

Scorpions Competitive Duos Program 2025 FAQ

Parents, players in our competitive duos program, here are the answers to some commonly asked questions often asked about the program. Please read the whole document if you are thinking of playing competitive duos for Scorpions.

What are the criteria to be in our Competitive Duos Program in 2025?

The priority is given to youth currently on a Scorpions competitive indoor team. The second priority is youth in our club that have shown strong potential in our development program. The third priority is youth from outside our club who played competitive indoor with another club.

How do I apply to be in the Competitive Duos Program?

You will fill out an ***Expression of Interest Form***. You will then be notified if you are accepted into the program.

NOTE: Only 1 of the duo completes the form, you must know the email address and name of your partner to complete the form.

Here is the [LINK](#) to the form.

After acceptance into the program, you will be sent registration information.

What is the time and cost commitment required?

Acceptance into the competitive duos program means you must attend TWO sessions per week. One session in Cambridge at Riverside Park and one at our courts at Emerald Lake. It is a 12-week program.

The COST for each athlete for 2025 to be in the program is \$305.00. You will be sent registration information once the duo is accepted into the program. We know some will miss a week if they are on vacation, but it is important to commit to attending training as there are usually more athletes interested than spots available in our program.

- **SCHEDULE** - 11u,12u,13u,14u Competitive Beach - Thursday Nights at Riverside Park and Tuesday Nights at Emerald Lake
- **SCHEDULE** - 15u,16u, 17u, 18u Competitive Beach - Thursday Nights at Emerald Lake and Tuesday nights at Riverside Park

Who are the Head Coaches of the Scorpions Duo's Beach Program?

Senior – Tracy Liburd, Junior - Madison Coolman

What is the Competitive Beach Pre-season Orientation Meeting, April 7th, 2025, about?

It is important we all meet as a group, to meet our coaches, take the group photo, pick up your t-shirt and buy swag. Here are details.

- April 7th, 2025
- 6:15pm- 7:30pm Duos
- 7:45pm -9:15pm Fours
- Our Lady of Fatima School Gym, 55 Hammet Street, Cambridge

What is Commit to Beach Weekend May 10th and 11th, 2025 and what does it have to do with the Competitive Beach Duos Program?

We are hosting our 10th year of this orientation program. It has become an essential part of our competitive duos program for all NEW duo's to get a hands on, practice 2-day training session at Emerald Lake before the season starts. Here is a [LINK](#) to the info on the program. Registration starts March 15th for those accepted into the program. It is \$80.00 per player to attend.

Can parents attend practices at Emerald Lake and Riverside Park?

The practices at Emerald Lake and Riverside Park are open to parents, However, at Emerald Lake we want to minimise traffic during the week, we suggest people take turns carpooling there. At Riverside Park sand courts and Emerald Lake, parents bring a chair to sit on.

What are the details about the Emerald Lake Beach Tournaments the Scorpions host?

The Scorpions are putting on 6 public youth competitive beach Duos Tournaments this season. *We appreciate it if you attend our independent tournaments as they support the club.* We understand you cannot necessarily attend all of them.

The tournaments are at our beautiful [Emerald Lake](#) location. (15 minutes east of Cambridge). We have refurbished all 12 of the back beach courts and three courts near the washrooms with Olympic sand. It is an excellent location. Our tournaments cost \$85 per duo to attend.

Go to our [Tournaments page](#) to learn more and to register for the Duos Tournaments.

This year the Scorpions have also Four 4 on 4 tournaments, 12u-18u. Yes, duos can enter them, though you need to find 4 to have a team. 15U plus ages are co-ed teams.

The Ontario Volleyball Association also puts on Duo's tournaments, how can I sign up for them?

You can also attend the Ontario Volleyball Association Beach Tournaments. Information on how to register for them and dates are at this [LINK](#).

Again, we appreciate you supporting our club's tournaments.

My partner cannot make a particular tournament. Can I enter the tournament with another partner?

Yes, you can! It can be a lot of fun to enter a tournament with another partner. Sometimes your partner is on holiday or sick and can't make it. A perfect time to get someone else to fill in.

What do I bring to a tournament?

- 1.Sun protection umbrella/tent/chairs
- 2.sunscreen
- 3.change of clothes, towels
- 4.healthy foods/snacks
- 5.hydratation fluids, - water/gatorade (*you have to replace the electrolytes and salt lost during the games*)
6. Yes, you can bring a small barbeque.
7. Some sort of socks to keep the athletes' feet cool when the sand is hot. (We sell sand socks at beginning of the season)

What time do I arrive for a tournament?

Check in is usually between 8:30am-9:00am with games starting shortly after. Do not arrive late. It is a \$10.00 fee per car to park.

What are the rules at Emerald Lake?

- No dogs,
- No alcohol,
- Drive slow through the campground,
- Obey the railway crossing guard.

Are tournaments cancelled due to weather?

Beach Volleyball is played in all types of weather, except for thunder/lightning. It is not unusual to have heavy rainfalls, hot weather. We will take heat/hydration breaks if necessary. If there is lightning/thunder, we will wait the required time before restarting.

Do we have an end of season beach volleyball bash?

Yes, we do an end-of-season party for our competitive duos. It is held at Emerald Lake at the end of the season during a weeknight. It includes free access to the waterpark, hotdogs/hamburgers, awards, and of course beach volleyball.