

## United Towns Pilot Program – 25/26 Provincial Championships

To facilitate opportunities for athletes to participate in 13U and 14U NLVA school-based events, the following amendment is proposed as a **pilot for the 2025–2026 Provincial Championships**.

- *An exception may be granted to allow a United Towns team to play in the 13U or 14U NLVA Provincial Championships that is comprised of athletes from different schools and/or regions based on the following criteria:*

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### 1. Eligibility

**1.1** Athletes must attend a school in Newfoundland and Labrador and be in Grade 7 or 8.

**1.2** Athletes may only apply to a United Towns team **if their school does not offer a team in their grade or in the grade above.**

**1.3** A letter of support from the school administration must confirm:

- that no school team exists for the athlete in their grade or the grade above
- that the school supports the athlete(s) participating on a United Towns team.

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### 2. Team Formation

**2.1** United Towns teams must be independently coached and may not be affiliated with any school. Uniforms must not display school names or logos.

**2.2** A maximum of **four (4)** athletes from any single school may apply to a United Towns team.

**2.3** Teams must have a minimum roster of **nine (9)** athletes to be eligible to compete. Permission to participate with **eight (8)** athletes must be approved prior to the event.

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### 3. Restrictions

**3.1** United Towns teams are **not permitted to register for Volleyball Canada Nationals.**

**3.2** If a team exists in the grade above, athletes will not be permitted to join a United Towns team.

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#### 4. Administration & Coaching

**To apply for or create a United Towns Team a coach must:**

- 4.1** be a **volunteer** and may not receive compensation.
- 4.2** be responsible for securing gym time and organizing practices.
- 4.3** ensure that athletes provide all required documentation from their school administration.
- 4.4** Submit the United Towns application for review to the Regional Director of the region the team wishes to represent (e.g., *United Towns – Eastern, United Towns – Western, etc*).

Regional Director contact information:

<https://nlvolleyball.net/information/regional-directors/>

If deemed appropriate by the Regional Director, the application will then be forwarded to the NLVA Board of Directors for final approval.



**Goal:** As a school-based PSO, the NLVA will provide opportunities for athletes in Grades 7–8 to experience meaningful competition in school-based events, where no opportunity exists.