



**AGE CLASS
INDOOR CLUB VOLLEYBALL
HANDBOOK
2016/2017 SEASON
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2016-17 Volleyball Manitoba (VM) Age Class Club Volleyball Handbook

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WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND VM CONTACT INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2016-17 Volleyball Manitoba (VM) Age Class Club Volleyball (“Club Volleyball”) planning and playing season!

Appreciation to our Club Volleyball Stakeholders

In addition to the work and activity of middle schools and the Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), Club Volleyball has become one of the primary development programs for volleyball in our province, and VM is pleased to play a role in facilitating the season, organizing tournaments, running Club Volleyball Provincial Championships and seeing many teams from our province participate at the Canadian Open Championships.



Club Volleyball does not happen by accident. It is the culmination of effort from:

- The athletes who put in countless hours of training and see their success as they compete in a host of competitions.
- Parents, family members and guardians who invest the time, money and effort to provide the athletes with an opportunity to learn our great game, compete, develop life-long friendships and experience the life-skills that come with participation in sport.
- Coaches who give selflessly of their time to plan their seasons; organize tryouts and recruit athletes; plan and run dozens of practices; thoughtfully prepare for competition; and celebrate and sometimes agonize on the highs and lows that each season brings.
- Encouraging families and friends who support all the participants, abiding by the VM Spectators Behavioral Code of Conduct (available on VM website as Appendix A).
- Volleyball Clubs and their organizers who manage the web-sites, take the calls, recruit coaches, arrange facilities, fill-out the forms, collect the fees, order the uniforms and quietly do the work that few see.
- Referees who allow athletes and coaches alike to focus on the game, ensuring a fair and competitive environment; and
- VM is privileged to play a role by providing some of the rules, guidelines, administrative infrastructure, and planning to align our province’s Club Volleyball program with the broader volleyball community – both provincially and with Volleyball Canada (VC).

What do I do if I have questions, and Who do I Contact?

VM is staffed by 3-4 permanent year-round staff and additional seasonal staff as work demands require and budget allow. In addition there is a volunteer Board of Directors, and additional committee members that manage various elements of VM. As references are made to VM and questions and concerns arise, please consider the following sequence of steps to address your concerns;

- i. Refer to the VM website at: www.volleyballmanitoba.ca
- ii. For broader concerns call, email, mail or fax the VM office at:
Suite 412, 145 Pacific Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6
General Inquiries: (204) 925-5783 Fax: (204) 925-5786
General Email Inquiries: volleyball.info@sportmanitoba.ca
- iii. For administrative concerns, consider contacting one of the following permanent staff members.
 - Anthony Roberts, Program Director
Direct phone: (204) 925-5912 – Email: volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca
 - John Blacher, Executive Director
Direct phone: (204) 925-5791 – Email: volleyball.ed@sportmanitoba.ca
 - Scott Koskie, Provincial High Performance Coach
Direct phone: (204) 925-5784 – Email: volleyball.hp@sportmanitoba.ca
- iv. For policy/rule/broader Club Volleyball issues, please be aware the VM staff will consult our Competition Committee, Board of Directors and/or other VM Committees as required.

Context for This Handbook

Questions concerning this Handbook are raised from time to time – which include: Why are there so many rules? Why do the rules/guidelines change? What are the underlying motivations for the rules/guidelines?

In response, do know that the staff, Board and committee members responsible for Club Volleyball have the best intentions for the Club Volleyball program, and are motivated by the following considerations:

- Consider what is best for the athletes;
- Promote volleyball in our province, having as broad participation as possible, and improving the quality of play of all participants (athletes, coaches, officials, administrators);
- Cooperate with the school system (junior high school divisions and MHSAA), beach volleyball, and provincial programs;
- Promoting the principles of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) – see <http://www.canadiansportforlife.ca/learn-about-canadian-sport-life/ltad-stages>
- Preparing athletes for next levels of competition (inc. provincials, nationals, Provincial Teams, college/university, and eventually National Teams);
- Seeking the balance between as low a cost as possible, while still providing a positive playing and learning experience for the athletes, coaches, teams and clubs;
- Promote systems and procedures that foster accountability and transparency.

The vast majority of clubs and coaches honour the rules and guidelines outlined in this handbook, however it is noted and acknowledged that Volleyball Manitoba does not have the staff or volunteer resources necessary to monitor and investigate every informal complaint of breach of these rules and guidelines. Coaches and parents are encouraged to educate themselves on the Age Class Club Volleyball system through this Handbook, our Scouting and Recruiting Guidelines and our Club Volleyball FAQ, among other resources. Parents specifically are encouraged to do their homework on Clubs and Teams to find the right fit for their child(ren). The integrity displayed by coaches, clubs and athletes is often indicative of the ethical standards of a team or club as a whole. In the event of a Formal Complaint being received, Volleyball Manitoba will follow the process set out in our Investigation Procedures policy.

Again, the vast majority of clubs and coaches do honour the rules and guidelines outlined here, and this cooperation goes a long way towards our goal of providing a competitive and fair environment for athletes and clubs alike.

Enjoy Your Season!

We look forward to another excellent Volleyball Club Season, and the fun, friends, skill improvement, life-skills and excellent competition that each season brings.

THE 2016-17 SEASON GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule and Dates (for 2016-17 Club Season)

