

Curtis Cornelsen

Curtis Cornelsen is from Rosenort, Manitoba, where he grew up playing high school and club volleyball. With more than 15 years of coaching experience across volleyball, hockey, and baseball, Curtis has spent much of that time working with young athletes and helping them develop both on and off the court.

Curtis coached the Rosenort High School varsity boys to back-to-back provincial championships in 2012 and 2013 and was named Manitoba Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2013. Several athletes he has coached have gone on to play university and college volleyball, while others have gone on to coach teams of their own.

His volleyball experience also includes running camps through Manitoba's provincial community volleyball program, working alongside and assisting coaches with various club and high school programs, and providing individual training to athletes looking to develop specific areas of their game. Most recently, Curtis worked with the Rosenort High School varsity boys prior to their 2024 provincial championship season.

For Curtis, coaching and mentorship go hand in hand. He believes great teams are built through strong fundamentals, trust, character, and learning to compete together. Beyond teaching athletes what to do, he wants them to understand why they do it. Learning the rhyme and reason behind the game helps players read situations, make decisions, and become more complete volleyball players.

Curtis also uses video study to help players understand what worked, identify areas for improvement, and apply those lessons on the court. Ultimately, his goal is to build a cohesive team where athletes improve individually, support one another, and grow together.
Outside the gym, Curtis enjoys BBQing, cooking, and road-tripping across Canada and the U.S. with his family.