



Annual General Meeting

JUNE 6 - 2026

NLVA Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 6, 2026

Location: (St. John's) MUN PE 2001

9:00am

Call to Order

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

Approval of 2025 Minutes

Errors and omissions

NLVA 2025-2026 Review (Russ Jackson)

- Presidents Report (Finton Gaudette)
- Tournaments (Indoor/Beach)
- NLVOA (Officials – Cindy Collins)
- Coach and Athlete Development (Nick Higgins)
- Canada Games Reports
- Audit (Russ Jackson)
- Volleyball Canada Update (Finton Gaudette)

Presentations & Information:

- School Based Teams – Application 2026
- Disciplinary Committee Update – Sanction Scale
- Adult Provincial Championships
- School/Club Liaison Position
- Club Survey

New Business Items:

Discussions

Tournament Bidding (Tournament Dates – VF/VW/VC-Seniors)

Election of Officers

President

2nd Vice President

Regionals Officials Chair

Secretary

Regional Directors (Voting Positions)

Labrador – Central – Eastern – Avalon 1

Appointment of Auditor

Scheduling of 2026 AGM

2:00pm

Awards Luncheon (Sandman Hotel – St. John's)

President's Report

Finton Gaudette – President

Happy Birthday, NLVA. This year marked a significant milestone as we celebrated 60 years as an association, along with the 30th anniversary of VolleyFest, both of which were recognized in exceptional fashion.

This year also brought notable individual achievements within our volleyball community. NLVA Hall of Famer Susan Rendell was inducted into the Sport NL Hall of Fame. Falon McLoughlin was named Junior Female Athlete of the Year (Margaret Davis Memorial Award) for the second consecutive year. Jayden St. Croix was recognized as a Sport NL finalist for Rising Star Coach of the Year, and Sam Blackwood was selected to the Canadian National Excellence Program in Gatineau, Quebec. These accomplishments represent only a small portion of the many successes experienced this year.

I would also like to acknowledge the induction to the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame for **Guy Bradbury – Referee!**

Guy Bradbury began his career as an official in Newfoundland in the early 1970s. He received his provincial referee's badge in 1971, followed by his regional badge in 1974 and his national badge in 1980. In 1983, Guy was awarded International Referee status by the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) in 1983.

On a national level, Guy has officiated numerous U Sports Championships and over his career has served as either a R1 or R2 for more than a dozen gold medal matches.

On the International level, Guy has had a remarkable career. He has officiated at three World Student Games including in Edmonton in 1983 and has traveled as a referee with Canada's National Women's Team on several international tours. In 2000, he was nominated as a referee in the World League of Volleyball. Most recently, he was nominated as a Referee Coach at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

It is through Guy's leadership that our referees are well respected around the globe, and this makes him a most deserving inductee into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, our province had the honour of hosting the Canada Summer Games, welcoming top amateur athletes, coaches, officials, and families from across the country. I would like to extend sincere appreciation to all volunteers who contributed to making both the beach and indoor volleyball competitions outstanding.

Additionally, it is important to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our provincial firefighting teams during last summer's wildfires. Fires came dangerously close to communities in Paradise, CBS, and the beach court facility, resulting in a two-day delay. However, due to their courage and dedication, the situation could have been far worse. We extend our deepest gratitude for their service.

Following the Canada Summer Games, two members of our volleyball community were awarded Canada Games Honorable Service Pins. These pins symbolize excellence and are presented to individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment and impact. Congratulations to Jillian Lahey and Chris Lake for this well-deserved recognition.

I would also like to thank the coaching staffs and the athletes of our respective Canada Games teams for their dedication and hard work.

The 2026 season also saw a record number of participants attend Volleyball Canada National Championships. The province was represented by 83 teams, along with 17 officials, and Cindy Collins, who participated as a referee coach.

At this time, I would like to recognize Cindy Collins for her 16 years of service as Regional Officials Chair. Cindy has announced her resignation from this role. Her leadership has contributed significantly to the growth and development of referees within the province. The increasing number of officials being selected for Volleyball Canada events reflects the quality of her work. On behalf of the association, thank you, Cindy, for your dedication and lasting impact.

The Board of Directors experienced an exceptionally demanding year, balancing routine operations alongside hosting the Canada Summer Games and preparing for the upcoming Newfoundland Summer Games. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to each board member for their commitment, professionalism, and dedication throughout this challenging period.

I would also like to recognize our office staff: Russ Jackson, Luke Harris, Stewart MacPherson, and Kim Blagdon. Their leadership and commitment serve as the foundation of our organization.

Over the past year, the team successfully organized:

- NLVA Leagues Indoor and Beach (Sept – June Indoor/ June-August Beach)
- 3 Major Festival Events – Volley-West-Fest-Central (Oct-Nov)
- 8 Regional Events (Nov – Dec)
- 12 Provincial Tournaments
- Adult Provincial Championships
- Annual General Meeting and Awards/ Hall of Fame
- Team NL Programs (Selection Weekend/ Next Gen/ PTE/ EEC/ Canada Cup/ Canada Games)
- New Provincial Beach Program
- Just keep adding.....

Their efforts—often extending into evenings and weekends—are both significant and greatly appreciated.

On a more serious note, it appears that the Markus Hicks trial has reached its conclusion. It is our hope that those affected can now begin the process of healing. After nearly three years, the association can move forward on this matter, allowing both staff and board members to shift their focus toward continued growth and development.

