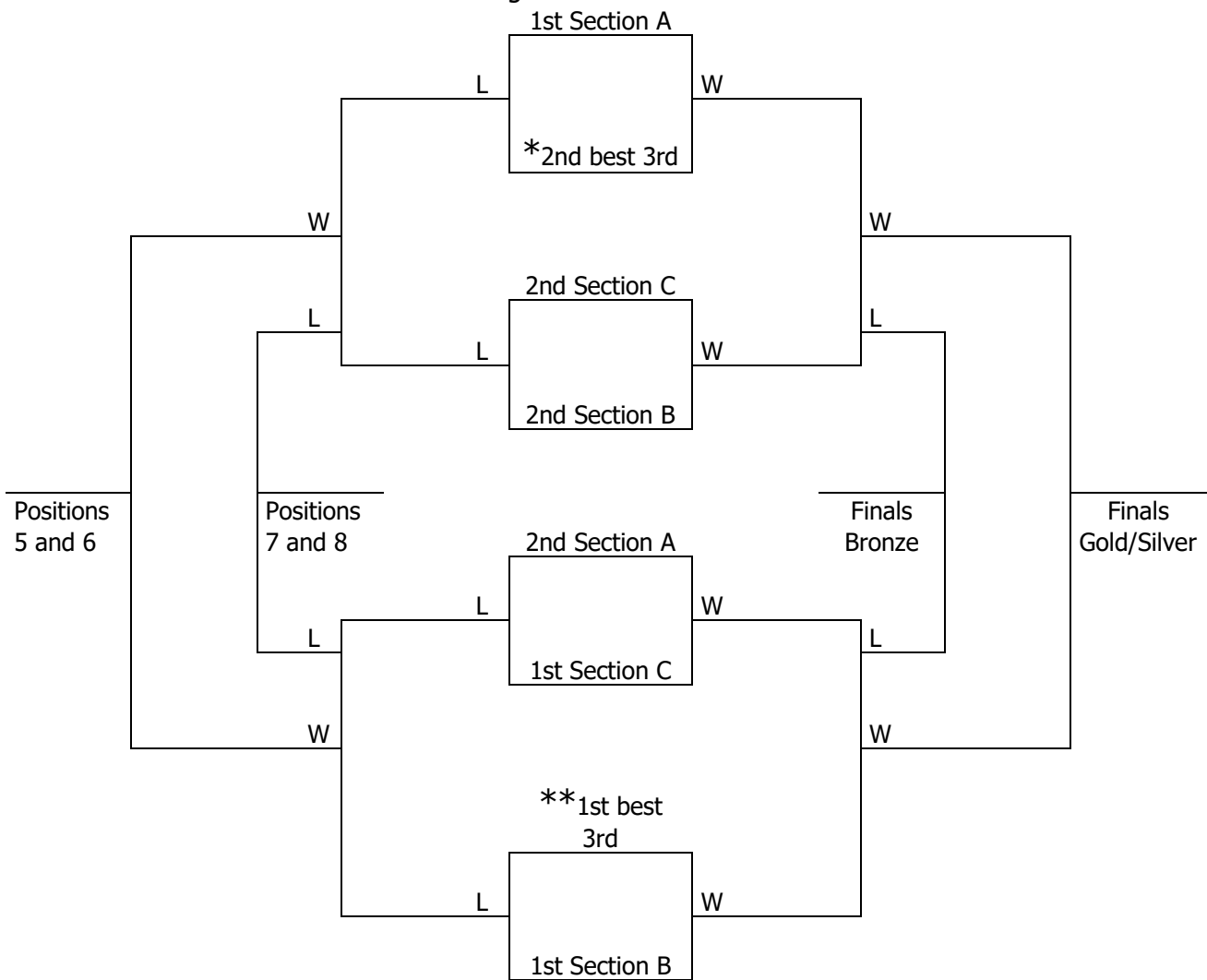
4.2.1 10 or more regions

- Teams ranked 1 to 8 will play in the ranking event to determine positions 1 to 8.
- Teams ranked 9 to 16 will play in the ranking event to determine positions 9 to 16.
- All of the playoff matches consist of two (2) of three (3) sets. The first 2 sets are played to 25 points. If a third set is necessary, it will be 15 points.
- Playoff rounds are single elimination and include:
 - ⇒ Quarter-finals
 - ⇒ Semi-finals
 - ⇒ Finals



4.2.2 9 regions or less

- Teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each section as well as the two (2) best 3rd place teams will take part in the playoff tournament. The 3rd best third place team and teams ranked 4th in each section will take part in the ranking event to determine positions 9 to 12.
- All of the playoff matches consist of (2) of three (3) sets (continuous points). The first 2 sets are played to 25 points. If a 3rd set is required, it will be 15 points.
- Playoff rounds are single elimination and include:
 - ⇒ Quarter-finals
 - ⇒ Semi-finals
 - ⇒ Finals
 - ⇒ Ranking events



