

United Towns Program – 26/27

To facilitate opportunities for athletes to participate in NLVA school-based events, the following amendment is proposed **for the 2026-2027 season**.

• *An exception may be granted to allow a United Towns team to play in any NLVA event that is comprised of athletes from different schools and/or regions based on the following criteria:*

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Athletes must attend a school in Newfoundland and Labrador
- 1.2 Athletes may only apply to a United Towns team **if their school does not offer a team**
- 1.3 A letter of support from the school administration must confirm:
 - that no school team exists for the athlete
 - that the school supports the athlete(s) participating on a United Towns team.

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.

3. Restrictions

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

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 to experience meaningful competition in school-based events, where no opportunity exists.