



## Mariners Volleyball Club Athlete Selection Guidelines

Mariners Volleyball Club provides athletes the opportunity to participate in community based volleyball with the intent to foster personal growth, development and a passion for the sport of volleyball. MVC primarily serves the Nanaimo community drawing athletes who attend public schools in School District #68, or independent schools such as Aspengrove or Nanaimo Christian.

### **The Mariners Volleyball Club will use the following guidelines when making team selections:**

- 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 & 15U age group will be formed on geographic and/or school based groupings. These teams will compete in the Volleyball BC Provincial Championships as their culminating event.
- 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 submit an expression of interest to attend Western Canadian or National Championships. Please see National Championship Policy for more information.
- Athletes may be considered to “play-up” on Mariner Club 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.