In closing, 2026 has been a landmark year for NLVA, marked by celebration, achievement, and resilience. The continued success of our association is a direct result of the dedication of our athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, and board members. Thank you all for your ongoing contributions to the sport of volleyball in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**2025 NLVA Annual General Meeting
May 31, 2025 Mun Phys Ed Building (St. John's)**

Attendance 2025	
Name	School/Club/Voting Member/Other
Chad Richards	NLVA Executive
Glen Moulton	NLVA Executive
Chris Lake	NLVA Executive
Nick Higgins	NLVA Executive
Randy Manning	NLVA Executive
Catherine Strickland	NLVA Executive
Eric Hiscock	NLVA Past President
Cindy Collins	NLVA Executive/ROC
Finton Gaudette	NLVA Executive/President
Peter Butt	NLVA Regional Director Western
Ryan Keats	PWC/Seahawks VC/NLVA Regional Director
Stephen Martin	NLVA Regional Director Labrador
Sydney Rohm	Seahawks WVB/Canada Games Staf (Female)
Krista Pitcher	QE 16U/CBS VC/Women's League
Brad Pitcher	CBS Volleyball/Modern Paving
Nathan Lake	MPSH/CBS Volleyball 17U

Dale Groves	School (Holy Spirit High)
Kim Groves	Paradise Intermediate 6's
Tristan Burridge	QE/CBS Volleyball
Nassim Missaghian	Gonzaga HS/MDJHS
Lisa Hounsell Clarke	MDJH
Cindy Pretty	NLVOA
Greg French	Paradise 9's
John Slauinwaite	HHM/
Brian Bennett	QE Boys/CBS Volleyball
Deon Goulding	GC/Loopers
James Maher	St. Peter's Junior High
David Furey .	Smash/MPSH
Brian Laing	PWC/NLVOA
Susan Mosher	FRJH Gr 8 Boys
Terry Mosher	CBS 16U Volleyball (Female)
Brad Piercey	Gonzaga/Avalon
Dion Piercey	Crossfire/NLVA Regional Director Eastern
Paul Loveless	Smash Volleyball
Stewart Ralph	Avalon Sky High Performance
Robert Chin	Brookside Int
Karen Murphy	Seahawks VC

Todd Martin	Seahawks VC
Nicole Walsh	SPJH
Samantha Pitts	NLVOA
Susan Avery	Holy Family Elementary
Nicole Brown	MDJH
Mitch Lundrigan	Avalon Volleyball Club
Matthew Cooper	Gale Force VC

Meeting called to order at 9:36am

Finton welcomed everyone for attending the NLVA AGM

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the 2025 AGM are provided in a booklet for attendees to look at before acceptance
- Motion to approve minutes by Cindy Collins, Seconded by Chris Lake •
Motion carried and minutes approved

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda provided in the AGM Booklet
- Motion to approve agenda by Catherine Strickland, seconded by Chad Richards •
Motion carried to approve agenda

Errors or Omissions from Reports - None were noted

Note about Governance Policies

Finton explained that policy decisions are not changed here but we will listen to concerns and discuss policy options

NLVA 2025-2026 Review (Russ Jackson)

Pressure on Staff

- ❖ Russ discussed the difficulty in managing staff in terms of trying to arrange time off when you work 14 weeks in a row
 - In talking to other provinces he assessed that our office is doing 70% more
 - Other provinces do not have High School Sports to contend with and a 3 week provincials window
 - Every event was at capacity
 - The Development of the Club system has brought increased workload both during the season and after Nationals with such things as concerns brought by parents and coaches.
 - Safesport has really contributed to this; an essential part of what we do but creates workload issues
 - Another huge challenge is the Senior Championships; 130 teams is massive
 - Do we want Gander; we lost 12000.00 this year. The officiating costs are huge
 - Survey is going out to teams to determine how they feel about keeping there or moving it to town

Presidents Report (Finton Gaudette)

- ❖ Finton recognized Past President Eric Hiscock who was recognized as the Executive of the Year by SportNL
- Finton also recognized Falon McLoughlan who was presented the Margaret Davis Memorial Award for Senior Female Athlete of the Year for 2025 for the City of St. John's. Finton spoke briefly about his report which is found in the AGM booklet

Hall of Fame

- ❖ Russ discussed the logistics for the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet later in the evening
- ❖ We do the HOF every 2-3 years
- ❖ It runs about 27 000.00 per year

Tournaments (Indoor/Beach)

- ❖ According to Finton, we will be able to run programs from the new beach facility this summer.
- ❖ We are in the process of hiring people for July (August will tied up with Canada Games0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NLVOA (Newfoundland and Labrador Officials Association Report - Cindy)

- ❖ Cindy went through her report and highlighted the following
 - We had a record breaking number of recruits
 - Congratulations to Chad Richards who achieved his Level 3
 - Retention of Referees is a challenge but that is the case across the country
 - Nationals was a huge success for our referees
 - We are in the process of getting ready for Canada Games
 - Will need more people for sand rakers and ball retrievers
 - Next year will be Cindy's last year in this position and they are currently transitioning Brad McCarthy for the role.

CAD (Coach and Athlete Development Committee - Nick)

- ❖ Nick presented his report and highlighted:
 - It has been a few years since we have enforced Coach requirements other than the Safe Sport one, but this is an important focus again.
 - EEC was a huge success
 - We are doing well at Nationals which is an indication that the Coach Education we are conducting is having an impact.

