



Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee
February 28, 2025
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- (1) VC Updates
 - (a) VC Structure Adjustment
 - (i) Pathways and HP program report to CSO (Kerry)
 - 1. Youth National Team Program moved over to HP Department
 - (ii) Events and Corporate report to COO (Linden)
 - (b) PTA Update
 - (i) Reporting 5-8% growth for the 2024-2025 Membership season
 - (ii) Staffing levels are positive
 - (c) Learning Management System (volleyballconnect)
 - (i) Sept 1 – launch
 - (ii) Coach section as priority, other sections to follow.
 - (iii) Will replace the VC Coaching Centre
- (2) Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - (a) Composition of committee
 - (i) ToR being reviewed by Board of Directors
 - (ii) ToR will allow committee to function more efficiently within roles and composition of committee
 - (iii) Committee focus on pathways primarily – composition to ensure alignment to High Performance with closer connection, i.e. NextGen representation
 - (iv) PTA Representative – Designate from PTA Technical leadership ensuring perspectives from across Canada at the PTA level.
 - (v) Additional representation would be present in working groups
 - (b) Working groups to be established to ensure representation of VC's 3 disciplines: Beach, Indoor, Sitting
- (3) Coach Development Update
 - (a) Coach Eligibility Policy
 - (i) No updates on current year policy
 - 1. Development Coach Focus on Workshop (Year 1) and Certification (Year 3)
 - 2. Additional Requirements for Assistant Coaches
 - (b) Coaching 2.0
 - (i) Pathways working to modify NCCP coach education to a modular approach combining knowledge and evaluation.
 - (ii) 3 person evaluation with 1 coach evaluator pilot project ongoing
 - (c) Resources – Indoor, Sitting, Beach



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- (i) Significant focus on the development of Skill and Drill Videos for all three disciplines. To be available on volleyballconnect (LMS) as well as Smashball app.
- (4) Rules of the Game
 - (a) Prioritize Rules of the Game Review
 - (i) Next steps:
 1. Establish Rules of the Game working group
 2. Overarching principles for rules of the game
 - a. Holistically look at athlete development
 - b. Rationale including roster sizes, long term development, i.e. sport for life consideration
 - c. Providing an environment for development
 - d. Working group must include those with expertise at the development level
 3. Communication and messaging must be a priority within the context of social media to reach membership
 - (ii) Rules of the Game to be included for working group:
 1. Overhand pass – currently not allowed at 14U
 2. Libero – currently not allowed at 15U
 3. 2 libero – currently not allowed at age group levels in Canada
 4. 12 sub rule (unlimited/limited)
 5. Ceiling Rule – playing the ball off the ceiling
 6. Allowing 2nd contact as a double
- (5) Beach Coaching
 - (a) Allowed at FIVB Age Class Championships and National Age Class Championships.
 - (i) Proposal to allow coaching at Canada Games 2025 – waiting approval from PTAs
- (6) Next Meeting: April 4, 2025
 - (a) Priority of meeting
 - (i) Rules of Play Working Group
 - (ii) Composition of committee

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