Dates (& Times)	Activity	Detail
June 1 – August 31, 2016 ("Provincial Team & Beach Season")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information sharing with athletes ▪ Promoting Club Volleyball and teams & recruiting. 	<i>See Age Class Scouting and Recruiting Rules/Guidelines.</i>
September 1 – December 10, 2016 ("School Season")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coaches encouraged to initiate Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry screening. ▪ Coaches encouraged to attend / complete on-line modules and certification courses. 	<i>See Age Class Scouting and Recruiting Rules/Guidelines.</i>
December 6, 2016	▪ Age Class Meeting – Brandon	Location TBA
December 7, 2016	▪ Age Class Meeting – Winnipeg	Location TBA
December 10, 2016	▪ Graduating All-Star Banquet & Games	Canad Inns Fort Garry St. Paul's High School
December 11, 2016	▪ Club Volleyball tryouts can begin	Teams with committed athletes may begin training/evaluations during this period
December 19, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teams can begin signing players ▪ VRS Registration Open 	
December 23, 2016- January 8, 2017	▪ Holiday Break	A break from recruitment, tryouts, in-gym volleyball practices, training and/or competition
January 9- May 31, 2017 ("Club Season")	▪ 2016/17 Club Season	Final team selections (for some), practices, tournaments, Provincial & National Championships.
January 12 – 14U West January 17 – 15U West January 19 – 16U West January 24 – 17U/18U Girls January 26 – 17U/18U Boys	▪ National Championship registration opens.	See www.volleyball.ca
January 31	▪ Criminal Record Search Certificate and Child Abuse Registry Check Submission Deadline (re: VM Screening Policy)	
February 1	▪ Clubs can begin to host Sanctioned Tournaments	
February 10/11 February 24/25 April 7/8 April 14/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13U/14U Premier Series Tournament ▪ 15U/16U Premier Series Tournament ▪ 15U/16U Premier Series Tournament ▪ Wezer Bridle Cup – 17U/18U Tournament 	
March 23	▪ Team/Club Registration Deadline (Please note that Teams/Clubs must be registered before they compete in any sanctioned events)	
March 23	▪ Individual Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline.	
March 23 (Thursday)	▪ Team Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline for all Age Class Divisions.	
April 4 – 14U West April 11 – 15U & 16U West March 28 – 17U & 18U Girls April 11 – 17U & 18U Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Championship Registration Deadlines ▪ All deadlines are 11:59pm EST 	
March 30 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provincial Championship Registration Deadline ▪ Roster cutoff date (rosters now final). 	
April 22/23 – 17U/18U Girls April 22/23 – 13U (Tripleball) April 29/30 – 14U April 29/30 – 17U/18U Boys May 6/7 – 15U/16U	▪ Provincial Championships.	
May 4-7 – 17U/18U Girls May 11-14 – 14U May 11-14 – 17U/18U Boys May 19-22 – 15U/16U	▪ National Championships. (add locations for Nationals/Westerns)	
May 26	▪ Awards nominations due.	
June 11	▪ VM Annual Awards Banquet.	Location TBD

Notes:

- (a) As outlined in this Handbook, failure to meet deadlines may result in penalty.
- (b) Where a deadline date is noted, 4:00 pm CT shall be set as the deadline time.
- (c) Where a date range is specified, the range shall be inclusive of the start and end date.
- (d) Where a key activity is known, but exact date is uncertain, a TBD has been inserted to keep coaches and athletes mindful of the action required.

Age Classes – Player Eligibility

i. *Age Classes*

Volleyball Canada has instituted expanded Age Classes again for this upcoming season, whereby any athletes born within a 16 month window (i.e. Sept 1, 2002 – Dec 31, 2003) will be eligible to participate within an age class. Play-Down Exemptions will not be considered outside of this window.

As such, for the 2016/17 Club Season, Age-Classes shall be as follows:

- 13U: 13 & under (born Sept 1, 2003 or later)
- 14U: 14 & under (born Sept 1, 2002 to Dec 31, 2003)
- 15U: 15 & under (born Sept 1, 2001 to Dec 31, 2002)
- 16U: 16 & under (born Sept 1, 2000 to Dec 31, 2001)
- 17U: 17 & under (born Sept 1, 1999 to Dec 31, 2000)*
- 18U: 18 & under (born Sept 1, 1998 to Dec 31, 1999)

NEW * Athletes on a current CCAA or CIS volleyball roster, will not be permitted to play in the 17U age class regardless of birthdate.

Rationale:

The expansion of age categories from 12 months to 16 months is due to the research provided in the LTAD 2.0 document published by the Canadian Sport for Life group. For full Rationale, please see [Appendix: 2017 Volleyball Canada Championships Age Categories](#)

Playing Rules

VM abides by the 2016-17 Indoor Volleyball Rulebook (available for purchase at the VM office (\$17 including GST)). Coaches should note that rules for Provincial and National Championships are modified from time to time (ex. recent 14U fair-play rule, use of libero, etc). To prepare VM athletes and teams for VC National Championships, VM will follow the playing rule recommendations presented by VC (see www.volleyball.ca website).

In addition, the only specific requirement noted from VM is that all participants (athletes, coaches, contacts) in the Club Volleyball Season (sanctioned events/tournaments and provincial Championships), must be registered members of VM and Volleyball Canada – which is required for insurance, administrative and other purposes.

Please see the following pages for additional Age Class Specific Rules, as well as an outline of any rule changes from last season.

Rule Changes for the 2016/2017 Season

Volleyball Canada 2016/17 Indoor Rule Changes and Wording Modification

Please review below the updates for the 2016-17 Indoor Volleyball Season. **Red** indicates new or revised wording.

4.3.3 EQUIPMENT

Volleyball Canada - The uniform relates to only the shirt and shorts. Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99.

4.5.1 FORBIDDEN OBJECTS

A: The referee shall not permit the following:

A 3. Headwear is not permitted except those worn for religious and/or cultural beliefs. Headbands can be worn, at a maximum 5cm in width, made of non-abrasive, single colour cloth, pliable plastic, or rubber.

B: The referee shall permit the following:

B 5. Prosthetics so long as the prosthetic is covered/padded and does not pose any danger to himself/herself or other players.

15.1 NUMBER OF REGULAR GAME INTERRUPTIONS

Volleyball Canada - For Volleyball Canada competitions in the 14U, 15U (boys and girls) as well as for 16U boys', 12 substitutions is the maximum permitted per team per set. **The 12 substitutions are limited. Refer to substitutions rules for Age Class on Page 43.**

AGE CLASS VARIATIONS (pages 43-46) The Age Class Variations section of the rulebook summarizes the unique rules of the game for each age class from 10U through to 18U. The rules are adapted to be developmentally appropriate based on the available LTAD research and principles. Volleyball Canada encourages all organized play to be governed by the guidelines and rules within.

Note the removal of the following item for teams using a Tripleball sequence:

~~Athletes cannot intentionally send the tossed ball over the net, otherwise a replay will occur.~~

13 & 14U SUBSTITUTION RULES (page 46)

All players listed on the score sheet must start the first or second set.

- Substitutions are not permitted in the first or second set. In the case of injury, an Exceptional Substitution may be made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set, but may return to play in subsequent sets.

- Any line up can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team. Substitution requests can only occur between a three-ball sequence.

- Teams switch sides in the third set once a team reaches 8 points. If this occurs during a three-ball sequence then the switch will be made after the sequence is complete.

