



DDC Minutes

Thursday Sept 22, 2016
12:00-1:30 EST

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

Regrets: Keith Hansen

1. Rules of the Game review

- Overhead Pass
 - OVA is piloting allowing the overhead pass for 16U for boys and girls this season. VC will not be implementing the rule this season at Nationals, but would like to consider for next season.

The group reviewed the OVA pilot to allow the overhead pass on serve receive, and looks forward to receiving feedback from the OVA and the membership. The group reviewed the rationale points given in 2013 for applying the current rule, and comments from one Volleyball Manitoba member. It was noted that the DDC should consider the FIVB congress and their direction concerning the overhead pass and if any changes will be made. Contrary to last year, all indications from the FIVB are that the overhead pass will remain in the game, however confirmation is required.

After thorough discussion, the DDC was open to allowing the 16U age group to overhead pass, subject to pilot and referee feedback. A discussion of this topic will be made again at the November 2016 conference call, and include a review of other nations' policies. The group did agree that 14U and 15U should not adopt the rule based on the physical maturation of athletes, their ability to execute this skill without injury or constant violations/referee stoppages.

- 16U Libero
 - Proposal 1) Lower the age that allows the Libero position for boys and girls.
 - Proposal 2) Allow the Libero at any age

The DDC reviewed the rationale points given in 2013 for applying the current rule, and comments from one Volleyball Manitoba member.

In discussion the group noted the following points:

- It is difficult to tangibly measure if allowing the Libero is better or worse for development at this age group.
- Coaches are hiding middles within the Libero
- Need to review other nations' rules for similar age groups.
- Seeing more Liberos emerge as full time players and not only transitioning later from the left side
- Education is part of the solution to help coaches invest in skills, but don't have the resources to do this effectively
- ITAD principles is do not specialize too early
- No urgent need to change – Brazil has same rule, look at other countries



- Group open to lowering it one year
- Need clear objective of the purpose of the rule.

The group is open to lowering the age in which the Libero is used, but will need further time to look at other countries and seek further feedback. Tabled for November.

- 16U girls net height request to change to 2.24m. Volleyball Alberta and OVA successfully trialed the change.

Jim – didn't notice anything from smaller athletes not being able to attack the ball. Females appear to be taller (than 10 years ago). Survey how do they feel about the net height change. No negative feedback. Lower divisions did not appear to be a huge issue. But small sample size.

Wait for feedback from OVA before final decision in November. Group would like to raise it.

2. NCCP Updates

- Coach Evaluator Training 1-day workshops start in November. Confirm that beach coaches are involved in the workshop.
- Coach Certification Policy review/update. Note: fine amount is not critical and could be reduced.
- Transfer Plan review

2. NTCC and Youth National Development Program (YNDP) Updates

- Considering not offering the 18U age category, based on no attendance from OVA and long-term vision for this age group.
- Considering moving the dates of the 17/16/15U event from July 12-16 to July 19-23, based on desire to overlay Grand Prix for the women's event and challenges getting facilities for the earlier dates.

3. Competition Restructure Updates

- 18U National Volleyball League
- Men's FTC update. First year a grade 12 student was invited to attend and train at the FTC for one year. Future plans to invite 1-3 athletes for each of the grade 11 and 12 age groups.

4. Age Category Policy

- Proposal to remove the caveat to exclude CIS/CCAA players to participate at the 17U division.
- The DDC is ok with removing it for 2018, and monitor for issues the following year.

Next Meeting: November 17, 12-1:30pm EST