2026 Team Manitoba Black Program Description

Program Overview

Team Manitoba is Volleyball Manitoba's provincial team program, designed to develop and showcase the province's top athletes. Running throughout June and July, this highly competitive program provides athletes with advanced training, exposure to high-level coaching, and opportunities to compete against other provinces.

Team Manitoba Black serves as the second stage in the pathway, emphasizing skill refinement, system development, and competition exposure. The 2026 Team Manitoba Black program is open to athletes born in 2010–2011. Athletes in this program begin to specialize in specific positions or continue exploring different roles. This is also the phase where both male and female athletes are introduced to the Libero position for the first time.

Key Objectives:

- Consolidate primary volleyball skills
- Train at a higher frequency and intensity
- Develop advanced positional skills and team systems
- Test skill application in a competitive setting through an end-of-program event
- Prepare athletes for Team Manitoba Gold

New for 2026, Volleyball Manitoba has partnered with Sask Volleyball and will be implementing a training/exhibition game series with Sask's 15U Future Selects program. 16 of the top 15U Manitoba athletes will be selected out of our Team Manitoba Black training pool and will be sent to Regina from July 17-21, 2026 to train with Sask athletes and coaches to further develop their skills. This is a special opportunity for future Canada Games aged athletes. Please note, 16U athletes participating in the Team Manitoba Black program are not eligible for the additional training with Sask Volleyball.

Composition: Athletes born in 2010 and 2011.

- **Female:** up to 48 total players selected.
- **Male:** up to 48 total players selected

Selection Process

Step 1: Complete the Athlete Identification Form

- Athletes will only be considered for the Final Selection Camps upon completion of this form.
- Click here for the Athlete Identification Form.
- The form will close on March 28, 2026 at 11:59pm.

Step 2: Register for the Final Selection Camps

- Registration for the Final Selection Camps will open on April 1, 2026, and close on May 1, 2026.
- Following the review of the Athlete Identification forms, players will be invited to attend the Team Manitoba selection camp at the date and location set by Volleyball Manitoba. It is the intention of Volleyball Manitoba to provide as many athletes as

possible with the opportunity to compete for a position with a Team Manitoba program.
- Please note that advance registration is required, walk-ups will not be accepted due to limited gym space and safety considerations.

Step 3: Attend Final Selection Camps
- **The Final Selection Camps will take place between June 1-14. Final dates, times and locations will be posted in the coming weeks.**

Program Cost

This year's Team Manitoba Black programming is anticipated to cost $500 as a member of the training group. This number is based on 48 athletes per program and could be subject to change dependent on final participation numbers.
These fees include:
- Facility Costs
- Team Manitoba Branded Gear (3 Shirts and 1 Hoody)
- Coaching
- End of Season Event
- Administrative Costs

If you are a 15U athlete selected to participate in the training series with Saskatchewan the anticipated costs would rise to $1,500.
These fees include:
- Transportation to Regina (Bus)
- Accommodations in Regina
- Backpack
- Jerseys
- Facility fees

Athletes will be responsible for their own meals.

Sask Training Group - 15U Team Manitoba (1 Men and 1 Women - Born 2011 or later)

Composition for the Event:

- Men - 16 15U athletes and 2 coaches (train as one group and split into two squads of 8 athletes for matches)
- Women - 16 15U athletes and 2 coaches (train as one group and split into two squads of 8 athletes for matches)

All training & matches will be held at Bunge International Trade Centre, Regina, SK.

Dates - July 15 to 17, 2026

- Wednesday morning - Manitoba travel to Regina
- Wednesday night - Training session
- Thursday morning - Match #1 (MB1 vs SKGreen) and (MB2 vs SKWhite)
- Thursday afternoon - Training session
- Thursday evening - Match #2 (MB1 vs SKWhite) and (MB2 vs SKGreen)

- Friday morning - Matches #3 (Mix up athletes within your teams as needed - try out new combinations)
- Friday afternoon - Manitoba travels back

Athletes will be selected from our pool of Team Manitoba Black Athletes who fall into this age category. This opportunity is for the age category who will be future Canada Games aged athletes. This is a pilot year and with successful implementation, Volleyball Manitoba and Sask Volleyball plan to flip hosting duties every year and continue to provide enhanced training opportunities.

Coaches & Coach Selection Process

Volleyball Manitoba has enhanced its coach selection policy to include a more thorough screening and interview process, ensuring that all selected coaches meet the high standards expected within our programs. We are committed to identifying coaches who demonstrate technical and tactical excellence and who embody Volleyball Manitoba's core values. Our goal is to select individuals who represent the province with pride, integrity, and professionalism, and who are genuinely dedicated to developing athletes by fostering growth, learning, and a lifelong love for the game.

Coaches will be posted on our website by March 13, 2026.

Training Schedule

Training will take place from June 30, 2026 until our Final Team Manitoba Event on July 24/25, 2026. The Team Manitoba Black program will train 3 times per week on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays in the evenings. The final training schedule will be released prior to the final selection camps in June. Athletes who participate in the Sask training will still participate in the Final Team Manitoba Event.

If you have any questions regarding the Team Manitoba Black program please contact Jen Horvath at jen@volleyballmanitoba.ca