



# DDC MINUTES

May 30, 2014  
Conference Call 12:00-1:30 EST

**Friday May 30, 12:00 – 1:30 EST**

**Attendees:** Brian Newman (chair), Angie Shen, Monette Boudreau-Carroll, Jim Plakas, Jason Trepanier, Keith Hansen, Chris Densmore, James Sneddon (staff)

**Regrets:** none

## 1. Welcome and review of action items

## 2. Review/update of athlete development pathway

- Update of the current plan to integrate the VCCE program into the yearly training of all identified provincial/national athletes post-July for their grade 11 and 12 year:
  - VC has a pool of funds to provide some top athletes, and PTA's have agreed to distribute funds through this manner on a case-by-case and province-by-province basis. A list of 1999, 98 and 97 athletes have been identified at each of VC's National Championships. An email was sent directly to the athletes' club coach encouraging participation in their respective provincial team program in order for final selections to be made. The same email was sent to each of the PTA's. Program details are described here: <http://www.vcce.ca/athlete-pathways.html>.
  - Challenges include several identified athletes choosing not to participate with their respective provincial team program, making final selection difficult, and may nullify the selection of specific age groups. Follow-up is underway to determine the reasons for lack of participation.
- High Performance Staff is reviewing the FTC model.

## 3. 14U Fair Play rule

- Two PTA's provided examples from their 14U provincials or nationals, that over the course of the tournament, less and less players were listed on the roster to "get around" the 14U Fair Play rule. Some teams went from 11 players to 8. Coaches would 'scratch' the kids from the roster, and they would sit on the bench.
- Volleyball Alberta has adapted the following procedures: *Coaches that do not add roster athletes on the score sheet, or misrepresent an athlete's playing status to avoid compliance with the Developmental Substitution rule, will be subject to sanctions. The Referees who check the roster and scoresheet prior to the match, monitor the rule. Injured athletes must be noted in the remarks area prior to the coach signing the score sheet.* If caught prior to the match and a team chooses not to follow the rule, the team may play but would forfeit the match. If an infraction is found after the match or event, the incident is sent to a disciplinary committee and sanctions would be provided (no precedent has been set to date).
- At VBC 95% of teams had 11 or more players. The team that won provincials had 9 players.
- At the OVA 85% of teams had between 10-12 players, while 10% had 9 or less.
- The number of teams participating at 14U West and East Opens has gone up or remained the same from 2010 to 2014. Further research is needed to determine if the overall number of participants (with fewer players per team) has gone down since the inception of the rule.



- The DDC recommendation is to maintain the rule and add Volleyball Alberta's monitoring procedures to National Championships.

#### **4. Concussion Policy update**

- The DDC recommends The Coaches Association of Canada online concussion module "Making Head Way" (multi-sport Stream) will become a part of the Volleyball coach certification pathway beginning October 1, 2014. All coaches will be required to complete the module before October 1, 2014 to maintain their certified status.
- The DDC reviewed and discussed a draft *Volleyball Canada Concussion Policy* which applies additional measures in a tournament setting.
- Puget Sound USA Volleyball Region Concussion Policy:
  - The "Zackery Lystedt Law" in Washington requires the following: "a youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time" and "...may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider". More information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>
- The DDC recommends a task group be formed to further research appropriate concussion policies and procedures in a National Championships setting, and provide samples. Timeline for policies and procedures approval is July 31, 2014. Jim, Jason and Chris volunteered to gather and provide research.

#### **5. NCCP updates**

- The CAC requested VC provide a budget and project outline where all NCCP development can be finalized and approved under the 'new NCCP' within two years.
- VC was 1 of 4 sports of the 67 to receive more than their core funding. Translation costs can be applied for over and above this amount. CAC also plans to support VC directly with services (LF training etc.). All sports will be engaged to develop para-sport courses. See *NCCP Project Timelines*

#### **6. Develop female coach recruitment plan**

- The DDC discussed potential strategies and target groups. The group agreed that a greater focus should be made on the university and x-university athletes, versus younger club athletes, or parents. It was further discussed the importance of investing in greater awareness campaigns that inspire female athletes to pursue coaching.
- Follow-up is required with the CAC to determine their successes and failures with the same issue.
- A provincial example was provided in which NCCP courses were offered free of charge for clubs teams, but only a few clubs could take advantage. It was believed to have greater success if it was offered for individuals, as well during the off-season.
- VC to investigate offering a specific program for university student-athletes that limits the time required for certification.

#### **7. Canada Games tournament structure (power pool formats)**

- Review *Principles and Schedule for Tournament Draws* document
- Feedback from PTA's have confirmed these principles should be adapted
- **Tabled**

#### **8. Cell phones and other devices on the bench**

- **Tabled**

#### **9. Review and confirm VCDM/LTAD website goals and key measurables**

- Review VCDM website goals



- Discuss key measurables for next two years
- **Tabled**

**Next Meeting:** July 31, 2014 12:00-1:30pm EST. DDC to confirm availability via email to James

	ACTION ITEMS	BY WHOM	TIME LINE	ACTIONS May 22, 2014
	Female Coach Recruitment: VC to investigate offering a specific program for university student-athletes that limits the time required for certification. Follow-up with the CAC to determine their successes and failures	James	Jul-14	IP
	Further research on appropriate concussion policies and procedures in a National Championships setting, and provide samples.	Jim, Jason, Chris	Jul-14	IP
	The DDC recommends The Coaches Association of Canada online concussion module "Making Head Way" (Generic Stream) will become a part of the coach certification pathway beginning October 1, 2014. Coaches certified at any level that have not completed the concussion module before October 1, 2014 will see their transcript change from 'Certified' to 'Trained'.	James	Jun-14	IP
	The DDC recommendation is to maintain the 14U Fair Play rule and add Volleyball Alberta's monitoring procedures to National Championships (Comp Guide). Continue to compile data on the total number of 14U participants and participation trends.	James	Jul-14	IP

\*IP – In Progress  
C – Complete