



## Canada Cup 2019

### Coaches Press Release

VNB is excited to announce that after a thorough selection process, coaches for the 2019 Canada Cup have been selected for the 16U Female and 16U Male teams.

Geoff Mabey has been selected as the Head Coach of the 16U Female team. Geoff hails from Saint John, NB and has an extensive coaching resume. He was Head Coach of the UNBSJ Seawolves, an Assistant Coach on the UNB Reds Volleyball team, Head Coach of the 2013 Men's Canada Games team and is currently the head of the Reds 18UF Crimson volleyball team. He is currently part of the coaching and IST staff on the Volleyball Canada Youth Women's National Team program. Geoff's extensive coaching knowledge, coupled with his holistic approach for athlete development made him a great fit for the position. Joining as assistant coaches on the team are Gille Arseneau from Tracadie, NB and Amy Appleby, also from Fredericton, NB. Gille has been an integral part of the VNB Elite Program for several years, in addition to being a huge contributor to the growth of volleyball in his region. Amy, a recent graduate from the prestigious Dalhousie Women's Volleyball program, went through the VNB program as a player and Canada Games athlete. Now an education student, Amy is building on her already established coaching resume with the Tigers Volleyball Club in Halifax, with the Reds Volleyball club.

Henri Mallet has been selected as the Head Coach of the 16U Male team. Henri is also from Fredericton, NB and has vast experience as a coach. He has been involved with both the University of Ottawa and University of New Brunswick volleyball programs. Henri is currently the Head Coach of the STU Men's Volleyball team, having just won ACAA Male Coach of the Year. Henri has largely contributed to the growth of elite volleyball on the male side in the province and he continues to utilise his resources to further his coach education. Luc Picard will be joining as Assistant Coach of the team, hailing from Tracadie, NB. Luc, an active member of VNB club and provincial team programs, was the head of the 18U Dynamite team this past season. Similar to Gille, Luc has also been a driving force with the talent coming from his region.

The Canada Cup will take place at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It will bring together the next generation of Canada's high-performance athletes with over 40 teams, and 300 athletes participating from 9 provinces and territories.