

VOLLEYBALL MANAWATU REPRESENTATIVES VNZ INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

As a part of MRVA's 2024-2027 Programme Pathway, we will be selecting the following age groups to represent the region at Volleyball New Zealand's Inter-Provincial Championships:

- U17 Girls- born in 2010 and after- can't turn 17 in 2026
- U19 Girls- born in 2008 and after- can't turn 19 in 2026
- U17 Boys-born in 2010 and after – can't turn 17 in 2026
- U19 Boys- born in 2008 and after- can't turn 19 in 2026
- Open Men

The 2026 Championship will be hosted in Kilbirnie, Wellington at Akau Tangi Sports Centre across King's Birthday weekend, 30 May- 1 June.

VNZ's IPC event is exclusively available to affiliated regional association appointed teams. This event allows the regional association to select age group athletes to compete at a national performance tournament. As Manawatu Regional Volleyball Association is developing our competitive pathway, we are committed to fostering development and creating opportunities for our youth athletes, while building the capacity and capabilities of resources.

2026 Programme

Trials: 18 April Massey University Teaching Gym- players will be notified Sunday 19 April

Trainings: 1-2x week trainings 18 April- 28 May

League: PNVB Monday Term 2

Local Tournament: May 2 TBD

Team Composition

Each team will select 12 athletes- 10 traveling and 2 reserves. Reserve athletes will be elevated to traveling in the case of injury, illness or other circumstance in which a traveling athlete can no longer attend.

Athletes must be New Zealand citizens or hold resident visas. *

*Further details to align with Tournament Manual

Team Competition

Teams (traveling and reserve athletes) will practice 1-2x per week.

Teams (traveling and reserve athletes) will compete in PNVB Monday league at CET Arena.

Traveling athletes only will attend VNZ IPC- Traveling Friday 29 May and competing 30 May-1 June. Returning home 1 June.

Team Costs:

Trials: \$20 per player due prior to trial

Selected Traveling Athletes: \$800- includes trainings, travel, IPC competition entry and loaned uniforms and team training gear.

Reserve Athletes: \$200- includes trainings and PNVB league, if reserve athlete is pulled up to traveling then remaining fees to be paid in agreed payment plan.

Payments:

All selected athletes must confirm team participation with \$250 deposit by Friday 24 April

The remaining \$550 must be paid prior to Monday 4 May

MRVA supports individuals or teams to do any fundraising to support the costs of the event.

Payment plans- MRVA can set up payment plans for particular circumstances

Payments can be made to

Manawatu Regional Volleyball Association Inc

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Particulars: Participant Name

Code: IPC

Reference: 19boys/ 19girls/ 17boys/17girls/men

Management Staff

Each team will have a Head Coach, as well as a Team Manager for travel. The administration of the program will be coordinated by MRVA Staff- GM Kelsey Higgins, with support of the competitive pathway advisor and MRVA board.

Coach Expression of Interest and selections- MRVA have an open EOI available to all coaches in the region accessible on the website. Coaches are appointed by the MRVA IPC committee. These selections are based on coach preferences and skill sets. As a part of the EOI process, we ask coaches to list their top four choices across the head coach position for each team or assistant coach role. Team Managers will be appointed after team selections, to assist coaches with traveling athletes. Costs for travel of management staff are covered by MRVA. Below are management staff roles:

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Head Coach:

Requirements: Level 1 Coach (can be completed upon appointment) , valid driver's license and ability to drive large passenger van, police vetting (MRVA will conducted upon appointment)

Recommended: Regional Referee Qualification

Responsibilities: Team Selections (with support of IPC Committee where needed), delivery of trainings and leading team across IPC tournament and support development of assistant coach

Team Manager:

Requirements: police vetting (MRVA will be conducted upon appointment), ability to bring personal vehicle to IPC

Recommended: likes kids, enjoys long days in the gym

Responsibilities: support team travel with meals, laundry and management of players off court.