



**Athlete and Coach Pathways Committee**  
**February 4, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

Attendance: Brian Newman (Chair), Dawna Sales (Vice-Chair), Jim Plakas, Ian Halliday, Keith Hansen, Julien Boucher, Ed Drakich, Monette Boudreau-Carroll

1. Agenda - Approved
2. Previous Minutes – September 2021, Approved
3. Return to Volleyball
  - a. Significant changes since January 31. Most regions are back to training. Number of events running in modified formats.
  - b. Areas of concern are facility access, referees but also includes recognition of significant number of new coaches entering the system. Athlete demand remains high and most notable drops in membership are at the U13/U14 level.
4. VC Updates:
  - a. Registration system – exploring options for reporting on PIA requirements
  - b. Athlete Pathways Update
    - i. Team Canada Youth 2022
      1. U20 Women – Carolyn O’Dwyer, Head Coach, training and competition post national championships. Pan Am Cup - Mexico
      2. U18 Women- 36 Athletes – roster of 12 to Pan Am Cup, 2 teams remaining to compete at Canada Cup
      3. U19 Men – Not planning to participate at Pan Am Cup. Details to follow on training plan – may include NEP and/or Summer Training
      4. U21 Men – Training in the summer with preparation to Pan Am Cup in September. More details to follow regarding Canada Games athletes.
    - ii. NEP – Women – Regional Camps ongoing, Men – ID process is ready to send out
    - iii. Canada Games/Canada Cup – ongoing planning for delivery. Canada Cup – all Canada Games teams planning to attend.
  - c. Coach Pathways
    - i. National Championship Coach Eligibility 2022/2023
      1. Trained status, mandatory requirements – communication continues to PTAs.
      2. Registration process opens – head coach identified, along with NCCP number. Start process of checking and communication with ongoing plans in place to support PTA and Coach.
      3. PTAs are delivering Development coach workshops. Advanced Development is still in pilot phase with BC and ON.
    - ii. NCCP Course Delivery – Dev/AdvDev/Performance
      1. All NCCP are considered online or blending learning
      2. Development Workshop – positive feedback, coaches and learning facilitators – delivery method and accessibility – Any changes will be made in Fall 2022.



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3. Advanced Development – Indoor – 2 pilots currently ongoing. Beach will follow same model
4. Performance Coach – blended learning – 2 indoor, 1 beach. Focus on Canada Games coaches with 2 days in person/on court. Positive feedback.
5. Athlete Pathways Committee would like to acknowledge the excellent work done to adapt and adjust the course delivery over the last two years. This includes both staff and the working groups in Canada. Moving to online learning has made the delivery a best practice in Coach Education and the benefit will be noticeable for the sport system.
  - iii. Learning Management System (currently recognized as the Coach Centre)
    1. Elearning – dated, bugs, not conducive to online learning
    2. Investigating new opportunities.
      - a. Priorities may include a move towards non-nccp learning
      - b. Would incorporate the Person pillar of the Development matrix – mental health/wellbeing/nutrition
    3. High priority
    4. Currently developing the business and system objectives with an internal working group.
  - d. National Championship
    - i. Policy Adjustments for 2022
      1. Athlete and Coach Exemptions for replacements will be managed through current process, including fees and submission through Formstack with a note that changes within 10 days of the event, may include a Covid response and will be managed on a case-by-case basis.
5. Rule Adaptations for National Competitions – Communication and Review process
  - a. FIVB has not released any new rules that influence competitions in Canada.
  - b. A rule adaption overview document will be circulated to PTAs on a regular basis
  - c. Rule adaptations will be reviewed periodically. Volleyball Canada to gather feedback from coaches/PTAs specific to divisions impacted by rule adjustments. Create feedback loop for discussion on rule adaptations.
6. Next Meeting – September 16<sup>th</sup> 2022
7. Adjournment: Feb 4, 10:30 PST