

Alberta Open & U23 Teams – Head Coach

Season: 2026

Location: Virtual (primary) with in-person attendance in Alberta, Canada for a minimum duration of two weeks (May 1st - May 15th, 2026) prior to the 2026 Canadian National Netball Championships in Montreal, Quebec (May 15th - 18th, 2026).

Commitment: February – May 2026

Positions Available: 1

Overview: Netball Alberta is seeking an experienced **Head Coach** to lead its **Open and U23 provincial teams** at the **2026 Netball Canada National Championships**, taking place May long weekend 2026 in Montreal, Quebec.

This role provides high-level technical leadership to the provincial program and is designed to support both athlete and coach development within Alberta. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with local coaches and athlete leaders, while setting the technical direction for the season and overseeing final team selection and competition preparation.

Key Responsibilities:

The Head Coach will be responsible for:

- Providing overall technical leadership for the Open and U23 provincial programs
- Designing the season plan for the February–May training cycle, including performance priorities and progression, to be carried out by local coaches until arrival of the Head Coach
- Creating training frameworks and session plans to be implemented by local coaches and captains
- Supporting local coaches and athlete leaders virtually, including regular communication, mentorship, and technical guidance
- Contributing to coach development within Alberta through mentorship and knowledge-sharing
- Leading the selection of final traveling teams for both the Open and U23 squads by April 15th, 2026
- Attending and coaching the teams in person for a minimum of two weeks prior to the National Championships, including centralized training and tournament preparation
- Acting as Head Coach for both the Open and U23 teams at the 2026 Netball Canada National Championships, supported on site by a local Assistant Coach
- Ensuring athletes are appropriately prepared and supported to compete at an elite level
- Leading and representing Netball Alberta in a professional, collaborative, and athlete-centered manner

Program Structure:

- Training will commence in February 2026
- Weekly regional trainings will be delivered in Calgary and Edmonton by local coaches
- Monthly centralized team trainings will be held in Red Deer
- The Head Coach will primarily support the program virtually until arriving in Canada for the final preparation phase
- Final team selection will occur approximately six weeks prior to Nationals

Logistics & Compensation

- Travel and accommodation for the in-person portion of the role will fully be covered by Netball Alberta
- Compensation will be discussed with suitable candidates and is commensurate with experience and availability

Ideal Candidate

The successful candidate will have:

- Experience coaching at a high-performance or representative level
- Demonstrated ability to design season plans and individual athlete development plans
- Strong skills in virtual mentorship, program oversight, and collaborative leadership
- A player-centered, development-focused coaching philosophy
- Experience working within or alongside provincial/state or national pathways

Application Details

Interested candidates are invited to submit a brief expression of interest outlining:

- Relevant coaching experience
- Availability between February and May 2026
- Experience working within blended virtual and in-person coaching models

Application deadline: January 31st, 2026