



Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee

April 20, 2023

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Attendance: Brian Newman (Chair), Dawna Sales (Vice-Chair), Jim Plakas, Keith Hansen, Julien Boucher, Ed Drakich, Kerry MacDonald

Regrets: Monette Boudreau-Carroll, Ian Halliday

1. Approve Agenda - Approved
2. Approve Previous Minutes (November 2022) – Approved
3. VC Updates:
 - a. Learning Management System to replace the Volleyball Canada Coach Centre
 - b. National Championships: 1259 teams, 18U Boys highest % increase
 - c. Athlete Pathways Update
 - i. Team Canada Youth 2023
 1. U19 Women:
 - a. Norceca Championships (May), World Championships (August)
 - b. Christine Biggs, Head Coach & Olivier Faucher, Lead Asst Coach
 2. Canada Cup Red and White Women:
 - a. Training and competition – Canada Cup, July
 - b. 26-28 athletes. Nathan Janzen and Natasha Spaling, Lead Coaches
 3. NEP
 - a. Women:
 - i. Athlete invitations finalized – 99% confirmed from 1st invite
 - b. Men:
 - i. Selection process extended to end of May
 - c. Beach
 - i. Summer program – May 12-14 (34 men and 24 women)
 - ii. Canada Cup
 1. Indoor: Brock University and Canada Games Park, July 19-23, 2023. 2024 - TBC
 2. Beach: planning meeting with Beach and Pathways
 - d. Coach Pathways
 1. Foundations redesign – final edit stage
 2. # of NCCP Workshops and Foundations Update – Significant growth
 3. Performance Coach – 16 candidates – Ottawa, June. Quebec City – late August
 - e. CSAI
 - i. Newcomers – 30 communities to receive funding for equipment, coach training and program support
 - ii. Quebec – 22 indigenous communities to receive equipment and coach training.
4. Age Exemption Policy
 - a. Further research is needed and will be collected post 2023 club season on the impact of the 2022 & 2023 age categories across Canada



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5. Coach Eligibility Policy
 - a. 2023 Coach Eligibility policy will be reviewed in June prior to 2024 policy being released.
 - i. Guiding Principles for 2024 policy
 1. Experience of 1st year coaches at 14U
 2. Assistant Coach Requirements
 3. Systems (Technology) MUST support the eligibility process
 4. Typical life span of coaches
 5. Safety and behavior/conduct
6. Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee
 - a. Discussion regarding rule change rationale and communication
 - i. Committee will prepare a FAQ/Rule Adaptations for VC National Championships document that can provide an outline of the following:
 - a. Process to request a rule modification
 - b. Research/Data required for a rule modification
 - c. Rationale for rule modification decision
 - d. Timelines for rule modification implementation
 - i. i.e. FIVB testing – the removal of the overhead passing rule at U19 2023 World Championships
7. Next Meeting – June 2023