



TEAM CANADA VOLLEYBALL  
**Youth Men National Team Program**  
**2019**

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		2001 or later
# of athletes		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 8 (TBC)-July 23, 2019
Training	Training Location	TBD – Proximity to competition will be a factor
Program Fee		Estimated \$3000-3300 (+ travel to/from training/competition location)
Main competition	Event	USA Volleyball HP Championships
	Date	July 17-23, 2019
	Location	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
	Competition Roster	12-14 athletes
Coaching Staff		Head Coach: Matt Harris Asst Coaches: Mike Hawkins, Ian Eibbitt Team Manager: Jared Brown

## 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 Club National Championships

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## **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).

Selected athletes will be notified by May 17, 2019. Due to the selection process, only those selected athletes will be notified and once confirmed, the selected athlete list will be posted. It is not possible to notify every athlete observed at national championships.

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## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

All athletes selected to the Program will be required to pay a program fee. In 2019, 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. \$3000-\$3300. The program fee will include all food, accommodation, administration, coaching, and training expenses associated with the HP Championships. This fee does not include travel to training location and return from home province airport.

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## **TRAINING & COMPETITION ROSTER**

Athletes (12-14) will be selected to the program after National Championships in May. All selected athletes will train as the Youth National Team in preparation for the USA High Performance Championships.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Is there a Junior Men's National Team in 2019?**

Yes, there will be a Junior National Team. The age group will be 1999 or later. The U21 Pan Am Cup will be May 12-May 20, 2019 in Puerto Rico. All information can be found [HERE](#).

### **How do I find out about my PTAs plans for the summer of 2019?**

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?**



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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 overall skill, 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 your PTA 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 to 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.

**How many athletes will you select? Is there selection criteria available?**

The YNT will carry approximately 12-14 athletes in 2019. The selection of athletes will be based on each athlete's individual potential to play on the Senior Men's National Team. Selection criteria is available [HERE](#)