

JUNIOR CANUCKS 2018

Junior Canucks is a new program just entering its second year. In the 2017 season we offered U13 Girls, U14 Girls and U13/U14 Boys programs. The three groups all included 30+ athletes. Those 30+ athletes learned the game together in practice settings and then were split off into teams of 10 for the local and provincial level tournaments. All teams developed significantly in terms of their volleyball skills, their ability to work as a team, learn from coaches, and compete at the provincial level. Most importantly their love for the game of volleyball grew. We are very proud of all that these groups have accomplished and are excited to announce that we have added some great new coaches and will be offering an expanded program for the 2018 club season.

In 2018 we will continue to develop well rounded athletes who learn the value of hard work, discipline, positive attitude and sportsmanship. We will continue with multi-team groups of around 25-30 kids on 2 courts with 1 experienced leader in charge of the whole group. The group leaders for 2018 will be Camille Saxton with the U12 and U13 girls, Jason Evans and Stefan Filip with U13 and U14 girls, Ryan Marsden with U15 girls and Stefan Filip with U16 girls. On the boys side we will have Randy Popplestone with U12 and 13 boys and Steve Burnside with U13 and U14 boys plus Stefan Filip with the U15/U16 boys group.

The boys will all practice on Sunday afternoons at the Volleydome, Wednesday evenings at our new GYM facility (just south of Cross Iron Mills), and on Friday evenings at the Volleydome. The girls will practice on Sunday evenings at the GYM, on Wednesday evenings at the Volleydome and on Saturday afternoons at the Volleydome. Detailed practice times for each age group will be posted on our new JR CANUCKS web page coming soon.

The teams will all compete in Volleyball Alberta provincial tournaments and the U14, U15, and U16 teams will also compete in the Canadian Nationals in Edmonton around the May long week-end (May 16-19 for U15 & U16. May 19-22 for U14). For the U12 and U13 teams we will host a final open tournament May 12 & 13 hopefully including some out of province teams to wrap up their seasons as well.

The fees for these teams will be: \$1250 for U12 and U13 teams.
 \$1450 for U14 teams (going to nationals in Edmonton)
\$1650 for U15 and U16 teams (extra training and traveling plus another AVA tournament).

This fee includes all the coaching, gym time, registrations, tournament fees, uniforms, and balls. It does not include traveling costs. Parents will need to organize their own accommodations and food during tournaments throughout the season. The U14 aged players will be in Calgary for most tournaments, but the U15 and U16 kids will be out of town as many as 4 times during the season. For a full schedule of practices and tournaments you can go to our new JR. CANUCKS web page coming soon.

We would like to offer spots to as many kids as we can (limited by coaching and gym time), but this is a competitive program where players will compete amongst the best players in the province so we will be conducting tryouts in December in association with the Canuck Club tryouts. You can register for the combined tryout by going to the following link:

To see the tentative tryout schedule please go here: