

2021 Season Update as of December 2nd, 2020

Tuesday, December 1st, we held our very first ever Facebook Live event. The following is a summary of the information shared/presented. For your viewing pleasure, the full video is on our Facebook page (our apologies for the audio echos – we're still learning).

Season Changes due to COVID-19

Volleyball BC mandated certain changes to our season this year.

1. Our season has been shortened slightly. Now instead of tryouts taking place in November/December, tryouts have to wait until the beginning of January.
2. Pre-Signing and Athlete Applications were created/utilized to lessen the number of tryouts required.
 - a. Sky doesn't usually utilize the Pre-Signing program, but we did this year given the circumstances. From 15-18U, about 50 athletes were pre-signed.
 - b. We are currently accepting Athlete Applications. The response has been amazing! So far we have received over 200 applications.
 - i. We are using the Athlete Applications to create as many teams as possible without the need for tryouts.
 - ii. Tryouts for certain age groups may still be required, but we are going to keep them as minimal as possible.

~ This week we'll start responding to every Athlete Application we've received. ~

These responses will either include an Offer (guaranteed spot on a team – no tryouts required), or a request to see you at tryouts. THANK YOU for your continued patience as we work to get these responses out!

Team Selections

Present and past Sky coaches, along with Sky Board members, are working to review the Athlete Applications. We are working hard to reach out to athlete's coaches as much as possible (even calling school coaches), to get feedback on players. There is no exact science to this but we are doing the best we can to find everyone's best team fit.



Despite COVID-19, our season is looking huge! We have about 270 athletes wanting to play and 40 coaches committed to our season.

Season / Fee Layout

Due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, games and tournaments are still a bit up in the air for Volleyball BC. This means we aren't able to definitively set our fees at this time, but we have broken the season up into four phases to help work through this.

Estimates of the actual amount/cost per phase will be shared as Offers are sent out.

Phase 1 – Training Only:

This will be the base of the fees, covering: gym fees, VBC and VC registrations for players and coaches, player kits/swag, equipment, and club administrative fees.

For these fees, players will get their two or three weekly practices and some inter-club play (age group/team scrimmages).

Phase 2 – Regional Events:

If Volleyball BC is able to facilitate Regional events (games/tournaments between clubs, regionally), we will invoice a set amount to each player to cover these expenses (tournament registration etc).

If Regional events aren't made possible (and/or if a team decides not to attend), no additional fees will be required.

Phase 3 – Provincials:

If Volleyball BC is able to facilitate BC Provincial Championships, we will invoice a set amount to each player to cover these expenses (tournament registration etc).

If Provincials aren't made possible (and/or if a team decides not to attend), no additional fees will be required.

Please note, due to COVID-19, Sky will **not** be booking hotel rooms for players this season. Once we have tournament dates/details, we will let everyone know so you all have as much time as possible to arrange your own travel/accommodations.

Phase 4 – Nationals (15U & Up Only):

If Volleyball Canada is able to facilitate National Championships, teams will work to budget and fundraise the expenses required to get their team to Nationals (as per usual). Different ages and genders are being held in multiple locations across the country, so expenses will vary greatly depending on location.

Sky Gateway

So how are we going to make this all happen without having any gyms? **Well, Sky Volleyball Club has taken the huge leap of faith and leased our own facility!!**

This facility is big enough for 2 courts, with high ceilings and great space.

This facility will give our club roots and further grow our sense of community between our athletes, coaches and families. We are incredibly excited for and proud of the future of Sky.

Sky Gateway is/will be located in the newly constructed (not quite yet completed), Silver Star Gateway Business Park. This is on Silver Star road, across the street and one block up from Butcher Brothers. **The address is 5000 Silver Star Road, and we will have bay #s 204 and 205.**

Most of the space will be prepared for us, but we will need some help with the final touches to get us into our new home. If you, or someone you know, is able to help with Electrical, Metal Fabrication and Flooring, please email info@skyvolleyballclub.ca to get in touch.

This new space also offers us the ability to provide large banner advertising for our sponsors. If you are interested in being a club sponsor, please email info@skyvolleyballclub.ca to get in touch.

