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# DDC Minutes

Thursday Sept 24, 2015  
Conference Call 12:00-1:30 EST

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

### 1. NCCP Updates

- DDC reviewed an updates attachment
- The committee discussed the 2016 VC Championships Coach Certification Policy, and version B of the policy. The group agreed to delay the discussion on a revised version of the policy until the new NCCP pathway has been firmly established.
- Special note was made to ensure the addition of the 4<sup>th</sup> point of the policy be effectively communicated to ensure prohibited coaches do not travel to nationals unknowingly.
- The DDC agreed to table the topic of adjusting the certification requirements to “Trained” or “In Training” for Div. 2 and 3 teams at Nationals to the next meeting.

### 2. NTCC and Youth National Development Program (YNBP) Updates

- The DDC reviewed an Updates document and tentative plans for 2016. Final program details and logistics to be determined in early October.
- Recommendation to move the Beach NTCC dates to the last week of June to allow for a longer identification and selection process.

### 3. VCCE-Nova Scotia at Nationals

- Request to allow a VCCE program/team to attend Nationals in Division 1 without playing in Provincials. The program is the first group of PTA's to initiate a year-round provincial team at the 17/18U age group.
- The DDC discussed the request and will recommend to the National Championships Committee to allow this program/team to participate in Nationals. However, the group also agreed that the VCCE program/team should play in Provincials and qualify through the standard process. Note: After the DDC meeting took place the VCCE-Nova Scotia program withdrew their request and will seek alternative competition opportunities.

### 4. 2016 VC Championships Age Categories

- The Committee reviewed and discussed exemption requests to the current policy. The requests were denied. Both examples did not fall within the policy criteria, which requires both being within the 16-month age category, and attending their first year of grade 12. The DDC noted that if an exemption were offered for these two requests, the same opportunity to the rest of the country would need to be provided. Secondly, the athletes in question have opportunities to train and play volleyball either with an 18U program in a practice setting or the Adult division for provincial and national training/competition opportunities.
- The DDC discussed Volleyball Quebec's request to apply the Volleyball Quebec age category policy (15 month) to the National Championships policy (16 month) for athletes from the Province of Quebec. It was noted that the administrative/registration process does not currently allow for effective monitoring of this process. Furthermore, there is



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potential for added confusion of having a different age category for one province.  
Therefore, the policy will remain as it is currently written for the 2015-16 season.

**Round Table:** none

**Next Meeting:** November 26, 2015