14UG Season Overview

The Season Overview is a way to lay out the vision for the 2026 club season to parents and players so that there is a clear understanding of how the 14UG teams will operate.

Team: 14UG
Practice Times:

Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm (Selkirk)

Sunday 1:00-3:00pm (Porter Creek Secondary)

Additional Practice – Starting after March break (TBA)

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Team Goals/Vision:

Our goal is to inspire excitement and interest in the sport. We will focus on developing age-appropriate individual and team skills, creating a positive learning environment where athletes can enjoy volleyball while building strong fundamentals and gaining broader lessons from sport. Players will be introduced to positional play and will have opportunities to explore different positions throughout the season as they develop the skills needed to compete at a higher level.

As the season progresses, athletes will be encouraged to challenge themselves, work hard, and embrace competition in both practices and games. We would like to see all athletes play as equally as possible; however, we cannot guarantee equal playing time. Because we are competing at a higher level, playing time will also reflect athlete readiness, effort, and commitment. Additionally, certain volleyball positions naturally affect how playing time can be distributed, and circumstances such as illness, scheduling conflicts, or matches extending to a third set may also impact playing time.

Our team vision aligns with Volleyball Canada's philosophy that "the single most important measure of success is that athletes enjoy their volleyball experience and want to continue to play the following season" (Volleyball Canada Development Matrix, p. 39).

Planned Tournaments:

Local

- Volleyball Yukon Season Opener: January 24-25, 2026
- Subzero Volleyball Club Serves You Right: February 20-22, 2026
- Volleyball Yukon Club Championships: April 9-12, 2026

Out of Territory

• **TBA** – Our goal is to attend **1-2 outside tournaments**, with the option of entering **two teams** depending on player availability/registration guidelines.

For **U14G Nationals**, one team of 10-12 athletes will be selected (details TBA).

VC Nationals -14U - May 7-10, 2026 (Edmonton, AB)

Travel Team Selection:

All players will have the opportunity to participate in **three local tournaments**. If there are more than 12 interested players for the out of territory tournament, we will do our best to enter two teams, but this will be subject to tournament registration availability.

For Nationals — one competitive team will be selected based on effort, attitude, skill, practice attendance, and team cohesion.

Parent Involvement: Parent involvement is critical to the success of the team. Our team will require 1-2 Travel Coordinators, a Raffle Coordinator and a Team Parent among other roles. For details on these roles see the Subzero 2026 Volunteer Sign-up Sheet.

*NOTES: We will require at least one dedicated parent to act as a support person per team on out-of-territory trips. This could be the Team Parent or Travel Coordinator. Travel planning typically begins in late January/early February. The expectation is that coaches will be focusing on coaching during tournaments and the parent support person(s) will help with logistical considerations while at the tournament. One of the expectations is that the support person acts as driver.

The club applies, through Volleyball Yukon, for Lotteries Yukon's Travel Assistance Program (TAP) funding. The **Travel Assistance Program** assists Yukon people with travel expenses to compete outside of Yukon. If the criteria remain the same as last year, each athlete will receive a \$400 reimbursement after travel is complete. Support persons also receive funding based on a formula.