2026 Team Manitoba Gold 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 Gold represents the final stage of the provincial development pathway. This program is designed for high-performance athletes who are preparing to transition into post-secondary volleyball programs and Volleyball Canada's national programs. Athletes in this program compete at the highest level within the province and travel nationally to compete in the Canada Cup and Canada Games.

Key Objectives:

- Refine elite-level skills and game strategies
- Prepare athletes for post-secondary and national team opportunities
- Compete against the best athletes in the country at Canada Cup
- Serve as a direct stepping stone to Volleyball Canada's development programs

Composition: Athletes born in 2009 & 2008. Athletes born in 2010 may be invited to tryouts on an individual basis by Team Manitoba Coaches & Technical Director.

- **Female:** up to 26 total players selected.
- **Male:** up to 26 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.**

Canada Cup 2026
Dates: July 21 - 26, 2026
Location: Bunge International Trade Centre - 1700 Elphinstone St, Regina, SK S4P 2Z6
Accommodations: TBD, Volleyball Canada has a Stay in Play policy for Canada Cup. The finalized hotel will be shared at a later date.
Travel: Bus

Program Cost

This year's Team Manitoba Gold programming is anticipated to cost $1,800-$2,000. This number is based on 52 athletes and could be subject to change depending on final travel costs.
These fees include:

- Facility Costs
- Team Manitoba Branded Gear (3 Shirts and 1 Hoody)
- Coaching
- Strength and Conditioning
- Administrative Costs
- Canada Cup
    - Travel
    - Accommodations
    - Jerseys & Backpacks
    - Tournament Fee

Athletes will be responsible for their own meals while at Canada Cup.

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 departure to Canada Cup. The Team Manitoba Gold program will train 4 times per week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays in the evenings. The final training schedule will be released prior to the final selection camps in June.

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