Canada Games Overview

Indoor

- ❖ This report can be found in the AGM booklet
- ❖ All teams have been finalized

Beach (Finton)

- ❖ Male pool is extremely strong and decisions were tough; came down to interviews about how the partnerships would work.
- ❖ Finton was concerned that he had reports from the female side that some players who did not tryout were discouraged by their indoor coaches. As a result the pool is not as strong
- ❖ He feels the Beach game benefits the indoor game.
- ❖ The new facility in Paradise gives us hope for higher numbers in the future

General Notes (Russ)

- ❖ This is an expensive endeavour; most athletes have spent thousands to be there.
- ❖ Russ thanked the Canada Games coaches for the work they have done!
- ❖ There is a plan for an Open Event (a test event) for Canada Games Beach courts (an Adult event with 12-15 teams)

Volleyball Canada Update (Finton)

- ❖ Finton will be leaving for VC meetings on Thursday
- ❖ Luke will be attending from the office staff

PRESENTATIONS

Canada Games Update (Chris- Liaison with CG committee)

Beach

- ❖ Feature Court is being built
- ❖ Practice facility opened 3 weeks ago

Indoor

- ❖ Scheduled to set up new Sport Court as a test on Wednesday
- ❖ We would love to have more volunteers for Indoors especially
- ❖ We take volunteers younger than 16
- ❖ Chris and Cindy will onboard volunteers in the Portal.

Smash Ball Grant 2025 (Russ)

- ❖ This is cost shared through celebrate NL; we match the amount they provide
- ❖ Targeting athletes younger than Grade 6
- ❖ We are at capacity
- ❖ This is free for participants through the Club system
- ❖ There is a plan for a 1 day event (4 regions)

Safe Sport (Luke Harris - Technical Director)

- ❖ This was year 2 of our Discipline Committee
 - We had a couple of incidents of coaches being disciplined for improper conduct
- ❖ We have shifted away from OSEC, which was a considerable expense (7000.00 last year) that was difficult to account for. Instead we are partnering with ITP Sports who have a paid 3rd party to triage reports
- ❖ Code of Conduct incidents go to NLVA and potentially our Discipline committee
- ❖ Safe Sport concerns go to ITP
 - When you start the process you are not filing a complaint you have to give approval to proceed.
- ❖ 2025-26 Season Updates
 - Head Coach and Assistant Coaches will register separately
 - Will need all 5 aspects of Safesport completed to be approved: Safesport, MED, Vulnerable Sector Check, Screening Disclosure, and Making Headway
 - We will match game sheets to registration ❖ Questions
 - Can the contact info be sent out by clubs; yes absolutely you can post or link it
 - How do CCES and ITP Integrate?
 - Luke indicated that we are not sure yet

- We chose ITP because of the financial aspect
- We have to update links to the National Database Monthly
- Code of Conduct concerns will not be on that National Registry

Club Survey and Policy Update (Luke)

There were a number of questions about Club Policy and Regulations

- A lot of our Feedback forms indicated that clubs wanted to start earlier in the season
 - Russ indicated we don't have enough skills training as it is and the time before club season is a period to implement this and that clubs can operate and get revenue just not as a team.
 - Luke indicated that there is not benefit to allowing players to commit in September
- Concern raised that the late start create an issue for Fundraising
- Luke indicated we are changing some policies
 - athletes can now resign with a club not just a team.
 - We have changed the length of the window
 - Some clubs did require a deposit before the window closed last year
 - Parents won't file a complaint (fear or retribution)
- Luke then explained in detail the intent of these policies and how the process works.
- Suggestion from the floor that we have a Calendar for dates on the NLVA website
 - Luke and Russ indicated that it is there and highlighted it live
 - A follow suggested that it was confusing and a chart/cheat sheet could be developed
- Luke gave more feedback on the club survey
 - 68 completed/325 sent out
 - 25% were not aware of the club policy document
 - 72% did not resign with the club
 - 55% of respondents did not know if the club was for profit or not
 - 11% of our total membership are in clubs
 - Someone commented that the survey may not have been clear in its intentions: Luke did say that the survey was tracked for abandonment and that wasn't an issue
- There was a discussion about the benefits of resigning and reaching out to players
 - Luke argued that if they enjoy their experience they will resign but reaching out in advance creates a perception problem
 - The practice of identifying how many spots were actually available before the tryouts seemed to be well-received

- There was concern raised about 13U/15U and how many you take and the overlap with school teams
 - It was indicated this is really a club issue ❖ Rankings were mentioned as a concern:
 - Clubs are meant to be played at a high level with best on best but we have so many clubs that are playing and using it more as a participatory event that rankings are impacted by clubs that are not competitive
 - Luke said that ultimately this is a club issue to problem solve around
- A question was asked about skills camps that are really disguising team practice in the time before teams can be organized. Are there any parameters.
 - Luke said that we need these camps as provincially we have a skills deficit and that clubs need revenue.
 - If clubs are focusing on the players they want on teams then report it and we can look into it.
 - It was wondered if we could put rules in place around this (Luke liked this idea)
 - Luke also mentioned we can't get into dictating how a business can operate
- Club Championships
 - Russ expressed concern about the if we should be doing it as it has become an event that adds to staff fatigue; it is another 3-4 full days
 - He said that maybe clubs could run it; no other provincial organizations run a similar event
 - Someone mentioned that the school-based focus is appreciated and we can't abandon it but if we don't have this tournament what are we doing to support our Club programs where are our top athletes are supposed to be
 - Russ mentioned clubs could run a sanctioned event but another member commented that we should develop a committee with the clubs and it could stay with the NLVA
- There was a discussion around regions and regional boundaries
 - Girls with large numbers is a much different situation than boys programs; the low numbers in boys means we have a much more difficult time developing competitive teams
 - It was mentioned that we could combine regions
 - Luke respond with an explanation of the regional system and how it works to our favour and that we are guided by Volleyball Canada to not change policies when there are solutions ❖ Volleyball Canada Rankings
 - Luke presented on the screen how the seeding system works to the audience
 - The point was made that we need a pathway for teams that are exceptional
 - Luke indicated that recommendations can be made but it is very group specific

- He also indicated that VC reps are at each match and watch for these situations;
 - As well he said consecutive 9-0 records at Nationals for one of our 16 u teams will allow a higher ranking next year
- Men's Olympic Qualifications
 - We tried in 2024 and the funding fell through
 - Money and proposal for 2026 are ready to go
 - Another possibility is a NORSECA female event
 - Mile One is tentatively booked
 - It would be a 5 day event
 - Host has to pay for all Travel and all needs while here.

Audit

- Russ explained the revenue increases and how they occurred
- He talked about the reduction to the student grant program and its impacts
- He discussed the increased cost of officials and the extra courses conducted for officials
- We are doing better than other PSO's in terms of the money we are taking in and spending; taking up 25% of Russ' time.
- The impact of the Canada Game was explained; Even though we are hosting we get the lowest allotment of any province

The Audit was approved; moved by Todd Martin and seconded by Eric Hiscock

The Appointment of our Auditor (Jamie Hart) was approved; moved by John and seconded by Dion: Jamie Hart

Adoption of Reports

Presidents Report: Approved; moved by Chris Lake and seconded by Todd Martin

NLVOA Report: Approved; moved by Catherine Strickland seconded by Randy

CAD Report: Approved; moved by Terry Mosher and seconded by Stewart Ralph **Canada Games**

Male/Female Report: Approved; moved by Todd Martin and seconded by Dion Piercey

Canada Games Beach Report: Approved; moved by Nassim Missaghian and seconded by Chris Lake

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ No new business

Tournament Bidding

- ❖ Conducted and completed by Russ

Election of Officers

1st Vice President - Catherine Strickland (Acclaimed)

Coach and Athlete Development Chair - Nick Higgins (Acclaimed)

Regional Directors

Western - Peter Butt (Acclaimed)

Labrador East - Stephen Martin (Acclaimed)

Northern - Rhonda Martin (Acclaimed)

Avalon 2 - Chris Lake (Acclaimed)

School Policy Liaison

3 Candidates

Randy Manning (Withdraw)

Tristan Burridge

Brain Laing

Scrutineers (Randy Manning and Todd Martin)

Tristan Burridge was elected as School Policy Liaison

2026 AGM (St. John's) 1 week before Volleyball Canada AGM

Adjournment: 12:45

Glen Moulton - Secretary

Regional Officials Chair Report 2025-2026

NLVOA Executive Committee 2025-2026

Cindy Collins – Chair/Treasurer

Deanne Dietz – Referee Development

Sharyn Hiscock – Referee Development

Randy Manning –Registrar

Brad McCarthy – Assignor

Jacob Cole – Assignor

Chad Richards – Assignor

Clinics Held:

This year we certified 167 new Level 1 referees, and most have successfully completed their practical. We conducted a Level 2 clinic with 16 candidates and a Level 3 with 5 candidates. Thanks to Chad, Jacob, Mike, Brad, Samantha, Brian, Emma and Sharyn for helping to conduct these clinics.

Travel:

Chad Richards travelled to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

National Championships:

6 referees travelled to Mississauga for

14/15UB – Deanne Dietz, Jodi Keats, Kendra Hipditch, Darrell Wall, Ethan Bursey and Nathan Groves

We sent a total of 10 referees to Edmonton:

17UB and 18U – Chad Richards, Brad McCarthy, Nathan Groves, Jacob Cole, Veryan Piwas, Samantha Pitts and Emma Tilley

14UB/15UG – Nathan Groves, Jacob Cole, Veryan Piwas, Samantha Pitts, Emma Tilley, Cindy Pretty, June Tavenor, Keith Randell and Jason Curtis

16U – Cindy Pretty, June Tavenor, Keith Randell and Jason Curtis

I also travelled to the 17UB/18U, 14UB/15UG in Calgary as a Referee Coach with the Referee Development Team.

Nassim Missaghian travelled to Nova Scotia and Ontario for various beach events

Referee's Development:

Referee Development was extremely successful this year. Most NLVA tournaments used 3 referees per court. This enabled newer referees to work with our veterans to receive one on one coaching. We have identified referee coaches in each region so hope to use them next year as much as possible. We followed up with our commitment to use our referee development model with ref coaches at the 13U and 14U Provincial Championships. Next year, we will try to introduce more ref coaches at higher age class championships.

Chad Richards is working towards the Level 4 program requirements.

Nassim Missaghian has successfully completed the Level 2 beach program! This is a first for our province so a huge congrats!

Canada Games

We used 6 major referees at the Canada Games. We also provided Line Judges and Score Keepers. All represented our province extremely well. The visiting referee supervisors and referees were extremely happy with the talent we showed. We definitely made a name for ourselves! Thank you to all referees for helping. I also want to thank all of the other volunteers that participated in other roles – rakers, floor moppers, ball retrievers, player attendants. It was an extremely long few weeks but thanks to everyone, we were extremely successful. Thanks to dad and Todd for being ‘me’ at the Power Plex so I could spend my time at the Field House. And finally, a special thank you to Sharyn for helping me arrange and re-arrange the minor officials schedule on a daily basis throughout both beach and indoor.

Next Steps:

Unfortunately, unsportsmanlike behaviour is becoming an increasing concern within our province. For next year, we plan to introduce a new policy addressing coaches who receive multiple sanctions during an event and especially ones that repeat over multiple events. Once the policy has been developed and approved by the NLVA, it will be distributed to all coaches.

Acknowledgements:

It’s been a wild adventure. This past year marked the end of a 16-year term in this position. There have been many ups and downs over the years and now the time has come for me to pass the torch. I have loved serving in this role but am very confident in my successor that we will continue to strive as we have done the past few years.

Thank you to everyone that has helped me over my term in this role. For this past season, special thanks to:

Randy – registration system

Jacob, Mike, Rene, Randy, Keith, Brad and Chad – Assignments

Cindy P – NL Score sheet video

Samantha – Thanks for stepping up and being Brad’s right hand for assignments and for creating all our new ‘referee aids’

Deanne, Samantha, Sharyn, Brad, Brian, Jacob, Rene, Keith, Dale - Ref Coaches

My executive once again went above and beyond to help as needed. You are all awesome! So many other referees reached out and offered to help in any way possible which was also greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Russ Jackson and Stewart MacPherson for everything you do for us, to Finton and the NLVA executive as well as Volleyball Canada. Finally, thank you to all our referees for your awesome work!

Congratulations to last year’s recipient of the Paul Augot Award – Darrell Wall.

Cindy Collins - Regional Officials Chair

Coach and Athlete Development Committee Report 2025-2026

Committee Members

Nick Higgins (CAD Chair)
Luke Harris (Staff)
Chad Richards (Member)
Mellissa Oates (Member)
Chris Lake (Member) Glen
Moulton (Member) Sarah
Sheppard (Member) Noah
Moulton (Member)

Team NL Provincial Program – Summer 2025

During the summer of 2024, the NLVA ran multiple programs as follows:

Next Generation Program

The NLVA Next Generation Provincial Team Program is designed to prepare athletes to make the transition into elite volleyball. In this program, athletes were introduced to elite technical skill training, mental skills training, sports nutritional information, and physical conditioning programs. All aspects of the Next Generation Program are specifically tailored to Male and Female athletes 14 years and younger. These ages align with our Provincial Team Programs and Canada Games programs.

Next Gen 1 Female 14u – 92 Participants

Next Gen 2 Female 13u – 48 Participants

Next Gen 3 Male 13u & 14u – 24 Participants

Provincial Team Program

The Provincial Team Program is an annual program where selected athletes are chosen to 1 of 3 programs, Provincial Training Excellence (PTE) Program, Eastern Elite Championship (EEC) Program and Canada Cup (CC) Program.

The Provincial Training Excellence (PTE) Program is designed for athletes who need intensive skill training to advance themselves in the sport and is only available to athletes in the 14U, 15U and 16U age category.

PTE (14U/15u) – 103

PTE (15U/16u) – 93

Team NL Provincial Program – Summer 2026

Next Gen 1 14u Female: June 27-29

Next Gen 2 13u Female, 13u Male, & 14u Male: July 2-4

PTE Program (15u/16u) – July 7-10

EEC and CC teams had tryouts in April 2026. 11 teams were selected and will be going to EEC in Moncton, NB in July. 4 teams were selected for CC however only 3 teams will be competing, the 17u/18u Male program did not have enough accepted participants to run the program. CC teams will be competing at the EECs as well as the Canada Cup in Regina, SK from July 22-26th.

Thank you to all court coaches who volunteered their time to run these tryouts.

The Eastern Elite Championship Program (EEC) and Canada Cup Program is tailored to athletes who require a team environment and competition to advance their skills.

EEC – In July of 2025, 116 Participants (11 teams) competed in a tournament in Moncton, NB. Team competed with team from Atlantic Canada.

14U Male:

- Team NL Orange – 4th ☒ Team NL Blue –

5th 14U Female:

- Team NL Red – 5th
- Team NL Green – 5th ☒ Team NL Yellow –

9th 15U Male:

- Team NL Green – 2nd ☒ Team NL Blue –

3rd 15U Female:

- Team NL Orange – 4th ☒ Team NL Blue –

5th 16U Male:

- Team NL – 5th 16U Female:

- Team NL – 2nd

Canada Cup – The 2025 Canada Cup was played at Canada Games Park in Thorold ON, located in the Niagara area from July 22-27. NL sent 4 teams, 1 male and 1 female 18u team represented by the Canada Games teams and 1 male and 1 female 16u team. The Canada Cup event included Provincial & Territorial teams from all of Canada.

Division 16U:

- Male 12th place in White
- Female 14th place in White

Division 18U:

- Male 10th place in Red Division
- Female 13th place in Red

Canada Games 2025

As the hosting Province, the volleyball events of the Canada Games for both Beach and Indoor were a great success. Chris Lake was the lead and did an amazing job making sure things went seamlessly for both beach and indoor. Our second venue for indoor was led by Tristen Burrige, his team ran the NL Sports Center venue extremely well. Nothing was possible without the amazing help of our volunteers.

For Beach, our Women's team placed 9th and our Men's team placed 10th. For Indoor, our Women's team placed 10th and our Men's team placed 8th. Both the Beach and Indoor teams received incredible support from the volleyball community. All teams played great volleyball and were part of some incredible matches, it was highlighted by an amazing 5 set win for the Indoor Male team over Team BC.

For more information on each team please see their team report.

Canada Games 2029

Our committee has already discussed the 2029 Canada Games. We have had initial discussions on the process of hiring coaches and managers with regards to requirements, timelines and deadlines for meeting specific requirements. We are trying to use lessons learned from previous cycles to ensure this new process is as effective as possible.

Coaching Development

The NLVA had two Learning Facilitators deliver six coaching workshops which included 72 participants. Coaches are doing a great job enrolling in coach workshops. Unfortunately, the demand for coach education is exceeding our capacity to deliver enough workshops and due this our primary focus is on educating coaches over certifying coaches. We are in the process of getting two more Learning Facilitators and Coach Evaluators however both are male and there is a need to deliver female specific courses and thus a need for female Learning Facilitators and Coach Evaluators. There is a new process for training Learning Facilitators and Coach Evaluators. This is done regionally through Volleyball Canada and is a more streamlined and informed process for all those being trained. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Learning Facilitators and/or a Coach Evaluators should contact the NLVA (Luke), these positions are not volunteer, they are paid positions.