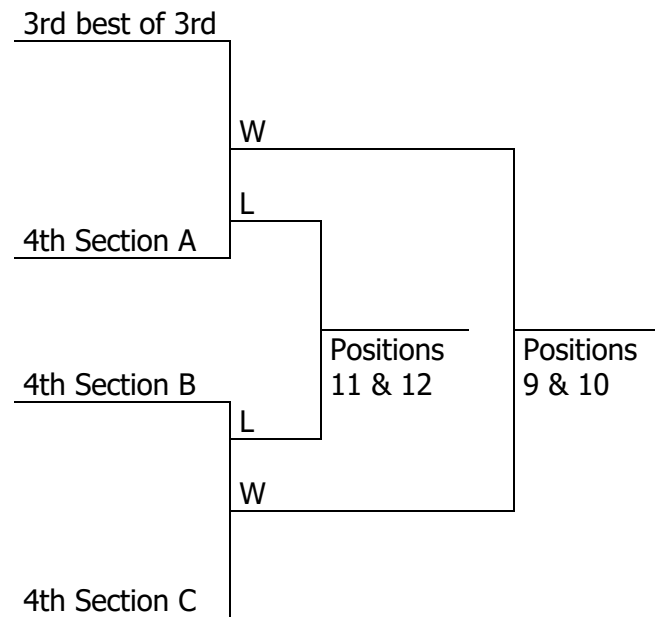
*** or the 1st best of 3rd if the 2nd best of 3rd is from Section A**

**** or the 2nd best of 3rd if the 1st best of 3rd is from Section B**

N.B.: The best thirds are determined as follows:

- The best wins/losses records;
- The best point differential (Points For vs Points Against)

Ranking event – Positions 9 to 12:



N.B.: If the 3rd best third comes from Section A, their position will be reversed with the 4th position holder from Section C.

Article 5 **Tiebreaker rule – 2 or more intra- and inter-section teams**

N.B.: The procedure for a championship with 12 teams (9 regions or less), the first tie-breaker criterion is:

- the most wins VS the number of losses

5.1 In the event there is a tie in the rankings, the tie-breaking criteria are applied in the following order up until a definitive tie-breaker has been achieved; however, an advantage gained using the previous criteria must be upheld such that returning to the preceding criterion is not possible:

1. Best win/loss record of sets between the remaining tied teams;
2. Best points for and points against ratios of the games between the remaining tied teams;
3. Best win/loss record of sets out of all the matches in the rotation (in games 2 of 3 sets or comparison overlap);
4. Best points for and points against ratios out of all of the matches in the rotation.

When this rule is applied in a tie-breaking situation, the following procedures must be followed:

- 1) When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied in sequence until the tie is broken.
- 2) When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied in sequence until all of the teams have been ranked.

NOTE: This means that if there is a tie between teams X, Y and Z, and criterion 1 successfully determines that team X is first, Y is second and Z is third, then no further criteria need to be applied and the tie is broken.

However, if criterion 1 determines the ranking of one of those teams, the status of the remaining tied teams is determined using criterion 2, and so on. Criterion 1 cannot be re-applied.

- 5.2 In calculating the points for and points against ratios, a match that has been won or lost by forfeit is not taken into consideration. Furthermore, for the ratio calculation of the other tied team, the match played against the team that forfeited is not counted either.

Article 6 **Ranking**

6.1 10 or more regions

- 1st : winner of the GOLD / SILVER Final
- 2nd : loser of the GOLD / SILVER Final
- 3rd : winner of the BRONZE Final
- 4th : loser of the BRONZE Final
- 5th to 8th: in accordance with the tiebreaker rule (Article 4), including the qualifying matches and quarter-final playoff matches of ranking event 1 to 8.
- 9th : winner of ranking event 9 to 16
- 10th : loser of ranking event 9 to 16
- 11th : winner of the match between the two semi-finalists of ranking event 9 to 16
- 12th : loser of the match between the two semi-finalists of ranking event 9 to 16
- 13th to 16th: in accordance with the tiebreaker rule (Article 4), including the qualifying matches and quarter-final matches of ranking event 9 to 16.

6.2 9 regions or less

- 1st : winner of the GOLD / SILVER Final
- 2nd : loser of the GOLD / SILVER Final
- 3rd : winner of the BRONZE Final
- 4th : loser of the BRONZE Final
- 5th to 8th: based on results of the ranking event for positions 5 to 8
- 9th to 12th: based on results of the ranking event for positions 9 to 12

9.2

Net height:

Bantam girls	2 m 15
Bantam boys	2 m 24

Midget girls	2 m 24
Midget boys	2 m 35

Juvenile girls	2 m 24
Juvenile boys	2 m 43

Article 10 **Special notes**

A minimum ten (10) minute warm-up period is allotted before each match during which the teams will be allowed standard consecutive warm-ups and may each use the net for five minutes. The team that is serving first begins first at the net.