

2023 Season Details

TEAMS/PROGRAMS

2023 was the second season that we have run an HP program within CVVC. This year, we added two more teams to the program – 16U boys and 15U girls.

We had enough coaches and gym space to run 10 teams;

Boys – 15U, 16U HP, 18U

Girls – 14U, 15U, 15U HP, 16U, 16U HP, 2 18U

- We ran an 8 week Train and Play program for girls but we did not have enough interest for a boys Train and Play program.
- We did not have enough players to form a 14U boys team and we also did not have a coach.
- 33 aged 8 – 11 participants enjoyed our 10 week Jr. Strikers program

Tournaments

All of our teams participated in on and off island tournaments including the Provincials. Two of our three HP teams attended Nationals and our senior white team intended to attend Nationals but the West Jet strike prevented them from travelling to Calgary.

Playdays

Our HP teams, our senior white team, and our 14U girls team hosted a playday in the Comox Valley. They were well attended and were decent fundraisers for the teams.

Sponsorships

Some of our teams received sponsorships which relieved costs. This has us thinking about how we can attain more sponsorships for our club.

A Learning Journey

An issue arose at the end of the 2023 season that identified deficiencies in the club's policies and procedures. A policy committee was formed and together they put many hours towards creating new policies and procedures for our club. Many thanks to Ashley Cousens, Brooke Finlayson, and Jaki Vlohovic.

These policies and procedures are now posted on our website. They are living documents and are meant to be reviewed and updated each year. Member feedback on these documents is encouraged.

A Growing Club

Our Club has grown immensely due to the increased population of the Comox Valley coupled with the volleyball talent that resides here (Jesse Knight and Julie Young). Over the past few years, and especially since COVID, the workload has become unsustainable for the governing body of the club. The board has had multiple discussions around how to grow the club successfully. These areas of growth have been identified.

- 1) Implement a communications plan to include: a new website, a newsletter, and an active social media outreach
- 2) Hire an admin to take on administrative tasks such as – managing website, newsletter, social media outreach, program registrations,

booking and coordinating gym rentals, and other administrative responsibilities.

In order to implement this growth action plan, registration fees will need to be increased. 2024 proposed registration fees are outlined in the Treasurer's Report.

Current Challenges for our 2024 Season

Our growing valley has also put added pressure on the number of user groups requesting to use SD71 gyms. We completely rely on SD71 gyms for practicing. We likely will not be able to run as many teams as last year due to a lack of gym space.

We also always struggle to find enough coaches for our teams. Each year we will make desperate pleas to parents to coach teams. This year will not be unique in this regard.

Hopes for 2024

We feel as though we have not serviced boys programs the way we would like to. There have been a number of factors that have made this difficult but this year we are hoping to run a Train and Play program for our developing male athletes

Change in Technical Director

We are grateful for the 6 plus years that Jesse Knight has been technical director for our club. Going forward, Julie Young will be CVVC's technical director. Jesse Knight intends to be a CVVC board member and to head the HP training for identified athletes.

