2026 Team Manitoba Selection Process and Timeline

The 2026 Team Manitoba Selection Process directly follows the *Team Manitoba Athlete Selection Policy.* These steps are designed to ensure fairness and to provide a more inclusive environment for athletes throughout Manitoba.

Selection to Team Manitoba is a privilege that comes with the responsibility to proudly represent the Province and Association at National and International competitions.

Volleyball Manitoba has established specific eligibility and selection criteria to be used in all of the Team Manitoba provincial programs. The goal is to identify and select players for our provincial pathway and drive the development of volleyball in Manitoba.

Step 1: Athlete Identification

- **Team Manitoba Athlete Identification Form**
- ***[Available: February 2 – March 28, 2026]***
    - This form is open to the public. It is the first step in identifying interest for the 2026 Team Manitoba Programming. Any athletes that are interested in participating this summer are asked to complete the form in its entirety before the deadline.

Step 2: Selection Camp Invitations

- Invitation to attend Team Manitoba Final Selection Camps.
- ***[Sent out April/May, exact dates TBD]***
    - Following the review of the Athlete Identification forms by the Technical Director, Provincial Performance Committee and Team Manitoba Coaches, 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 but not all athletes who complete the Athlete ID form may be invited to the Final Selection Camps.

Step 3: Selection Camps

- On-court evaluations with Team Manitoba Coaches.
- ***[June 1-13, exact dates TBD]***

- Selection is based on the following criteria: Physical, Individual Skill, Tactical, Behavioral, and **potential** to develop. More information on this criteria can be found in the *Team Manitoba Athlete Selection Policy.*

Step 4: Final Team Selection

- Athletes are selected to participate in the 2026 Team Manitoba programming.
- ***[One day following the last selection camp session]***
  - At the conclusion of the selection camp, athlete selection will be made by the head and assistant coaches in cooperation with the Technical Director & Performance Coach and the Provincial Performance Committee as third party evaluators. Player selections will be reviewed to ensure that there were no club/team biases in the selection made by the coaches, all selections were based on the Team Manitoba Selection Criteria, and the selections are aligned with the primary focus of the respective Team Manitoba program.

Step 5: Program Launch

- The selected athletes officially join the 2026 Team Manitoba Program.
- **[July 2025]**
- Athletes begin a high-performance training pathway that includes:
  - Team practices with top provincial coaches
  - Strength & conditioning sessions
  - Competition opportunities

This is where the mission begins, training together, pushing limits, and preparing to represent Manitoba.

*Please note: This timeline provides a general overview of the 2026 Team Manitoba Selection process and may be subject to adjustments as needed.