This year we had 3 coaches achieved their coach certification with one more in progress and one failing to complete. As mentioned, once we can meet the demand for coach education (more Learning Facilitators) we can dedicate more of our resources to completing coach certifications.

We unfortunately had many suspensions and infractions this past year with our requirements for Persons in Authority (PIA) not being met. Coaches and Clubs need to be more diligent to ensure all PIA requirements are being met for those on the roster sheet and bench for NLVA events. A major issue is that we encountered numerous unpaid and unregistered individuals on benches during events. This is strictly against our policy and can void the NLVA's insurance, putting the association and the event participants in a vulnerable position. Each infraction is taken very seriously and is reviewed by our Screening and Disciplinary Committee where their decisions ultimately lead to many suspensions this year.

Club Volleyball

Club volleyball in NL continues to expand. We are getting new clubs and more club teams each year, which is surely contributing to the demand for coach workshops. At the NLVA Club Championships last year we had 61 teams, this year in 2026 we had 85 teams. 82 of these 85 teams went to Volleyball Canada Nationals. These clubs are offering a wide range of programs and team opportunities for both athletes and coaches, significantly contributing to the overall development and success of our volleyball community.

Concluding Remarks

The game of volleyball continues to expand in NL. As mentioned, we had 24 more teams play in the Club Championships this year than last, we also had 22 more teams than in 2025 enter NLVA Provincial Championships for 13u-18u. Educating coaches is a very high priority, and as mentioned, we have a higher demand requesting workshops than our capacity to deliver them. We require more Learning Facilitators. If you are interested, please reach out.

Thank you to all CAD committee members, NLVA staff, Executive, coaches, our LFs/CEs, and volunteers who help ensure our NLVA Programming for beach and indoor is being delivered as best as possible for both athletes and coaches.

Nick Higgins – Coach and Athlete Development Chair

Canada Games Indoor Male

Coaching Staff: Nathan Wareham, Roger Andrews, Noah Moulton, Nathan Marshall (Awaiting decision on Nathan Marshall as a venue pass holder. Decision will be made in June. There are 5 venue pass holders per week)

Athlete Pool or Roster: (Player Name and Hometown)

Jersey #	First Name	Last Name			High School	Club
7	Tanner	Butt		St John's	Gonzaga High School	Gonzaga HS VC
2	Joshua	Cadigan		Logy Bay	Gonzaga High School	Gonzaga HS VC
13	Ian	Dicker		Nain	Jens Haven Memorial School	NGC Sikumiut
1	Jacob	Dyson		Makkovik	J.C Erhardt Memorial School	NGC Sikumiut
9	Caleb	Gould		Bear Cove	Gonzaga High School	CBS Volleyball Club
6	Carter	Lake		Conception Bay South	Mount Pearl Senior High	CBS Volleyball Club
4	Bayan	Lymburner		St John's	Gonzaga High School	Gonzaga HS VC
20	Ben	Mclaughlin		Gander	Gander Collegiate	Loopers
19	Luke	Parrott		Paradise	Mount Pearl Senior High	CBS Volleyball Club
17	Jeffrey	Pinsent		Paradise	Mount Pearl Senior High	CBS Volleyball Club
12	Brayden	Ralph		Lethbridge	Heritage Collegiate	Loopers
14	Jackson	Rideout		Conception Bay South	Queen Elizabeth High School	CBS Volleyball Club

Training & Selection Camps: (April 2024-March 2025)

April 2024: Canada Cup/Canada Games Identification Camp

- April 12-14, 2024 @ MacDonald Drive Junior High
- Camp includes Fitness Testing and plan implementation
- 14 Athletes Selected to Compete in the 2024 Canada Cup plus alternates

June 2024: Canada Cup Training Camp

- Canada Cup Training Camp with Alternates
- Program Evaluation: Athletes may be moved between EEC and CC as needed.
- June 7-8-9, 2024

October 2024

- October 4-5-6, 2024: Last Open Tryout for the 2025 Roster
 - Will name an 18-person training squad to track throughout the fall
 - Registration will open Sept. 16, 2024 and cost 130\$
 - Session's location and times:
 - Friday Oct 4: Crosbie Gym: 7:00pm-10:00pm
 - Saturday Oct 5: Crosbie Gym: 2:00pm-4:00pm
 - Saturday Oct 5: Crosbie Gym: 7:00pm-10:00pm
 - Sunday Oct 6: Crosbie Gym: 11:00am-2:00pm
 - Training Squad announced Monday Oct. 7, 2024 via email.

