



DDC Minutes

Thursday Nov 17, 2016
4:00-5:30 EST

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Attendees: Brian Newman (chair), Chris Densmore, Keith Hansen, Jason Trepanier, Jim Plakas, James Sneddon (staff)

Regrets: Jonathan Chevrier, Monette Boudreau-Carroll, Angie Shen

1. Rules of the Game

1.1 Overhead Pass

- Consider adopting the overhead pass at 16U for boys and girls in 2017-18
- Italy: no overhead serve receive at 13U
- DDC comments:
- Difficult to tangibly measure
- Most athletes begin volleyball around 13. Many athletes may develop the forearm pass from the ages of 13,14,15 (due to the current restriction). Therefore, the 16U age category may be a good age to begin using the overhead pass.
- Some high schools use the overhead pass, then are forced to 'step back' and no longer use the skill in club.
- Item tabled until further feedback is gathered from the OVA.

1.2 16U girls net height

- Proposal to change to 2.24m for 16U in 2017-18
- **Action Item:** Survey to VA and OVA lower divisions. Make decision by January/February if to be implemented in September 2017.

1.3 Tripleball

- Proposal to change the wording for "Guidelines for Tossers". The wording should indicate that the toss should be made to the person who is in position 6, however this player may be shifted up or to the right or left depending on the teams' free-ball system.
- Proposal to change:
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- a) The free ball must be tossed directly to the athlete in the centre back position, (rotationally in position six), otherwise a replay will occur.

Approved



1.4 Uniform Length

- A VC member recently emailed their Provincial Association requesting something be done about the 'overly short' spandex of female volleyball players. The DDC discussed the topic and agreed this item falls under the responsibility of parents, athletes and clubs; and cannot be administered or policed by the national federation.

1.5 16U Libero

- Discussion on the possibility of lowering the age that allows the Libero position.
- Below are a few examples other nations' regulations surrounding the Libero.
- Italy: No Libero at 14U. Brazil: no Libero at 16U. France & USA: no restrictions.
- The group had insufficient rationale to adjust the current rule and will continue to monitor feedback from the membership in the coming years.

2. NCCP Updates

- Coach Evaluator Training 1-day workshops start in November.
- Considering reducing Coach Certification Policy fine amount to \$100 in 2018.
- Finalizing Error Detection and Correct Evaluation e-module; Evaluator package for Performance Coach context, training process for Performance Coach context.

2. NTCC and Youth (w) / Select (m) Updates

- See document for revised format of the program
- No Youth (m) / Junior (w) program (18U) in 2017 due to Canada Games year.

3. Competition Restructure Updates

- Review Pathway documents

4. Age Category Policy

- Tabled until a review is made of the implications of removing the caveat requiring athletes to be in their first year of grade 12, before further changes to the policy are made.

5. 2017 DDC communication schedule

- See attached documents

Next Meeting: April 6, 12-1:30pm EST