



DDC Meeting MINUTES

Conference Call and Screen Share
September 21, 2017
12:00-13:30 EST

Attendees: Brian Newman (chair), Dawna Sales, Ed Drakich, Jim Plakas, Keith Hansen, James Sneddon (staff)

Regrets: Glenn Hoag, Jonathan Chevrier, Monette Boudreau-Carroll

1. Beach and Indoor 2018 Age Category documents
 - a. The DDC reviewed the Indoor Age Categories document and confirmed accuracy.
 - b. The DDC reviewed the Beach Age Categories document and agreed to align with indoor and remove all caveats regarding athletes who participate in post-secondary programs.
 - c. The DDC recommends that the 20U category be used for Beach Nationals to align with the Canada Games age category and the U21 FIVB age category. The group confirmed and agreed with the document as presented.
 - d. The DDC discussed the option of creating single age categories for those beach divisions with enough participants. In principle, the DDC recommends to the Competitions Committee that single age categories (15U for example) should be created whenever possible. Single age categories will encourage greater growth in participation, which is a priority for Volleyball Canada.

2. 2018 Athlete & Coach HP Programming & HP Summit
 - a. The DDC reviewed the 2018 HP Athlete Programming document. The DDC was briefed on the most recent TD Meeting where it was proposed to combine genders and host the National Team Challenge Cup (NTCC) event at one venue. The event location would alter between East and West every year. PTA's appeared to be in agreement on this concept as hosting the event at the National Training Centre with National Team staff involvement is very difficult given their competition schedule. Volleyball Canada is currently researching 6 court venues that can accommodate around 40 teams.
 - b. The DDC reviewed the Selects/Youth and Youth/Junior National Team program schedules and tryout dates.
 - c. The DDC was briefed on the upcoming HP Summit agenda and invite list. Technical Directors, Executive Directors, Presidents, DDC members and High Performance Staff will be invited. The agenda will include discussion on PSO/NSO alignment as well as roles and responsibilities between groups. OTP will present on system alignment.

3. Beach Rules of the Game

- a. OVA instituted a new hand-setting rule for 16U and younger and 18U non-Tier 1 teams. See below and link.

3.4.3 Hand Setting Rule – 16U and younger (all Divisions) &18U (Championships, Challenger and Trillium Divisions) • For the 2017 OVA Beach Tour Season, the following hand setting rule will be used for 16U and younger divisions and 18U Championship, Challenger and Trillium divisions, including Satellites events: • A player may have a double contact on their second contact when completing a set to their teammate using an overhand pass provided the ball has a trajectory perpendicular to the line of the player's hands, shoulders, and hips (i.e. the player is being "square") and the double contact involves only the hands.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WJj9kPiC_o&t=8s

OVA received very good feedback from athletes/officials on the rule. There was a learning curve at the beginning. A judgment call remained regarding if the athlete was square to the target during contact. The OVA will be using the rule moving forward as it appears to achieve its objective of giving athletes more opportunities to handset the ball, creating more rallies.

This rule caused some challenges for the athletes/referees at Nationals. Ontario athletes/referees would not call a double contact while other referees would call a double contact, even after clarification/explanation prior to the tournament.

- b. Motion to adopt this rule for Beach Nationals in 2018 (subject to PTA feedback).
- c. DDC recommends adopting the rule, but has concerns about education and will need to hear back from PTA's before moving forward.

4. NCCP Update

- a. The group was briefed on the latest e-learning developments and revision plans.
- b. The DDC reviewed an instructional design document for Development Coach Workshop revisions. The group will be requested to review the learning outcomes to ensure if 1) all appropriate learning outcomes are present, and 2) if each learning outcome is appropriately positioned to be delivered in e-learning, the volleyball workshop or the multi sport workshops. A pilot of the workshop is tentatively planned for December.

Next call: Nov 23, 2017 @ 2:30pm EST