CORRECTION – AGE CLASS VARIATIONS (page 46)

16U Volleyball

Standard volleyball rules with the following exceptions:

-No Libero (**boys only**). *The reference to boys only was mistakenly omitted from the rule book. The Libero is not permitted for 16U boys, but is permitted for 16U girls.*

-No overhand pass on the serve

CONCUSSION POLICY AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The revised National Championships concussion policy seen [HERE](#) is strongly recommended for Provincial/Territorial Association sanctioned tournaments.

2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AGE CATEGORIES

See [HERE](#). Note the removal of the caveat requiring athletes be in their first year of grade 12 for the 18U category.

2017 COACH CERTIFICATION POLICY

See **Page 11** of this handbook.

Age Specific Rules for the 2016/2017 Season

Volleyball Canada has passed several Youth Play Rules and Recommendations over the past two seasons that Volleyball Manitoba will be implementing for the 2016/2017 Age Class Club Volleyball Season.

13U Division

Triple-Ball: The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships will again be hosted in the Triple-Ball format for the 2017 Season. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 13U Tournaments also be presented in the Triple-Ball format. The Triple-Ball format can be researched in the 2016-17 Volleyball Canada Rulebook, page 46/47, and at <http://www.vcdm.org/teachers/resources/gr-8-9-13-14-triple-ball>

Please also refer to the following link on the VM website for additional Triple-Ball resources: <http://www.volleyballmanitoba.ca/13u-triple-ball-resources/>

14U Division

Fair-Play Rule: The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships will utilize the Fair Play Rule. This rule stipulates that all athletes who are listed on the score sheet must start the first or second set. Substitutions are not permitted in the first or second set. In the case of injury, an Exceptional substitution may be made. The injured/ill player may not return to the same set, but may return to play in subsequent sets. Any lineup can be used at the start of the third set. Teams are strongly encouraged to distribute playing time among all players on the team. Please review the VC Rulebook, page 46 for clarification.

Substitution Rules: In addition to the Fair-Play Rule, the Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships will utilize the “12-sub limited” rule for the 14U Age Category. This means that 12 substitutions is the maximum allowed per team per set, applied following the application of the Fair-Play Rule.

Offensive System Recommendation: It is recommended that teams use a 4-2, 6-2, or 6-3 offensive system at this level, and that teams do not utilize a 5-1 system, as VC has determined that the 14U age category is too early to begin specialization in to one position. For more information on the rationale behind this recommendation, please see the Volleyball Manitoba website.

Libero Rules: Liberos **will not** be permitted at The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships in the 13U or 14U Age Categories. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 13U and 14U Tournaments also adhere to this rule.

Serve Reception: Players will not be permitted to receive serve with an overhand setting motion at The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships at the 13U or 14U Age Categories. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 13U and 14U Tournaments also adhere to this rule.

Score Sheet Signing: For Volleyball Canada 18U and younger competitions, the head coach must sign the score sheet at the completion of the match.

15U & 16U Divisions

Substitution Rules: The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships will utilize the “12-sub limited” rule for the 15U Age Category, as well as the 16U Boys Category. This means that 12 substitutions is the maximum allowed per team per set in these Categories. The “6-sub limited” rule will be in place for the 16U Girls Category. This means that 6 substitutions is the maximum allowed per team per set in this Category. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 15U and 16U Tournaments also adhere to this rule.

Libero Rules: Liberos **will not** be permitted at The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships in the 15U Age Category, or the 16U Boys Category. Liberos **will** be permitted in the 16U Girls Category. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 15U and 16U Tournaments also adhere to this rule.

Serve Reception: Players will not be permitted to receive serve with an overhand setting motion at The Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships at the 15U or 16U Age Categories. Volleyball Manitoba recommends that all VM Sanctioned 15U and 16U Tournaments also adhere to this rule.

Score Sheet Signing: For Volleyball Canada 18U and younger competitions, the head coach must sign the score sheet at the completion of the match.

17U & 18U Divisions

Score Sheet Signing: For Volleyball Canada 18U and younger competitions, the head coach must sign the score sheet at the completion of the match.

Net Heights

Age Class	Height (in meters)	
	Male	Female
13U and 14U	2.20	2.15
15U and 16U	2.35	2.20
17U and 18U	2.43	2.24

Consistent with VC.

Official Volleyballs

Competition	Age Category	Ball
VM Tournaments (Including Provincial Championships)	13U & 14U	Mikasa VQ2000Plus These can be purchased through VM Office
	15U-18U	Mikasa MVA200
VC National Championships	All	Tachikara SIX

Uniforms

Each registered team shall be appropriately dressed for competition as outlined in the current Volleyball Canada Indoor Rulebook. Please refer to the Rulebook before ordering uniforms.

COACHES INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Coaching Certification and Accreditation

In order to participate as a coach at VM Provincial Championships and VC National Championships, all head coaches must have completed the following certification and requirements by March 23, 2017.

All Coaches appearing at Provincials this year are considered to be in their 1st year coaching with regards to this policy.

i. NCCP Certification.

For Head Coaches at the 13U, 14U, 15U and 16U Levels (and all Tier 2 Head Coaches)		
Appearance	MINIMUM NCCP Certification Required	Fine
1 st year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volleyball eLearning - Make Ethical Decisions On-line Evaluation (Comp-Int version) - Making Head Way 	\$300
2 nd year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All items above - Multi-Sport Modules: Planning a Practice, Nutrition - Development Coach Volleyball Workshop (or equivalent) 	\$300
3 rd year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All items above - Development Coach Evaluation (or equivalent) 	May Not Participate

For Head Coaches at the 17U and 18U Levels		
Appearance	MINIMUM NCCP Certification Required	Fine
1 st year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volleyball eLearning - Make Ethical Decisions On-line Evaluation (Comp-Int version) - Making Head Way - Development Coach Volleyball Workshop (or equivalent) 	\$300
2 nd year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All items above - Multi-Sport Modules: Planning a Practice, Nutrition, Design a Basic Sport Program, Basic Mental Skills - Advanced Development Coach Volleyball Workshop (or equivalent) 	\$300
3 rd year coaching at a Provincial Championships in this Age Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All items above - Advanced Development Coach Evaluation (or equivalent) 	May Not Participate

All Assistant Coaches and Staff Personnel are strongly encouraged to complete the Volleyball eLearning, Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation (Comp-Int Version) and Making Headway.

