

MARINERS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

ATHLETE SELECTION AND TEAM COMPOSITION

Guiding Principles:

A main objective of MVC is to provide as many athletes as possible the opportunity to participate in Club Volleyball, at the level of training and competition appropriate for their skill level.

MVC primarily serves the Nanaimo community drawing athletes who attend public schools in School District #68, or private schools such as Nanaimo Christian or Aspengrove.

Athletes from outside the Nanaimo area, who wish to join MVC will be considered taking into account their impact on displacing local athletes, and availability for club participation in their Communities.

MVC will run a “house league” or “train & play” format for athletes in the 12U/13U age group, with the culminating event the Island Championships. Team composition will be based on geographic and/or school based groupings.

MVC Teams at the 14U age group will be formed on geographic and/or school based groupings. Team selections will be done by a committee made up of MVC Technical Team members or designates. These teams will compete in the Volleyball BC Provincial Championships as their culminating event.

MVC Teams at the 15U age group will be formed based on player positions and rankings in order to create balanced teams. Team selections will be done by a committee made up of MVC Technical Team members or designates. All teams will attend the Volleyball BC Provincial Championships.

MVC Teams at the 16U and the 17U/18U age groups will be performance based selections. Team selections will be done by a committee made up of MVC Technical Team members or designates. All teams will attend the Volleyball BC Provincial Championships. 16U Teams and above may also choose to attend Western Canadian or National Championships based on their location and financial support.

Athletes may be considered to “play-up” within the 15U/16U and the 17U/18U age group Teams. These decisions will be made by the selection committee, with input from the respective coaches, parents and athlete, utilizing an “athlete-centered” approach.

Criteria for performance based selections will include evaluation of:

- Physical ability and potential – general athleticism, speed & quickness, power, jumping ability.
- Behavioral assessment – attitude, effort, effective communication style, leadership potential.
- Technical assessment – ability to consistently perform the necessary technical skills, decision making and “Volleyball IQ”
- Team composition – necessary structure based on player specialization and flexibility.