



MHSAA Varsity Volleyball Coaches,

If you receive this message and are not coaching a varsity team this year please forward it to your previous varsity teams current coach and ask them to respond to gradallstar@gmail.com so we have their contact info on file.

It's that time of year again!

Volleyball Manitoba is excited to announce the commencement of the **2012 Volleyball Manitoba Grad All Star Nomination Process!** We would ask that all varsity volleyball coaches, from A to AAAA, send us a list of their graduating athletes who are deserving of the grad all-star honour **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Please direct **ALL nomination lists and grad all-star related messages** to gradallstar@gmail.com.

What makes an athlete eligible to be identified as a potential graduating all-star?

- The athlete must be a member of a varsity high school volleyball team that is registered with MHSAA
- The athlete must be in grade 12 and assumed to be graduating in June 2013

Although any athlete who meets the criteria above is eligible to be nominated, we would ask that coaches only submit the names of their athletes who are **deserving** of the grad all-star honour. That is, athletes who demonstrate advanced volleyball skills as well as possess strong academic abilities. Following this suggestion will make the nomination lists much more manageable as well as cause much less confusion when it comes to voting. We will however, still accept any nominations for athletes that meet the 2-point criteria listed above.

The information we require for each nominated player is as follows

- Team name
- Athlete name
- Uniform #
- Position

Nominations will only be accepted until **Friday October 19, 2012** as voting will commence the following week.

As always, the grad all-star event will be held in early December with the tentative date as of now being **Saturday December 8**. Dec. 1 is also a possibility.

Details about the event itself (time, venue, etc.) will be sent out as they become finalized.

Finally, we will be requiring volunteers to make up the 4 selection committees (Girls A-AAA, Boys A-AAA, Girls AAAA, & Boys AAAA) which will be tasked with finalizing the grad all-star selections and major award recipients. Each committee should consist of 3-5 coaches/zone conveners who have adequate knowledge of the players in the division they're representing. The committees will all meet sometime in the **middle of November**. **If you are interested in sitting on one of these committees now is as good a time as any to respond to us expressing your interest.** The committees will be finalized by early November.

If you have any questions regarding the grad all-star process that aren't answered here please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks! And good luck with the 2012 season!

Sincerely,

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