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) requirements for becoming/remaining a volleyball coach in Canada are changing. For more information on the components required to attain or retain your certification, please visit our website or follow our [Coach Development link here](#).

FULL Development Coach Certification process: <http://coach.volleyball.ca/?page=209>

FULL Advanced Development Coach Certification process: <http://coach.volleyball.ca/?page=211>

- [Please review Volleyball Canada's National Championship Coaching Policy here](#)

ii. *Respect in Sport Certification*

Sport Manitoba believes in being proactive in ensuring sport in our province is safe and welcoming for all participants. Respect in Sport helps to promote those values through a simple and convenient free on-line training course for coaches and sport leaders. It is designed as a tool to assist coaches in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment, and bullying in sport.

Respect in Sport enables coaches to deal with legal and moral responsibilities, making them less vulnerable and more confident in dealing with sensitive issues. A risk management tool, Respect in Sport will help sport organizations reduce liability. **As a mandatory requirement, all coaches identified with a Provincial Sport Organization are required to take the course.**

Without this Certification a Coach will not be allowed to participate in any Sanctioned Event. ***In addition, all coaches who took the online course prior to 2012, will require to complete it again to remain compliant with this requirement.***

To complete the certification please follow this link for further information:

<http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/coaching/respect-sport>

iii. *Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry*

Consistent with the VM Screening Policy (available on our website [HERE](#)), all coaches, team contacts, administrators must obtain both a Criminal Record Search Certificate (CRSC) and a Child Abuse Registry Check (CARC).

It is noted that these checks can take several weeks to complete and therefore coaches are encouraged to initiate the process before December, 2016 – to ensure compliance and allow participation in Provincial and National Championships.

Checks are valid for a 3 year period, therefore checks are to be renewed and resubmitted for every 4th season.

To attain your CARC and Criminal Record Check, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.volleyballmanitoba.ca/screening-policy-update/>

iv. *Coaches Ethical Standard Manual*

As a member of VM we expect that all of our members, especially coaches, adhere to and fully understand the Coaches Ethical Standard Manual. Failure to abide by these standards may result to penalties and/or sanctions. For more details on our Coaches Ethical Standard Manual please review the attached Appendix.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

VM and Volleyball Canada Fees & Benefits

The membership fees for the 2016-2017 Club Season

Membership Category		Class	VC Fee (GST inc.)	VM Fee (GST inc.)	Total
Competitive	Athlete, Coach, Manager, Team Contact	14U-18U	27.00	44.00	71.00
	Club Contact		-	-	-
Development	Athlete, Coach, Manager, Team Contact	13U-18U	3.00	25.00	28.00
	Club Contact		-	-	-

Notes:

1. Competitive Memberships required by those teams participating in Tier 1 Provincial Championships and Westerns/Nationals.
2. Development Membership (13U, Tier 2) required by those teams participating in VM sanctioned events/tournaments, but not registering for the Tier 1 Provincial Championships / Western Nationals.
3. Coaches, managers, and team contacts participating in other VM programs (ie. senior men's, referee, beach) will only pay the difference in VM fees. The difference will be reflected when the second program is registered for (ie. if registering for club volleyball coaching after registering on a senior men's team, they will only see a \$43.00 charge).
4. Individual participants withdrawing from the club program must do so prior to the deadline of Friday, March 23, 2017. No refunds on memberships will be given after this deadline date.

Benefits of VM and Volleyball Canada Membership include:

- Insurance (Liability and accident coverage) at sanctioned VM / VC events and programs.
- Access into all VM / VC sanctioned events including tournaments, provincial championships (tier 1 or 2, depending on membership level) and national championships (comp members), both indoor and beach
- Access into all VM / VC sanctioned programs including regional teams (MB Games), provincial teams, national teams (senior, B and junior), VCCE (Volleyball Canada Centre of Excellence), camps and clinics
- Access through the VM office to meeting rooms for respective club or league meetings
- Letters of Good Standing for International Play (US Open, US Junior Championship, etc.)
- Provincial e-newsletter (16-20 per year) – regular communications on volleyball events, activities and news
- Potential for access to Bingo's to support club expenses
- Discount at VM / VC events such as Great Plains Coaching Clinic, International Matches, etc.
- Discount or entry into CIS volleyball matches in Manitoba, as scheduled
- Discount at local retail outlets (i.e. Homerun Sports)

Membership fees support the overall facilitation, development and delivery of volleyball in Manitoba including: Provincial Team programs, Club Volleyball, MB Games Programs, Coach Development, Referee Development, Beach Volleyball, Adult Leagues and Tournaments, Communications among many other areas.

Performance Bonds

Performance Bonds will not be collected this year. Instead, we will be instituting a Sanctioning System based around fines and limitation of participation. Our Fine structure will be available shortly.

PRE-SEASON ACTIVITY AND REGULATIONS

Scouting & Recruiting

Refer to the Age Class Scouting and Recruiting Guidelines document, which present the rules and requirements for the current season. Please be aware of the restrictions as it pertains to recruiting and communication with athletes during the school season.

Camps & Clinics

Camps and Clinics hosted by Clubs during the Summer Season may be sanctioned by Volleyball Manitoba, and are often listed on our website. Camps and Clinics hosted during the School Season are not sanctioned by Volleyball Manitoba; these camps are expected to be neither “mandatory” for Club athletes to attend, nor “exclusive” to only a certain set of athletes. Camps held during the School Season are expected to respect the School Volleyball schedule, and not expect athletes to attend said camp instead of a school volleyball function (practice, training, match, etc.).

Age Class Meeting(s) – Dec 6th (BDN) & Dec 7th (WPG)

All teams or clubs must send at least one representative to one of the Age Class meetings. This meeting will cover important information regarding the Age Class Season. Failure to have a representative at this meeting will result in a fine against the offending Club.

