



SUNBURY VOLLEYBALL BULLDOGS



Many years ago, Sunbury County was known for its exceptional volleyball players. Some of the best players in this province, Atlantic and the National level came from this county. Sunbury's success in volleyball continued with the endless hours of volunteering by three key volunteers: Leon Nason, Mike O'Donnell and Mark Mersereau. Many hours were spent with the volleyball program for all children as well as many adult and senior leagues however volleyball started to fade away in our area as those volunteers moved on with the last provincial banner being won by OHS in 2003.

Over the last ten years volleyball has slowly been growing back in our community. Sunbury West School has had a number of successes in recent years with numerous district banners, tournament wins and high placements at the Middle School Cup.

This fall a program has been established and consists of 30 boys grade 5-10. The program consists of Grassroot program which is grade 5-7, competitive U14 & U16 team. Courtney has brought assistant coach Nick McCann to help coach with all three teams. Volleyball is certainly on the rise in the Sunbury County as the numbers went from 9-30 in one year. The U14/16 teams will compete across the province throughout the season from September-December with help from our sponsors and community support. [Capital Springs & Suspension, Marwood and Webb & Associates]

The U14 team has already claimed a silver in their first tournament Pink Fuzion in Moncton on October 28. The upcoming tournament for U14 consists of: **November 24 at Sunbury West School**, December 1 in Bathurst.

The U16 team will start their tournaments November 18 in Bathurst and **November 25 in Fredericton**. Both U14/U16 will compete at the VNB provincials December 14-16 in Moncton.

Along with the community, and they are very fortunate to have 100% support from our local schools Sunbury West & Oromocto High for flexible gym hours to allow these boys to practice for their season, and to help with the development of our U12 boys.

We expect to have even higher numbers next year with adding a U18 team to complete the program.





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Volleyball is back, and the love for the game is back.

Stay tuned with these teams as we watch them grow, learn, and love this game even more.

**Please Note*: Pictures of the various teams to follow this article*