October-December 2024

- Monitor Athletes in Training Squad in preparation for final selection camp

December 2024

- Canada Games Selection Camp in St. John's December 14-15-16
- Will Name 15 to CG Roster

March 2025

- March 28-29-30, 2025: Training Camp in St. John's - (Location and session times TBD)

Training & Selection Camps: (April 2025-Canada Games)*April 2025*

- April 18-19-20, 2025: Training Camp in St. John's - (Location and session times TBD)
 - Final Team Selected

May 2025

- Training Camp in St. John's - (Location and session times TBD)
- Expect Early June to avoid Graduations

July 2024

- Pre-Games Training in St. John's: July 12-20, 2025

Aug 2024

- Pre-Games Training in Corner Brook
 - August 10-16, 2025 – Grenfell Campus

Competitions: (April 2024-March 2025)*July 2024: Eastern Elite Championship Program and Canada Cup Program*

- Canada Cup Program: July 15-30, 2024 (St. John's & Calgary)
- Eastern Elite Championship Program: July 13-21, 2024 (St. John's and New Brunswick)

*Jan 3-4-5, 2025: Coupe de l'est du Canada - Quebec City - 15 Rostered Athletes Only**March 14-15, 2025: NLVA Senior Provincial Championships - (Gander)***Competitions: (April 2025-Canada Games)***July 2025: Team NL Cup – Will be hosted in St. John's (3/5 Tournament with Men's Teams)**July 21-28, 2025: Canada Games Pre-Comp*

- 2025 Canada Cup 12 Rostered Athletes Only

Departure for Canada Games: August 17, 2025

- Men's Competition Schedule: August 19-24, 2025
- Canada Games Closing Ceremony: August 24, 2025

Comments:

This has been a very rewarding and fun experience so far.

- The addition of Balltime for video analysis has been extremely beneficial.
- Dr. Erin McGown has been an amazing resource for mental conditioning. (performance anxiety).

Canada Games Indoor Female

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach – Mellissa Oates

Assistant Coach – Sarah Dawe

Manger – Rochelle Porter

Athlete Pool/Final Roster: (Athlete training pool included: final roster is bolded)

Ava Brake (Irishtown-Summerside)

Leah Byrne (Goosebay, Labrador)

Alley Childs (Lark Harbour)

Alexis Abbott (St. John's)

Eva Myrick (St. John's)

Melissa Spurrell (St. John's)

Kate Reimer (St. John's)

Isabella Murrin (St. John's)

Xeline Aguilar (Corner Brook)

Mary Grace Slade (Carbonear)

Julia White (Spaniard's Bay)

Sara Keough (St. John's)

Nevaeh Pilgrim (Flatrock)

Lauren Gulliver (Mount Pearl)

Sarah Payne (St. John's)

Kianna Moore (Paradise)

Georgia Michelin-Lambe (Logy Bay)

Lily Rose King (St. John's) - Alternate

Elizabeth Nash (St. John's)

Training & Selection Camps: (April 2024-March 2025)

- Training March 8-10, 2024
- Training April 12-14, 2024
- Training/Canada Cup selection weekend June 7-9, 2024
- Canada Cup Team Training, July 9-21, 2025 (14 athletes + 1 alternate)
- Challenge Tryouts (Sept 27-29th) We opened our group to become a training group of 29 athletes)
- Canada Games Training Squad Nov 15-17, 2024
- Canada Games Training Squad January 10-12th (Squad reduced to 20 athletes)
- Training Squad Training/Intersquad matches (March 28-30, 2025)
- Training Squad Training/Competition (May 2-4th) Team selected

Note: Athletes will be notified on May 20th upon return from Nationals.

- Canada Games team training camp – July 9-21st, St. John's/Torbay, NL
- Canada Games team final preparation and training camp - August 9th –15th, Corner Brook, NL – Grenfell College/Annex.

Competitions: (April 2024-March 2025)

Canada Cup – Calgary, AB July 22-28, 2024

Competitions: (April 2025-Canada Games)

- Training/Competition vs. Ladies Provincial Champions, Saturday May 3rd – 3 hours of matches
- Interlock Tournament Atlantic Provinces + Quebec (July 3-7th, 2025)
- Canada Cup, St. Catherines, ON (July 22-28th, 2025)
- CANADA GAMES – St. John's, August 17-24, 2025

Canada Games Beach

Head Coach: Finton Gaudette

Apprentice Coach: Erin Grabka

Final Selection for the Male and Female Beach Volleyball Canada Games teams resumed at a training camp that was held in Paradise at the site of the training courts for the Canada Summer Games on May 9-11.

Last summer we finished with a training pool of four females and nine males. Out of those athletes, Sylvie Lemoine and Kiera Power competed in the Senior Women's division at nationals, while on the Men's side, Liam Freake participated in Senior men's with a partner in Corner Brook, Issa Lymburner and Sebastien Delisle competed in the 18 U male event and Jake Butt participated in the University nationals with a partner from Humber College.

Unfortunately, over the break we lost three male athletes and two female athletes. Due to the loss of female athletes, we invited a walk-on to the training pool.

On the May 16-18 weekend, the training pool travelled to London Ontario where we were hosted by the Beach Volleyball Academy. It was an incredible weekend. The athletes and the coaching staff had a great learning experience with help from Coach David Cousins, a former player on the pro tour and a host of other players and coaches that also included Andrew and current pro player, playing in Sweden.

Team selections were made the following week, and the athletes were notified on Friday May 23rd. Both coaches would like to add that the London event opened our eyes on team playing relationships. These selections were not taken likely; but we are quite confident that we have selected two pairings that will maximize training and competition potential this summer.

Welcome aboard Male Liam Freake and Issa Lymburner / Female Sylvie Lemoine and Katherine Szmadyla

Training is set to resume after the Volleyball Canada AGM. We plan on doing some training at the courts in Corner Brook, but we will maximize using the brand-new facility in Paradise and try to gain some great experience in that sand and get to appreciate, and work with the wind in that area.

Our summer training will also include two major competitions. We plan to host a Test Event at the Courts in Paradise on July 4-6, and we also plan on attending the National Team beach Canada Cup in Calgary in mid-July. The Canada Cup will hopefully be followed up with a competition at the Calgary Open, July 19-20.

The athletes and coaching staff would like to thank the volleyball community that has supported, and who will continue to support us over the next few months.