Tryouts, Team Selection and Transfers

- Tryouts cannot take place until the day following the Grad-All Star Match. For the 2016-17 Club Season the Grad All-Star Event will be taking place on December 10th, so Clubs may begin to host Tryouts on December 11th.
- Teams can then begin to Sign athletes on December 19th. We strongly encourage Clubs/Teams to allow athletes to attend tryouts for multiple Clubs/Teams (if they wish) and not pressure them to commit immediately following a tryout. To this purpose, all commitments between a Club/Team and Athlete are not official/binding until December 19th, when VM Individual Registration Forms can be completed and teams/players can be registered in the VRS.
- See “Age Class Scouting and Recruiting Rules/Guidelines” for specific rules concerning allowed and disallowed Direct and Indirect Communication with athletes. In particular it is noted that:
 - Athletes are all free agents at the end of the Club Season and free to return to their prior year’s club or select an alternative club, as opportunity exists.
 - Athletes are free to try out for multiple teams and are NOT obligated to commit or sign Individual Registration forms until Monday, December 19.
 - A player is only committed once they have registered with a team (by signing a VM Individual Registration Form), on the applicable signing date.
- If an athlete wishes to transfer to a different club after December 19 (and has signed a VM Individual Registration Form), then the athlete must complete the following transfer process by:
 - Obtaining a written release from the club or team the player wishes to leave – noting that the Club shall determine by its own criteria whether to release the athlete (at their sole discretion);
 - Providing a written statement describing reason(s) for the transfer – which shall not be denied, and adjudicated within 7 days of receipt.

Assuming completion of both elements, VM shall give consent and shall be effective upon written notification from VM; and shall make appropriate change in VRS.

Registering your Club, Team and Players

How and When to Register

- All Clubs will be required to complete the **Club Registration Form** (offline) This form will be available October 28th.
- All registration (individual, teams and clubs), tournaments, Provincial and National Championships will be done online within the secured registration system – administered by Volleyball Manitoba and Volleyball Canada. **Team Registration Form Link will be posted here on Dec 19th**
- Only teams registered on the VRS can enter Premier Series, Provincial and National Championships, and other local tournaments that utilize the VRS system.
- Dates:
 - Registration of clubs and teams on the VRS system opens on December 19, 2016.
 - The final registration deadline for teams is Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. Please note that teams must be registered in the system before they may participate in sanctioned events, so they may need to be registered much earlier. If a team participates in a sanctioned event before they are registered, any results from that event will be disregarded when determining Provincial Rankings.

Player/Team Registration Form

- Team rosters created in the VRS system must contain a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 15 players for registration (consistent with VC).
- Clubs must register 2 teams to be able to add more than 15 players to an age category/tier.
- Until the “Roster Cutoff Date” (next paragraph) Clubs may choose to form and re-form teams during the club season (within the same club, age and tier class) – having different team composition at tournaments during the season. [It is noted however that for a single tournament, a team should not be re-formed during a single sanctioned event. The roster that starts a sanctioned tournament must remain consistent throughout the event.]
- The Roster Cutoff Date shall be March 23, 2017. After this date no changes can be made to the roster. Team rosters will be printed on March 24 from the VRS, and only those athletes listed can be listed on Provincial and National Championship scoresheets. Printed rosters will be brought to the 2016 Age Class Provincial Championships and will represent a team’s official roster. Any player or personnel not on the printed roster at Provincial Championships will under no circumstances be permitted to play or sit on a team’s bench. **Please ensure that your VRS rosters are final before March 23.**
- Each member (players/coaches/managers) must complete an **Individual Registration Form**, available at the VM website (and attached as an Appendix to this Handbook). The Individual Registration Form is important for the following reasons:
 - A signed form, after December 18, 2016 shall commit an athlete to that club.
 - The form shall contain individual registration information required to complete the online registration.
 - VM may request to see the original registration forms at any time throughout the season. Failure to provide documentation may deem an individual ineligible for the age class event season.
 - Therefore coaches are asked to keep all original Individual Registration Forms for members on their team in a binder, available for presentation/review on request at VM sanctioned events, by VM staff or officials.
- A player can register with **only one club** and play **only with that club** during the playing season. Only players registered within a club may play on more than one team within the club as long as they adhere to their age category and as long as they do not play on multiple teams during a single event/weekend. However, possibilities of transfer or upgrading do exist in the regulations.
- There are no geographic, regional or other criteria for the creation of teams. The sole criteria for creation of teams is gender and age.
- All teams who register for the club season are considered to be clubs; however, any group of 2 or more teams who register under the same club enjoy a number of privileges not shared by the individual club team registrations. For example:

- A 15U player could theoretically play on a 15U team, a 16U team, and a 17U team as long as all of those teams are from the same club and as long as that player ONLY switches teams between events, not during events.
- Before March 23, the same 15U player could during that season, play on two 15U teams (A team and B team) under the same conditions as outlined in the previous point.
- For provincial championships, the team that the player is competing on must be reflective of the final VRS rosters or that player will not be permitted to play.
- Clarification: Under the right circumstances a player could compete in two provincial championships for two separate teams as long as:
 - both those teams are from the same club
 - the two provincial championships fall on different weekends
 - the player is within the age category of the teams he/she is competing on
 - the player is on each team's VRS roster before the roster lock date

Team Training

Teams with committed athletes may begin training/evaluations beginning on December 11th. These teams are strongly encouraged to register with Volleyball Manitoba at their earliest opportunity (December 19th) to ensure that themselves and their athletes are members with the association and covered under our liability insurance umbrella.

IN-SEASON TRAINING, RANKINGS, COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Hosted Sanctioned Tournaments

Many tournaments for all age classes, in preparation for Provincial and National Championships are organized and operated by individual clubs. This provides the vast portion of competition for athletes and the efforts of clubs made to run these tournaments is appreciated by all Club Volleyball stakeholders.

In an effort however to ensure consistency, adequate insurance and use results in the weekly ranking system being implemented in this club season, clubs are asked to comply with the *Tournament Sanction Program*, which provides guidelines and a registration form – and explains the benefits of sanctioning their tournament with VM.

In addition, the form outlines how results are to be submitted by noon, on the first business day following the competition – to allow for inclusion in weekly ranking determination (described in this Handbook).

Note also that teams must participate in a minimum of two sanctioned Events/Tournaments (in the age category said team intends to participate in at Provincials) in order to participate in the Provincial Championships. This will allow for adequate preparation and allow rankings to be established.

Volleyball Manitoba strongly encourages that all Sanctioned Tournaments utilize Certified Referees. Please see Page 20 for additional details or to learn how to secure Certified Referees for your Tournament.

VM Premier Tournament Series

Volleyball Manitoba is expanding their Premier Tournament Series this season. This initial year, we are tentatively planning on hosting one tournament at the 13U & 14U age categories, and two each at the 15U & 16U age Categories.

