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QUEENSLAND YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL
2026–27 ATHLETE TRIAL INFORMATION

YOUR PATHWAY TO REPRESENTING QUEENSLAND

Welcome to the Queensland Youth Beach Volleyball Program. The program provides athletes with the opportunity to develop their beach volleyball skills, compete throughout the summer and be considered for selection to represent Queensland at the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships (AYBVC) in March 2027.

Athletes may be assessed across the entire selection period, including training and competition. Selection decisions consider both individual performance and the combinations of athletes that give Queensland the best opportunity for success.

PROGRAM TIMELINE – Brisbane Hub

Date	Activity	Age Group
15 Nov	Training @ Sandstorm	All
21–22 Nov	Sandstorm Juniors – Compulsory Tournament	U14–U15
27–29 Nov	Sandstorm Seniors – Compulsory Tournament	U16–U18
13 Dec	Training @ Sandstorm	All
17 Jan	Training @ Sandstorm	All
30–31 Jan	Sandstorm Juniors – Compulsory Tournament	U14–U15
7 Feb	Training @ Sandstorm	All
12–14 Feb	Sandstorm Seniors – Compulsory Tournament	U16–U18
21 Feb	Training @ Sandstorm	All
28 Feb	Training @ Sandstorm	All
5–7 Mar	Queensland Open – Compulsory Tournament	All
15-18 Mar	Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships	All

Announcement Dates:
10 November: Training Squad will be announced via VQ website
19 January: Travelling and Shadow Athletes will be announced via VQ website

WHAT ARE SELECTORS LOOKING FOR?

Selection considers your overall suitability for beach volleyball, including:
Technical Ability
Serving • Passing • Setting • Attacking • Blocking • Defence • Ball control • Transition
Tactical Understanding
Decision-making • Game awareness • Shot selection • Reading opposition • Adaptability

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Physical Performance
Athleticism • Movement in sand • Speed & agility • Endurance • Performing in championship conditions

Coachability
Applying feedback • Learning mindset • Commitment to improvement

Team Contribution
Communication • Leadership • Professionalism • Working with a partner • Positive team culture

Commitment
Attendance • Preparation • Reliability • Professional behaviour

IT'S MORE THAN JUST YOUR SKILL
Beach volleyball is a team sport, so selectors will also consider:

- Compatibility between athletes
- Complementary playing styles
- Team balance
- Positional requirements
- The combinations most likely to achieve success at AYBVC

Selection as an athlete does not guarantee selection with a preferred partner.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

Throughout the trials and program, we expect athletes to:

WE PUT PEOPLE FIRST
Respect teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and staff. Put the team first.
WE ARE REAL
Be honest, communicate openly and follow through on your commitments.
WE ARE TENACIOUS
Give full effort, respond positively to setbacks and keep working when things get difficult.
WE COMMIT TO BE OUR BEST
Prepare properly, accept feedback and look for ways to improve.

These expectations apply on and off the court, including online.

HOW SELECTION WORKS

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1. Athlete Nomination
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2. Selection Trials
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3. Training Squad
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4. Travelling & Shadow Athletes
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5. Teams & Pairings

Athletes are expected to attend at least 1 of the two Brisbane trials and be available for the full program. Where an athlete cannot attend both trials because of injury, illness, representative commitments or exceptional circumstances, an Absent Trialist Application must be completed.

FINAL SELECTION IN A TRAVELLING TEAM

U14 & U15 Athletes

- Athletes will stay with their parent/guardian for the duration of the tournament.
- Families are responsible for arranging and covering accommodation, breakfast and dinner.
- Lunch is included in the athlete levy.
- Athletes will be supervised by VQ once they are dropped at the beach for their scheduled game and duty commitments.
- At the conclusion of each day's commitments, athletes must be collected by their parent/guardian.

U16–U18 Athletes

- Athletes will stay in accommodation arranged by Volleyball Queensland.
- Breakfast and lunch are included in the athlete levy.
- Dinner is not included in the athlete levy and is the responsibility of the athlete.

Regional Athletes

- Flights and accommodation will be arranged by Volleyball Queensland.
- Breakfast and dinner are included in the athlete levy.
- Lunch is included in the athlete levy

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