



Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee
September 26, 2025
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Attendance: Brian Newman (Chair), Dawna Sales (Vice Chair), Kerry MacDonald, Megan Conroy, Dave Preston, Josh Nichol, Keith Hansen, Monette Boudreau-Carroll, Matt Krueger

- (1) VC Updates
 - (a) Staffing
 - (i) VC has several new hires in the office, including a referee admin, office admin, and digital strategy support.
 - (b) Learning Management System Transition
 - (i) Volleyball Connect will be launched on Oct 2, 2025 to Sportlomo PTAs while Non-Sportlomo PTAs will remain on the VCCC until VC is able to transition (potentially end of October). VC prioritized a positive user experience and concerns were raised about volume of account challenges from Non-Sportlomo PTAs.
 - (ii) Volleyball Connect will replace the VCCC but also include athlete and referee content into a learning management system.
 - (c) World Championships
 - (i) Canada, along with the USA, will be the 2027 Women's World Championship hosts. There will be two pools held in Canada with the semis and finals held at the Honda Center in LA.
 - (d) Pathway Priorities (Sept-December)
 - (i) Volleyball Connect is the priority for pathways.
 - (ii) In person technical meetings in December.
 - (iii) Community Sport for All Grant distribution
 - (iv) Rules of the Game working group
 - (v) Discussion to create and expand the Indoor working group to include Coach Education, along with National Championship eligibility
 - 1. Recognition that a significant number of coaches are obtaining NCCP training and certification but there is an opportunity to deliver content differently and focus on non-nccp development with Volleyball Connect
- (2) Canada Games Update
 - (a) Canada Games 2029 –
 - (i) Location: New Brunswick, Disciplines: Indoor and Beach Volleyball to be included.
 - (b) 2029 Timelines
 - (i) Age, Coach Certification, Rule Changes, Seeding Format, Roster Size*
 - 1. Working with the Canada Games Council to determine timelines. Recommendations are made approx. 3 years out (June 2026), prior to release of technical package.
 - 2. Data will be collected from Canada Games, including feedback from PTAs including factors such as;
 - a. Age Adjustment – consistency of Team Canada Programming, overservicing of specific groups, FIVB calendar including new age classifications
 - b. Coach Certification – CGC – Performance Coach, Exemption received for Advanced Development Coach. Analysis required



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- c. Rule Changes –adoption of rule changes balancing domestic competitions and FIVB within the context of the Canada Games.
- d. Seeding – feedback to be gathered given 2 cycles of current draw format
- e. *Roster sizes are determined by Canada Games Council and can be very challenging due to overall participant numbers.
- 3. ACPC will provide recommendations to Canada Games council
- (3) Working groups –
 - (a) Rule of the Game
 - (i) Decisions completed: overhand pass & ceiling contact
 - (ii) Pilots ongoing: Libero at 15U (Alberta, in partnership with VC)
 - (iii) Working group will be reengaged to continue to review rule adaptations.
 - 1. FIVB rule changes are officially confirmed every 2 years at Congress
 - 2. Norceca does not always adopt all rule changes
 - 3. USport has adopted several rule changes including the removal of 2nd contact as a double contact as well as removing rotational faults by the serving team
 - (iv) Timelines for discussion and recommendations to ACPC
 - 1. Challenges for the working group include increased exposure of international play during a pilot phase of a rule adaptation as well as the principle for the rule adaptation, i.e. appealing to spectators or long-term development.
 - (b) Beach – pending at this time
 - (i) Rules of the Game
 - (ii) Coach Eligibility/Development
 - (c) Indoor – to be prioritized
 - (i) Coach Eligibility
 - (ii) Participation Ages (overage policy)
 - 1. Finalized for 2025-2026 season of play
 - (iii) Upon further discussion, this working group may be expanded to include coach education (indoor) including discussion on professional development, informal/mentorship opportunities.
 - (d) Sitting
 - (i) Development
- (4) Next Meeting: December 2025 – in person, if budget will allow. TBD.