The Wezer Bridle Cup event also offers 17U and 18U teams an opportunity to compete with Adult teams in a pre-provincial tournament.

February 10 & 11	13U / 14U Premier Series	Red River College & TBC	\$300
February 24 & 25	15U / 16U Premier Series 1	Red River College & TBC	\$300
April 7 & 8	15U / 16U Premier Series 2	Red River College & TBC	\$300
April 13 & 14	Wezer Bridle Cup – 17U/18U & Adult	Red River College & TBC	\$300

More details to follow regarding registration timelines.

Team Rankings

As in 2016, VM will be implementing a Rankings Committee approach. This approach will include:

- Establishing a Ranking Committee of 3-5 coaches per age class/gender. Each committee will be chaired by a member of the VM Competitions Committee, who will recruit 2-4 representative coaches in the age class to evaluate results on a weekly basis from Sanctioned Events.
- Sanctioned event organizers are now required to submit final standings for the event by noon of the first business day following the event.
- Weekly rankings will be determined by evaluating final result standings from events, and if the ranking committee chooses to, they can also review results from particular matches.
- Motivated by transparency, and to grow weekly interest, updated weekly ranking will be posted on the VM website.
- The first round of rankings will be posted on the Friday immediately following the first weekend of March and will only be inclusive of teams who have participated in sanctioned events to that point. Rankings will thereafter be updated every Friday as applicable until final Age Class Provincial Championships are posted.
- Ranking Committees shall use their judgment, balancing: most recent results, season-long results, extenuating circumstances, team age-advancing, etc. It is acknowledged that this is a subjective process and interpretation, however by publicly posting rankings in weeks leading up to provincial rankings, it is expected that process will be transparent and consensus will become evident.
- Any events occurring on the weekend immediately before the applicable Provincial Championships will not be considered for rankings (allowing time for evaluating final rankings); and preparing/ circulating the Provincial Championship draw. As a result, the final weekly rankings that will be used for Provincial Championship Rankings will include results up to and including events occurring two weekends before respective Provincial Championship.

- Legitimate concerns of teams considering themselves a top 4 team in their age-class, can appeal by email to the Chair of the Competitions Committee (vm.competition@gmail.com). The Chair of Competitions Committee or Chairs of Ranking Committees (also members of the Competitions Committee) shall recuse themselves in circumstances where they are coaching a team involved in an appeal process.

VM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosting Provincials

VM partners with Clubs, Schools, and Universities/Colleges to host annual Provincial championships. While providing a venue and volunteer support, the host Club/School/University/College will receive:

- One (1) free team entry to the tournament;
- An honorarium (dependent on number of teams in event and cost of facilities);
- 100% of canteen earnings; and
- The opportunity to highlight your club, community and its volunteers

VM will organize and arrange for: registrations, rankings, formation of draws, referees, awards and presentations.

For more information and to apply to host a 2017 (and future year) Provincial Championship [please visit our website here](#). Criteria will include ability to provide adequate space/facilities/parking for athletes and spectators, volunteer base to operate canteen/admissions, coaches/referees room/snacks, and it would be desirable to have the roster of venues represent the various communities in Manitoba. Detailed hosting information is available upon request.

Dates

The dates for the 2017 VM Provincial Championships are as follows:

Category	Location	Date
13U Girls	Location TBD	April 22/23, 2017
13U Boys	Location TBD	April 22/23, 2017
14U Girls	Location TBD	April 29/30, 2017
14U Boys	Location TBD	April 29/30, 2017
15U Girls	Location TBD	May 6/7, 2017
15U Boys	BU Healthy Living Centre	May 6/7, 2017
16U Girls	Red River College	May 6/7, 2017
16U Boys	Location TBD	May 6/7, 2017
17U Girls	BU Healthy Living Centre	April 22/23, 2017
17U Boys	Steinbach	April 29/30, 2017
18U Girls	BU Healthy Living Centre	April 22/23, 2017
18U Boys	Steinbach	April 29/30, 2017

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the 2017 VM Provincial Championships will be \$465 (GST included). Volleyball Manitoba will not be charging Admission at Provincial Championship Events.

Registration

- Registration of teams for Provincial Championships will open in early January 2017, on the VRS system – check VM website periodically as it will communicate exact date of registration starting.
- The deadline to register for ALL Provincial Championships is March 30, 2017.
- Voluntary Withdrawal:
 - Teams withdrawing from the Provincial Championships must do so prior to the voluntary withdrawal deadline of March 30, 2017. Withdrawing on or before this date will receive a refund of their entry fee, less a \$50.00 administrative fee.

- No refund will be given to teams after the aforementioned withdrawal date.
- Teams are reminded that they must participate in a minimum of two VM sanctioned tournaments in order to be eligible to compete in provincials (i.e. a team must compete in two 16U sanctioned tournaments in order to be eligible to compete in 16U Provincials).
- All teams are encouraged to participate in the Provincial Championships, which serve as one of the highlights and benchmarks for teams and their development.
- Teams that do not meet the mandatory two-tournament requirement (because of issues such as restricted access or restricted location) but still wish to participate in provincial championships will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If such a team is granted permission to participate in provincials they will be ranked at or near the bottom of the rankings for the event in question since they will not have accumulated enough results to be ranked accurately.
- Coaches and on—bench staff of teams participating in provincial championships must meet certification and requirements as outlined in this Handbook.
- All teams that wish to attend Western Canadian or National Championships must participate in the Provincial Championships. NOTE: Teams must participate in the same age category at Provincial Championship that they intend to participate at National Championships (ex. A 15U team must participate in 15U Provincials to be eligible for 15U Nationals).
- Teams may only “play up” at Provincials if they intend to participate at a Westerns/Nationals at that same age category.

Tiers

VM will be offering both a Tier 1 and Tier 2 Provincial Championship at every Age Category. Only teams participating in Tier 1 are eligible to participate at a Western or National Championship. If there are not enough teams registered in to Tier 2 to offer a Provincial Championship, those teams will be invited to attend their respective Tier 1 event at no additional membership fee.