2026-2027 Season – Tournament Bids

Location	Tournament	Male	Female	Tournament Date
NLVA (Corner Brook)	Volley West 2026	X	X	Oct 9-10, 2026
NLVA (Avalon)	Volley Fest 2026	X	X	Oct 30-31, 2026
NLVA (Central)	Volley Central 2026	X	X	Nov 6-7, 2026
OPEN	14 & Under Regional West	X	X	Nov 13-14, 2026
Lisa Hounsell – MDJH (Male) Kim Groves – PSI (Female)	14 & Under Regional East	X	X	Nov 13-14, 2026
Finton Gaudette – Corner Brook	15 & Under Regional West	X	X	Nov 20-21, 2026
Renee Piercy – MDJH (Male)	15 & Under Regional East	X	X	Nov 20-21, 2026
OPEN	Triple Ball East (M/F)	X	X	Nov 27-28, 2026
OPEN	Triple Ball Central (M/F)	X	X	Nov 27-28, 2026
OPEN	Triple Ball West (M/F)	X	X	Nov 27-28, 2026
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	15 & Under	X	X	Jan 29-30, 2027
Finton Gaudette – Corner Brook	16 & Under	X	X	Feb 5-6, 2027
OPEN	17 & Under	X	X	Feb 12-13, 2027
OPEN	13 & Under	X	X	Feb 19-20, 2027
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	18 & Under A	X		Feb 26-27, 2027
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	18 & Under B	X		Feb 26-27, 2027
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	18 & Under A		X	Feb 26-27, 2027
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	18 & Under B		X	Feb 26-27, 2027
NLVA (NL Sports Centre)	18 & Under C		X	Feb 26-27, 2027
OPEN	14 & Under	X	X	March 5-6, 2027
TBD	Club Championships	X	X	April 23-25, 2027
NLVA	19 & Over Molson	X	X	April 9-10, 2027

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2026

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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION			
Balance Sheet Year Ending March 31, 2026			
	2026		2025
	\$		\$
ASSETS			
OPERATING FUND			
CURRENT			
Cash	514,695		553,870
Term deposits	14,809		14,242
Accounts receivable	52,127		78,189
Inventory	10,049		8,609
Prepaid expenses	21,685		31,935
	613,366		686,844
SCHOLARSHIP FUND			
CURRENT			
Due from Operating Fund	5,854		5,854
	5,854		5,854
	619,220		692,698
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY			
OPERATING FUND			
CURRENT			
Accounts payable	131,917		174,842
Due to Scholarship Fund	5,854		5,854
	137,771		180,696
LONG TERM			
Loans			
	-		-
Members' Equity			
Surplus - Scholarship Fund	20,632		20,632
Surplus - Operating Fund	460,817		491,371
	481,449		512,003
	619,220		692,698

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Year Ended March 31, 2026

Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Provincial teams	409,659	405,636
Canada games	191,948	142,012
Registration	648,362	829,588
Grants (Note 3)	153,910	124,548
Merchandise sales	42,453	28,435
Coaching & officials	4,697	10,355
Sponsors donations & Fundraising	130,911	41,129
Canada games (Note 4)	34,348	31,850
Interest earned on term deposits	6,857	8,781
	1,623,145	1,622,333
EXPENSES		
EXPENSES (Schedule 2)	1,653,699	1,553,027
NET INCOME	(30,554)	69,306
SURPLUS (OPERATING FUND) - BEGINNING OF YEAR	568,240	498,934
SURPLUS (OPERATING FUND) - END OF YEAR	537,686	568,240

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION	
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Surplus	
Year Ended March 31, 2026	
	2026
	\$
SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,632
ADD:	
Scholarship fees and assessments revenue	-
DEDUCT:	
Scholarship Fund payouts	-
SURPLUS - END OF YEAR	20,632

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION			
Notes to Financial Statements			
Year Ended March 31, 2026			
1.	DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS		
	The association is incorporated under the laws of Newfoundland and Labrador. The association is in Paradise, Newfoundland and Labrador, it was established to assist in the development of volleyball across the province.		
2.	SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES		
	<u>Equipment</u>		
	The Association follows the practice of charging purchases of equipment directly to operations in the year of acquisition.		
	Revenue from Government grants and the sale of goods are recorded on the accrual basis. However, all other revenue, such as donations and membership fees, are recorded when received.		
3.	GRANTS		
	Please note that LTAD stands for Long-Term Athlete Development.		
		2026	2025
		\$	\$
	<u>Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</u>		
	Professional assistance - salary subsidy	25,000	25,000
	LTAD - Train to Train, Learn to Train Initiatives	20,600	20,600
		45,600	45,600
	<u>Government of Canada</u>		
	Canada Summer Jobs	55,560	58,298
	Total Grants	101,160	103,898
4.	CANADA GAMES		
	Included in the Canada Games revenue are the following grants:		
		2026	2025
		\$	\$
	<u>Government of Newfoundland and Labrador</u>		
	Canada Games – Indoor Male	14,750	13,750
	Canada Games – Indoor Female	14,750	13,750
	Canada Games – Beach Male and Female	4,848	4,350
	Total	34,348	31,850
5.	COMPARATIVE FIGURES		
	Certain prior period comparative figures have been reclassified to confirm to the Financial Statement presentation adopted for the current period.		

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Schedule 2 - Expenses

Year Ended March 31, 2026

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Provincial teams	360,649	389,191
Salaries and wages	368,255	323,495
Championships	415,829	543,766
Canada Games	235,490	195,122
Merchandise purchases	52,277	16,135
Administration	12,855	5,948
Insurance	10,343	11,332
Meetings and conventions	46,955	43,942
Miscellaneous	131,896	3,446
Travel Subsidies	19,150	20,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,653,699	1,553,027