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**TEAM CANADA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – 2017 TEAM OPEN SELECTION CAMP**  
**May 7-13, 2017– Richmond, BC**

**Camp objective**

As 2017 is a transition year for Team Canada Women's Volleyball (with a new Head Coach - Marcello Abbondanza), the 2017 selection camp will serve to evaluate, identify and select a group of athletes who have the potential or the demonstrated international skills to represent Canada on the International scene this summer and beyond.

Approximately 18- 24 athletes will be selected and will form the core group of the Senior Team. 14 athletes will travel to each competition while the other athletes will stay in Richmond and train at the Oval.

**Camp Format**

The 2017 team selection camp is OPEN to all eligible athletes, however it is highly recommended that all attendees have a high level of skill. See below for athlete eligibility.

*The camp is OPEN to anyone, however Volleyball Canada cannot accommodate more than 45 athletes and reserves the right to decline an application if the number of registered athletes is greater than 45.*

**Athlete eligibility**

All athletes MUST:

- Be a Canadian citizen and have a valid Canadian passport.
- Passport should be valid up till March 1, 2018

**General Camp schedule (detailed schedule to be determined)**

May 7 – Arrival of athletes in Richmond (athletes are responsible to make their own flight arrangements)  
– 20:00 Camp meeting  
May 8-12 – Selection camp  
May 13 – Unsuccessful athletes depart

**Registration information**

Registration deadline: Sunday, April 16, 2017  
Registration fee: \$1,000 (plus GST)  
Registration fee after deadline: \$1,200 (plus GST)

These fees will have to be paid prior to your arrival by registering for the selection camp through our Volleyball Registration System (VRS). [CLICK HERE.](#)

***Athletes will be notified if they are accepted or not before Wednesday May 3rd, 2017.***

Participants are required to fill out the following forms available on-line:

<http://www.volleyball.ca/en/indoor-women-senior-team>

- 1) Athlete Information Questionnaire
- 2) Release of confidential information and participant consent
- 3) Medical release (to be filled out by a medical doctor)
- 4) Medical Questionnaire
- 5) Scan of passport in color –
  - a. Passport should be valid up till March 1st, 2018
  - b. If you do not currently have a passport please begin this process now, as there will not be time to obtain one before traveling, or to obtain travel visas (if required).



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\*All forms are to be scanned in PDF format (except the athlete information questionnaire which is excel) and submitted to Chrissy Benz by email ([cbenz@volleyball.ca](mailto:cbenz@volleyball.ca)) in **one email with your name in the subject line** before midnight on Sunday, April 30. **Note that faxes will not be accepted.**

#### **Accommodations and meals** (*included in registration fee*)

Athletes must arrange their own transportation to and from Richmond (Vancouver airport - YVR) and inform Chrissy Benz of their itinerary. Ground transportation will be provided to athletes upon arrival. Athletes should book their flight in order to be present for an introduction meeting at 20 :00 on May 7.

Meals will be provided to athletes from May 8-12, 2017. On May 13, only breakfast will be provided to the athletes. Please note that athletes will be responsible for their own meals on May 7th.

For any questions, please contact Chrissy Benz at [cbenz@volleyball.ca](mailto:cbenz@volleyball.ca),

## **2017 TEAM PROGRAM PLANS**

#### **Coaching staff**

Head Coach : Marcello Abbondanza

Assitant Coaches : Vincenzo Mallia, Daniele Alpi, Gina Schmidt

#### **Financial implications**

- Athletes will be supported financially through Sport Canada carding for a minimum of 4 months at \$900/month (D or C1 card) or \$1500/month (SR card).
- Tuition support for the 2017-2018 academic year;
  - Tuition support is available for courses at Canadian Universities or Colleges that are publicly supported. Other Canadian educational institutions may be considered for Tuition support on a case- by-case basis and must be pre-approved by the AAP Manager.
  - AAP will cover a carded athlete's tuition fees up to a maximum of \$5,000 per carding cycle.
  - Eligible Athletes who are attending a post-secondary institution outside of Canada are not eligible for tuition support.
- All athletes selected to the B team will be required to pay a \$2,500 program fee/fundraising obligation. The money that is raised from these fees will be used to offset travel, training and competition costs for the program.

#### **Summer schedule**

April 30 – Deadline for application to selection camp

May 7-13 – Selection camp – Richmond

June 14-25 – Panamerican Cup – Peru

July 7-9 – FIVB World Grand Prix – Argentina

July 14-16 – FIVB World Grand Prix – Puerto Rico

July 21-23 – FIVB World Grand Prix – Canada (Richmond)

July 29-30 – FIVB World Grand Prix Group 2 Finals – Czech Republic

October 7-15 – NORCECA Continental Championships – Trinidad & Tobago