VC WESTERN AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All information for Canadian Open Events is provided in detail on [Volleyball Canada’s website here](#), and coaches/athletes should refer to it for most current and accurate information. However, a few highlights and guidelines are noted below:

2017 Dates & Locations

Event	Dates	Host city	Registration Fee	Registration Opens
14U Boys and Girls Westerns	MAY 11-14	ABBOTSFORD, BC	\$925	Jan 12 th 11:00am CST
15U Boys and Girls Westerns	MAY 19-22	REGINA, SK	\$1050	Jan 17 th 11:00am CST
16U Boys and Girls Westerns	MAY 19-22	CALGARY, AB	\$1050	Jan 19 th 11:00am CST
17U and 18U Boys Nationals	MAY 11-14	SASKATOON, SK	\$1050	Jan 24 th 11:00am CST
17U and 18U Girls Nationals	MAY 4-7	EDMONTON, AB	\$1050	Jan 26 th 11:00am CST

Registration and Coaches’ Information

- Coaches should read the 2016-2017 Indoor Volleyball Competition Guide, and be aware of Coaching Certification requirements and penalties (available at VC’s website above).
- Rankings from Provincial Championships shall affect placement into Tiers and rankings for national championships.

Stay and Play Policy - Volleyball Canada National Championships

All 2017 Westerns & Nationals will have a Stay and Play policy in place, therefore all hotel rooms will need to be booked through our partners at HTG Sports Services. The booking portal will be available early in 2017. More information will be made available shortly.

Manitoba Volleyball Officials Association (MVOA)

General Information

Volleyball Manitoba strongly encourages that all Sanctioned Tournaments utilize Certified Referees. It is important for both Coaches and Athletes to have in-game interactions with certified Referees in order to understand how to appropriately communicate with match officials at Provincials and Westerns/Nationals.

For information on MVOA Fees or if you are interested in having referees assigned to your match/event please contact:

Ed Toews (h) 255-7909 (f) 255-7492 Email: edtoews@mvoa.ca

*** Please note you must provide sufficient notice in order for officials to be assigned (preferably 3 weeks). There may be instances where available officials are limited.*

Novice Clinic Information

Individuals may request a novice clinic for their scorekeepers and lines people in their area. To request a clinic, please contact John Blacher at volleyball.ed@sportmanitoba.ca or (204) 925-5791. Please note that requests must be received at least two (2) weeks before the clinic start date. Clinics may be cancelled due to low registration, or may be added at anytime. The clinic is approximately 4 hours, and cost per individual is \$25.00 which includes a rulebook.

Provincial / National Championship Scorekeeping

At Volleyball Manitoba Provincial Championships, we will be implementing the same system used at VC National events where teams are required to provide one scorekeeper for each of their matches. A score sheet training tutorial is available on our website and anyone that may be scorekeeping at the Provincial or National events are strongly encouraged to go through the tutorial before the events. [The tutorial can be found here.](#)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Self-management

The volleyball community in Manitoba has a rich history of broad participation, development, and a legacy of successful teams and individuals. While competitive, we are also a tight-knit community that is respectful and who typically “do the right thing” for our sport and the athletes.

In this regard, VM is appreciative that most concerns and disputes are identified and resolved by coaches, athletes, parents and teams by self-managing. While keenly interested in all facets and issues of our volleyball community, VM staff, board and committee members simply do not have the resources to become involved in the concerns and issues that may arise and therefore the Board and Staff appeal to all the stakeholders of Club Volleyball to use best and reasonable efforts to self-manage the issues that may arise over the Club Volleyball season.

Dispute Resolution Policy

For circumstances where despite extensive and best efforts, an issue warrants the participation of VM staff and/or Board, then the Dispute Resolution Policy shall be used. It is available on the VM website and is attached to this Handbook as an appendix.

Appeals

In the rare event that a decision is made by Volleyball Manitoba that warrants an appeal, the MVA Appeal Policy can be utilized. It is available on the VM website and is attached to this Handbook as an appendix.

CONDUCT

Any written complaints to Volleyball Manitoba of recruitment or scouting violations, along with violations of the Ethical Standards Manual, shall be investigated using the Investigation Procedure Policy included as an Appendix on our website.

Other

VM Annual Awards Banquet

To conclude the Club Volleyball season, VM organizes an Annual Awards Banquet, recognizing current season and legacy excellence within its membership. The award banquet includes:

- Acknowledging team and individual award winners at Provincial & National Championships;
- Recognizing distinction amongst the volleyball community for a number of individual and team awards, as follows:
 - **Age Class Players of the Year**: Awarded to male and female players of the year, for each age class beginning (from 13U-18U) and for multiple Tiers (as they exist).
 - **Mark Tennant Award**: Awarded annually to a VM Junior (20U) Male Player of the Year – participating in school, university, provincial, national and/or club programs. The award is named for Mark Tennant, who was the typical player who was told he was too small to play, but due to hard-work and dedication to the sport, he went on to play at the University level in Manitoba. Mark went on to become the Head Coach of the University of Saskatchewan Women’s volleyball program and who recently retired but continues to stay involved as a Technical Delegate with the FIVB World University Program. This award is presented annually to the outstanding Junior Male Player whose dedication, enthusiasm and ability are an inspiration to others.
 - **Cheryl Cable Award**: Awarded annually to a VM Junior (20U) Female Player of the Year – participating in school, university, provincial, national and/or club programs. The award is named for Cheryl Cable, a hardworking volleyball player from Manitoba who regrettably died at a young age in a car accident while traveling to a volleyball clinic. This award is presented in memory of Cheryl’s dedication and love for the game to the outstanding Junior Female Player whose dedication, enthusiasm and ability are an inspiration to others.
 - **Nikki Redekop Memorial Scholarship**: The Nikki Redekop Volleyball Scholarships are available to graduating high school students pursuing academics and volleyball excellence at post-secondary levels. Up to two scholarships will be awarded annually. During her lifetime, Nikki Redekop was inspiration to all who knew her because of her strength and determination both on and off the volleyball court. She loved life and lived by the motto “Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night long”. This scholarship is in memory of Nikki and her vibrant spirit that was epitomized in her life. Nikki played on the University of Winnipeg Wesmen Women’s Volleyball Team for two years and on a Senior Women’s Team prior to her passing.
 - **Mary Jean England Coach’s Award** – awarded to both a Developmental & Elite Coach for specific contributions and/or achievements. Mary Jean England was a distinguished coach in Manitoba who tragically was lost to our community as she was involved in a fatal crash driving to a volleyball event.
 - **Volunteer of the Year Award**: Awarded annually to honor an individual who dedicated their time and energy to the development of the sport of volleyball –and specifically for an individual who has worked in a variety of areas within the organization bas of VM.
 - **Wezer Bridle Golden Whistle Award**: Awarded to recognize the outstanding performance by an official in areas of performance and dedication to the sport of volleyball.
 - **Canad Inns Team of the Year**: An award that recognizes outstanding commitment and/or achievement of a current VM Club Team from the past season.

