

# Playtime Policy

## Philosophy

The KVA's philosophy is to foster, promote, and provide athletes with the opportunity for advanced levels of skill development and competition in the sport of volleyball. KVA teams will compete and train at the highest appropriate developmental level possible, to ensure that our teams are continually being challenged and growing. The club and coaching staff will determine the abilities and level of play for each team. During Volleyball BC, Volleyball Canada, Provincial and National events, the KVA will compete to place as high as possible.

## Playtime Guidelines

Below are the guidelines KVA coaches use to facilitate the distribution of playing time. Coaching staffs have final decision making in all playing time situations. These are guidelines, as number of other factors may also contribute to playing time decisions:

- Practices + Competitions – Athletes are expected to be committed to attending all practices and competitions. Athletes must demonstrate a strong work ethic, growth mindset, positive attitude, team cohesion, and coachability.
- Game Play – Athletes must have the ability to perform all necessary skills at their development level and demonstrate cohesion with the team. There may be moments when a team is facing an opponent either above or below their ability level.

### 11U - 14U

- Playing time will follow the Fair Play Rule developed by Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC for the entire club season. [Please see the Volleyball BC Fair Play rationale.](#)

### 15U - 18U

- Playing time will look to follow the Fair Play Rule developed by Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC during exhibition matches, and the round robin of all non provincial ranking and seeding events. [Please see the Volleyball BC Fair Play rationale.](#) However, playing time during the playoffs at these events will be at the discretion of the coaching staff, and may not be fair nor equal. There are also situations where coaches will be exploring lineups, rotations etc. Fair Play is a guideline, not a rule. Coaches have final discretion regarding playing time choices.
- Playing time will be at the coaches discretion during all Volleyball BC Events, Provincials Ranking Tournaments, Provincial Championships and National Championships.