

## FAQ - SCHEDULE & SEASON

Hi Sky Nation –

Here are a few answers to Frequently Asked Questions around our 2021 season.

Order of Things – this is basic overview of how things need to flow:

1. Applications - how many want to play?
2. Player commitment – required before we can form rosters of 12
3. Coaching Staff confirmed - based on number of teams we can operate
4. Coach availability - when can they coach
5. Schedules formed - based on number of teams, gym space, coach availability etc.
6. Teams and Schedules posted

### **What is my Practice Schedule?**

We are working with our 40+ coaches now, to see what practice times work for them. They are priority one. Once we have the coach's availability locked down, we will be forming the final practice schedules.

January practices – target is to post early next week.

Club Season practices (Feb-May) – target is to post in 2-3 weeks' time.

### **Where are we practicing prior to Sky Gateway?**

January will be at the Rec Centre PV and Dogwood gym. We have rented time mostly on weekends, Saturday and Sunday. There is some time booked during the morning weekdays as well. Obviously, gym rentals are an issue for clubs across the Province, so we are *thankful* to have something at the Rec Centre. We are looking to get each team 4 (hopefully 6) practices in January. This month is just to get the teams together, organized and ready for Feb season start.

### **When are we in Sky Gateway?**

Target is early February, but it is a construction project. We will guarantee a 16-week season for our members regardless. So, if this gets pushed into mid-February (due to delays in construction) we will simply extend the players membership further into the Spring. VBC and Volleyball Canada are both looking at extending the season later due to Covid anyway.

### **What if my schedule does not work with the practice schedule?**

Every year we have this question, and things tend to work out fine. The coaches and their players *communicate* to ensure the expectations are met. We cannot work around 300 players schedules. Some players work, some play multiple sports, etc., and we understand that. We support multi-sport. We trust our coaches and players to come to mutual agreement.

Sky will provide ample opportunities for players to get maximum value for their membership – especially now that we are in our own facility.

## **What if VBC does not have events?**

The fee structure has been built so our members will have a guaranteed “Training Season”. Even if we were to remain in Phase 2 (current phase for our sport) we will be able to train as teams in Sky Gateway. This is a worse case scenario. VBC is still planning to have Regional cohort age-specific specific events. Once we have these details, dates, costs, etc., we will notify our members. This would then become a “Regional Season”. Similarly, should VBC decide to hold Provincials at a later date, we would transition to a “Provincials Season”.

We have reduced our fees substantially for our Training Season at this time and have not charged for any specific VBC events.

The club is very lucky that in our own facility, we will be able to train together, as well as provide inter-club play-days and live-stream scrimmages. Should it be permitted, we will also host other club teams for play-days at Sky Gateway (this will depend on the stage of Return to Play we are in). We will have options now.

## **When will I know what team I am on?**

We are in the process of having our Coaches Meetings now. Once the coaching staff is provided with their rosters, and everyone is *registered in TeamSnap* (coaches and players), we will send out the rosters and your coaches can begin communicating with you. Player profiles in TeamSnap are very important – and we ask that parents and players ensure all email and contact phone numbers are up-to-date.

Despite this pandemic, and all the unknowns, I am more excited about this season than any in the past! To have our own courts to train together, and build on our club culture, is truly exciting.

Flexibility, patience and passion to be part of Sky Volleyball are what we are asking for at this time. We are #volleyballtown. We are #skynation.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!!

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