



## **Mariners Volleyball Club Practice Player Policy**

Mariners Volleyball Club (MVC) is dedicated to offering athletes the opportunity to engage in community-based volleyball, aiming to nurture personal growth, development, and a genuine passion for the sport. MVC primarily serves the Nanaimo community, attracting athletes from public schools in School District #68 and independent institutions such as Aspengrove or Nanaimo Christian.

### **Definitions:**

Practice Player: A player not placed on a team's playing roster but eager to enhance their understanding of volleyball through practice sessions.

### **Purpose:**

MVC strives to provide athletes the chance to develop volleyball skills through practice and competition. However, due to limited team positions, MVC has introduced the concept of Practice Players, allowing athletes to participate in skill development drills and practices without being on the playing roster.

### **Selection of Practice Players:**

- To be considered, players must attend tryouts or submit an external tryout application.
- Placement is based on player numbers in age groups and minimum playing level ability.
- Selections for the 14-18U age groups involve consultation between coaches and selection committees.
- In cases of Performance and Club teams in the same age group, practice players will be placed on the club teams.

### **Practice Player Fees:**

- Practice Players will pay the Mariners Volleyball Club Fee for their respective age group or an amount determined by the MVC board of directors.
- The Practice Player Fee includes, but is not limited to:
  - Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC Registration fees
  - Practice-related expenses (gym rentals, janitorial costs, equipment)
  - Club administration costs, and
  - Select team apparel decided by the MVC board.



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### **Practice Player Participation in Playdays/Tournaments:**

- Practice Players will NOT participate in playdays, tournaments, or competitive matches against other clubs unless the team encounters hindrances, such as injuries, illness, or absences, preventing their participation in the event due to a shortage of athletes. In such instances, the following procedures must be followed:
  - The coach is required to contact the MVC Executive Committee to obtain approval to bring a Practice Player to a specific event.
  - If approved, the Practice Player incurs an extra fee of \$30 for in-region playdays or \$100 for out-of-region tournaments, becoming a rostered athlete for that event only and subject to MVC Playtime Policy.

### **Practice Player to Fully Rostered Athlete:**

- If a rostered athlete resigns, leaving a team with fewer than 12 athletes, the coach, in consultation with the executive committee, may offer a Practice Player the opportunity to become a rostered athlete for the remainder of the season.
- If accepted, the Practice Player pays either the full participation amount or an amount determined appropriate by the MVC board.

Practice Players continue skill development during the club season, even if not participating in competitions, with the goal of potentially joining a team in the following season.

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