



TEAM CANADA VOLLEYBALL
Youth Men National Team Program
2018

The purpose of the National Team program is to identify, select and train a group of athletes who have future Senior National Team potential and offer them the opportunity to train and represent Canada in international competition.

PROGRAM		Youth (M)
Athletes		2000 or later (18-17-16U)
# of athletes		28 (2 teams of 14 athletes)
Selection process (See detailed outline below)	Step 1: PTA input	Provincial/Territorial Associations will submit athlete list based on selection criteria
	Step 2: Provincial & National Championships	Selection Committee will attend Provincial & National Championships to identify athletes for selection
Program Dates		July 13 (TBC)-July 29, 2018
Training	Training Location	Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB
Program Fee		Pending Funding Allocations. Estimated between \$3200-\$3500
Main competition	Event	US HP Championships
	Date	July 24-28 (Return July 29)
	Location	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Coaching Staff		Head Coaches: Shawn Sky (AB) Matthew Andrews-Harris (ON) Assistant Coaches: Mike Hawkins (BC) Joel Dyck (SK) Nathan Janzen (ON) Greg Barthel (SK)

Athletes selected to the Youth team will not be available for their Provincial Team

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

STEP 1

Provincial Territorial Athlete identification support -

- Each PTA submits to Volleyball Canada a list of athletes for the VC selection committee to consider during the final selection process at National Championships
- ***There is NO registration process directly with Volleyball Canada***

STEP 2

Provincial & National Championships – Identification and selection

- The selection committee will attend provincial championships, where feasible, as well as National Championships (Edmonton 2018)
- Direct invites to Team Canada athletes will be communicated to each individual athlete by May 25, 2018.

SELECTION PROCESS

The final selection committee will be composed of a minimum of two coaches (2) of the program, Volleyball Canada Representation (TBA) and 1-2 additionally appointed members (TBA).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND BENEFITS

All athletes selected to the Program will be required to pay a program fee. In 2018, Volleyball Canada does not have a fee associated with identification. Athletes are responsible for any fees associated with their provincial association.

The program fee will be determined once funding allocations and program details are in place. This will be announced prior to selection but is expected to be approx. \$3200-\$3500. The program fee will include all food, accommodation, administration, coaching, and flight costs to HP Championships. This fee does not include travel to training location (Calgary, AB).

Selected athletes will be strongly encouraged to participate in the REP program (or VC approved program) in the coming season(s). Selected athletes may receive subsidies toward the program. The extent of support will be confirmed in September 2018.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a Junior Men's National Team in 2018?

Yes, there will be a Junior National Team. The age group will be 1999 or later. The team will be selected May 30-June 3, with training leading to the NORCECA U21 Championships, July 8-16, 2018 in Nicaragua. If selected to the Youth team and born in 2000 or later, athletes are still eligible to be selected to the Junior National Team, if feasible.

How do I find out about my PTAs plans for the summer of 2018?

It is important that you check with your region to ensure you are aware of the selection process for their elite programs. Information is available through your Provincial/Territorial Volleyball Associations website or contact pages.

How will the Provinces and Territories identify athletes?

The PTA's will provide selection process information to all interested athletes. The PTA's will provide VC with a list of athletes to observe at National Championships. VC is not restricted to the PTA list in the selection of athletes but it will formulate the majority of the ID process. Volleyball Canada will provide PTA's with selection criteria, including physical testing guidelines for athletes. The athlete selection criteria will be available on the Volleyball Canada website.

My club team is limited by positions and I believe that I may have greater success in another position but I am unable to showcase that at Provincials/Nationals. How will the selection criteria reflect this situation?

The selection committee will work very closely with the PTA's to ensure athletes are able to be evaluated in various situations. The selection committee will prioritize the physical and mental capacities of the athlete throughout the selection process.

What if my club team is not planning to participate in VC Club Championships?

The club championships are a critical piece of the season plan for our next generation of high performance athletes so it is the expectation that athletes will be in attendance. It would be important to communicate early with Volleyball Canada if your team is unable to attend. It is assumed that athletes will attend their respective provincial championships; the coaching staff will make every effort to ensure a member of the selection committee is able to evaluate athletes.

I am injured and unable to attend VC Championships, what should I do?

Depending on the injury, it is important that athletes are healthy and prepared for training and competition in the month of July. Our first priority is ensure long term athlete development, therefore, if you are unable to participate during nationals, you would be responsible to communicate with your health care provider, coach, and program manager well in advance of the final selection.

The group is not divided by age group. How will you determine how many athletes in each age group will be selected?

There is no set format for an age breakdown. The YNT objective is to identify athletes with future Senior National Team. Athletes may be selected from any age group born 2000 or later. Selection criteria will outline physical characteristics & capacities, including skills, athletic abilities, and mental capacity for a long term high performance athlete pathway.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact dsales@volleyball.ca