These above noted awards are given out annually to athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers, based on nominations from VM membership, and evaluated by the Awards Committee of VM. Members are encouraged to submit nominations by mail or email (volleyball.pd@sportmanitoba.ca), using the nomination form(s) on the [VM website](#). Deadline for submission of nominations will be May 20, 2016 – allowing time for the awards committee to evaluate the nominations.

- The Manitoba Volleyball Hall of Fame recognizes one or more individual/team inductees in one of three categories:
 - **Athlete**: Have represented the sport of volleyball with distinction, have compiled an outstanding record in volleyball which extends over a period of years, and is either Manitoba born or a Manitoba resident during the period which outstanding performance is claimed.

- **Builder:** Open to an individual serving as a coach, administrator, trainer, manager etc. Demonstrated outstanding service to Volleyball, demonstrated leadership in the Volleyball Community, and Manitoba born or resident during the period for which outstanding contribution is claimed.
- **Team:** Same requirements as the athlete.

The VM Annual Awards Banquet is tentatively scheduled for June 11th, 2017 at Canad Inns Polo Park.

To encourage participation, all Provincial Champion Teams will be provided 12 complimentary tickets to the event.

Please join us as we celebrate our provincial volleyball community.

VM Provincial Team Program

Volleyball Manitoba is proud of the quality of the athletes produced in the province.

Manitoba has a strong history of developing some of Canada's most successful volleyball players, both indoor and on the beach. Many of our athletes have gone on to have long and rewarding University and College careers with some continuing on to play for Canada's National Team and professionally overseas.



This is due in large part to the quality of coaching, the high level of competition and the experiences that our athletes receive in Manitoba at the club and school levels. Each year, Volleyball Manitoba contributes to the continued development of our high performance athletes by running Provincial Teams for 16U – 20U athletes. The goal of the program is to provide our top athletes with a high-level development opportunity. They receive coaching from some of Manitoba's best coaches, play with and against the best athletes from across Manitoba & Canada in their respective age category, get an opportunity to represent their province on Team Toba, build lifelong friendships, and build life skills that will benefit them in the future.

With competitions like Western Canada Summer Games, Canada Summer Games, National Team Challenge Cup and the National Beach Volleyball Championships, athletes have the opportunity to participate in some of Canada's top competitions and multi-sport events which allow athletes to travel across the country and experience the nature of sport at an elite level.

VM would like to ask you for your assistance and partnership to help us provide the best program possible. We encourage all coaches to become actively involved in the programs, either through applying for a coaching position or by helping to identify potential athletes and encouraging their participation.

Throughout the indoor season, Provincial Team coaching staff will be attending events in order to evaluate potential Provincial Team athletes. Please provide them with any support they require. The work and commitment that you contribute as coaches is an integral part of the continued development and success of our athletes.

Manitoba Summer Games Programs – 14U Regional Teams

The Power Smart Manitoba Games are the province's largest ongoing multi-sport program bringing together participants from across the province. The Games are held every two years and alternate between summer and winter sports events. Volleyball is hosted during the Summer Games with the Summer Games being held in Steinbach in 2016, and the subsequent games next taking place in 2020. The age category for volleyball is 14U, and we endeavor to have competitive teams from each region across the province.

Volleyball Manitoba will also be working to establish a 14U training and competition program involving regional athletes on an annual basis, not just during the Manitoba Games every four years. We hope to implement this program starting in the summer of 2017.

National Team Challenge Cup (NTCC) - 16U & 18U

Volleyball Canada has recently re-structured the annual NTCC event to incorporate two age divisions of athletes, Youth (16U) and Junior (18U), for both male & female provincial team categories. The NTCC will see teams from across Canada, with the possibility of international teams competing as well. Volleyball Manitoba generally organizes and sends three teams per gender between the 16U-18U categories to these events. Athletes are identified throughout the High School and Club Season, with ID camps being held throughout the fall and winter with final team selections in later May. These athletes will then train in June & July and will compete at the National Team Challenge Cup (NTCC) in later July.

Canada Summer Games Programs – 18U (Indoor) and 20U (Beach)

The Canada Games are Canada's largest multi-sport events, held every two years alternating between the Canada Summer Games and Canada Winter Games. The Games are the premier Canadian amateur sporting event. The Canada Games Men's and Women's teams are the highest level of the Provincial Team Program. Volleyball is hosted during the Canada Summer Games, with the next upcoming Summer Games to be hosted in **Winnipeg, MB in 2017**.

Western Canada Summer Games Programs – 18U (Indoor) and 20U (Beach)

The Western Canada Games are a multi-sport competition complementing the Canada Summer Games cycle and provides an opportunity for top age-class athletes to test their athletic talent against the best in the west. The next upcoming Western Canada Games will be hosted in Swift Current, SK in 2019 and Manitoba again hopes to send our best 18U indoor and 20U beach athletes to represent Team 'Toba.

Volleyball Manitoba Beach Development/Performance Program

Volleyball Manitoba is currently reviewing how beach volleyball development is being delivered in our province and will again be offering programming next summer for targeted and interested athletes.

VM Summer Series Beach Volleyball Programs

Youth League, Premier Tournaments and Provincial Championships

In addition to the Beach Development Program, Volleyball Manitoba provides competitive opportunities for youth athletes on the sand in the form of our Summer Series Beach Volleyball Youth League, Premier Series Tournaments and Beach Provincial Championships. We offer 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U Age Categories in both Girls and Boys Divisions at the League, Tournament and Championship level. The Youth League runs from Early June to Early August, and includes both a training and competition component. We're currently planning on hosting 2-3 Premier Tournament Events in June and July, with Provincial Championships taking place in Early August followed by Volleyball Canada Western and National Championships in Mid-August. Starting in 2017, we are planning to run all Youth Events out of the new Sargent Beach Volleyball Facility, which was built this past summer in preparation for the 2017 Canada Games.