



# 2026 Team NB Elite Information Package

## Teams:

For the summer of 2026, VNB is planning to run 1 or more teams in the following age groups as part of our Team NB Elite program:

### Male

- 14u (athletes born in 2012 & 2013) attending Eastern Elites
- 15/16U (athletes born in 2011 and younger) attending Eastern Elites
- 16/17U (athletes born in 2009 and younger) attending Eastern Elites and Canada Cup
- 18U (athletes born in 2008 and younger) attending Eastern Elites and Canada Cup

### Female

- 14u (athletes born in 2012 & 2013) attending Eastern Elites
- 15U (athletes born in 2011 and younger) attending Eastern Elites
- 16U (Athletes born in 2010 and younger) Attending Eastern Elites
- 17U (athletes born in 2009 and younger) attending Eastern Elites and Canada Cup

Athletes are required to try out for their birth year. All athletes will be considered for all age groups that they are eligible for. We will not consider requests from parents or clubs to evaluate their athletes at age groups outside their birth years. It is at the discretion of VNB staff, HP Chairs, in conjunction with Team NB coaches and evaluators to determine if an athlete has the skills to move up an age class.

## Pricing:

Our pricing for this summer will be split into 3 installments to help ensure flexible payments as needed as well as accommodate for any price changes that may occur over the summer. Both programs will be set up with a flexible 3rd installment that may change and this will be communicated to you ASAP.

### \*Eastern Elite Teams

- **Eastern Elites 14U**
  - \$975
- **Eastern Elites 15U - 16U:**
  - \$1,500

### \*\*Eastern Elite Team Installments

- 1st Installment is due June 1st, 2026
- 2nd Installment is due June 30th 2026
- 3rd installment is due July 10th 2026

### \*Canada Cup teams

- **Canada Cup Green and Maroon:**
  - \$2100

### \*\*Canada Cup Installments

- 1st Installment is due June 1st 2026



- 2nd Installment is due June 30th, 2026
- 3rd Installment is due July 17th 2026

**\*Please note that this is our anticipated cost and is subject to change.**

**\*\*If you are selected at the Final Contender Tryout these dates will shift to accommodate selection timelines.**

## Expenses

Accommodations and meals for athletes are included in the pricing for the Canada Cup teams when they are at the Canada Cup July 21-26.

## Key Dates:

\*VNB reserves the right to change the information in this document as necessary without notice. Once any change is confirmed, we will notify everyone as quickly as possible.

For the summer 2026 Team NB Elite programs, below are our planned dates:

| Event                            | Date              | Location  | Teams Attending   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Regional Tryouts                 | Week of Feb 16-22 | Edmundston, Fredericton, Saint John, Bathurst, Miramichi, Moncton | All Athletes Except PEP   |
| Team NB Selection Tryout weekend | March 21-22       | Fredericton   | By Invite only<br>Bulk of the teams will be selected at this tryout. Athletes will be notified within 10 Days |
| **Final Contender Tryout         | June 7            | Fredericton   | By invite only.<br>See Below: **What is the "Final Contender Tryout"?   |
| Training Weekend 1               | July 3,4, & 5     | Fredericton or Moncton  | All Teams [14U train July 4-5 Only]   |
| Training weekend 2               | July 10, 11 ,& 12 | Moncton or Fredericton  | 14-16U Eastern Elite Teams (No Canada Cup Teams) 14U train July 11-12 Only                                    |
| Eastern Elites                   | July 17-19        | Moncton   | All Teams   |
| Canada Cup                       | July 21-26        | Regina  | Canada Cup teams  |



## New for 2026 Tryouts

### Regional Tryouts (all athletes):

Monday Feb 16 - Fredericton (Between 11AM - 4 PM)

Friday Feb 20 - Edmundston (Between 5PM-10PM)

Saturday Feb 21 - Moncton and Saint John (Between 4PM and 10PM)

Sunday Feb 22 - Bathurst (Between 9 AM and Noon) and Miramichi (Between 3PM and 8 PM)

### Team NB Selection Tryouts (by invitation):

March 21-22 Fredericton

### Final Contender Tryout (by invitation):

June 07 Fredericton

### **\*\*What is the “Final Contender Tryout”?**

The bulk of the teams will be decided at the Team NB Selection tryouts March 21-22. Athletes who made a team will be advised within 10 days of the March 21-22 tryout.

At the Team NB Selection tryouts, the coaches/evaluators will have an option to choose their entire team March 21-22 **OR** they may leave a few ‘Final Contender’ spots open and make their final athlete selections for the ‘final contender’ spots June 07 in Fredericton.

Based on the feedback from last summer, parents found it difficult to plan summer vacations and budget for the costs of Team NB participation. We moved the tryouts earlier in an attempt to address this issue. The final contender spots are to allow for some athletes to be identified and invited to tryout during the SSNB season.

## Tryout Attendance/Exemptions

PEP athletes are exempt from Regional Tryouts.

All other athletes who cannot make a Regional Tryout must apply for an exemption by February 09, 2026 for consideration by the Performance Lead and respective HP chair.

\*Please note that REP (Regional Excellence Program) Athletes must attend Regional Tryouts.

Any athlete who cannot attend final tryouts on March 21-22, must apply for an exemption on SportLomo by



March 13, 2026. Exemptions will be reviewed by the Performance Lead, and HP chairs in consultation with the respective Team NB coaching staff.

## **Exemption Process**

Exemptions for regional and/or final tryouts must be submitted through a separate Sportlomo link. Applicants are required to pay the exemption fee (tryout/s fee plus \$30) for the corresponding event and submit one full match of video for review. Applications are not considered complete until both payment and video have been received.

Exemption requests will be evaluated based on the submitted video alongside athletes attending in-person tryouts to ensure fair consideration. Applicants will be notified of the decision within seven days of the tryout's conclusion.

If a player makes a team, they will need to become a Competitive Youth Member of VNB if they do not have an active membership.

## **14U in 2026**

This summer we plan to create two 14U training cohorts. Athletes will train as 1 large female group and 1 large male group, over 2 training weekends. Each cohort will split off into teams during or after the training weekends, in order to compete against the other provinces at Eastern Elites.