



DDC Annual Meeting MINUTES

Edmonton, AB

Attendance: Jim Plakas, Ed Drakich, Dawna Sales, Monnette Boudreau-Carroll, Glenn Hoag, Jonathan Chevrier, James Sneddon (staff), Brian Newman (chair)

Regrets: Keith Hansen

Thursday, June 15th, 9:00 – 12:00 MST

Note: DDC Members participated and “listened-in” on a day-long meeting with Technical Directors the previous day (June 14th) in order to gather information on the needs and issues of the PTA’s.

1. Confirm the 2018 Coach Certification Policy

- a. The DDC discussed the specific recommendations of the PTA’s for the policy. The group agreed to uphold the recommendation to keep the policy relatively the same with a few minor edits. Edits included:
 - i. Adding a statement which requires all staff on the bench to have completed a criminal record check and vulnerable sector screen (to be verified by the PTA);
 - ii. Adding a statement that requires any staff who replaces the head coach to have MED Online Evaluation and Making Head Way;
 - iii. Move the Multi-Sport requirements from a 2nd year, to a 3rd year requirement;
 - iv. Reduce the 1st year fine amount to \$200;
 - v. Stipulate that coaches moving from 17/18U to 14/15/16U are considered a second year coach in that age group. See revised document with highlighted changes for full details.
- b. The policy was then presented to the Executive and Technical Directors in a joint meeting. All PTA’s agreed to administer the 2018 policy as it was described and presented (see document). Flexibility was offered to the PTA for the following items:
 - i. The amount of the fine;
 - ii. If Assistant Coaches would apply;
 - iii. The timeframe for meeting the requirements.
- c. The group discussed any future requirements for assistant coaches and agreed that PTA’s should have the flexibility to implement based on their own human resources or mandates. The PTA in these cases can provide separate communication.
- d. The group agreed to examine a more thorough means of communicating the policy to alleviate much of the confusion for coaches. Options such as video messaging on social media from HP staff were given.

2. Confirm 2018 Athlete HP Programming
 - a. The 2018 Athlete and Coach HP Programs and their formats were discussed at length in the previous day's TD meetings. Consensus was reached on all programs and a summary document was produced. The DDC then reviewed the summary document and agreed to move forward with the events listed.
 - b. The 2018 programs were then reviewed in a joint meeting with all Technical and Executive Directors. At that time it was relayed to VC staff that the Technical Directors had devised an alternative model to the agreed upon document. Some discussions were held on the merits of various programs and specifically surrounding the Canada Cup Indoor event. It was decided to table the conversation for a later date.
 - c. Volleyball Canada will offer a Beach Canada Cup on July 18-20 in Toronto.

3. 12U and 10U rules of the game
 - a. The DDC discussed some questions raised by Volleyball Quebec staff regarding the 12U and 10U rules of the game. Discrepancies between Volleyball Canada rules and VBQ rules were raised. After discussion and clarification it was determined that Volleyball Quebec should deliver the most appropriate rules for each context. VC will not be changing any 12U or 10U rules within the rulebook for the 2017-18 season, and will continue to rely on PTA partners to inform VC of appropriate rule modifications for this age category.

4. Consideration of adopting the 2 Libero rule as per the FIVB rules
 - a. After discuss the DDC agreed that it is too early to determine if there are any significant benefits or drawbacks to change the rule at the development level. The group will continue to monitor major competitions for how the Libero is being used.

5. Consideration of allowing the Libero for 16U boys (aligning the genders to the same year)
 - a. The DDC discussed the current rationale for maintaining the rule (see document) and benefits of allowing the Libero for 16U boys. Discussion was tabled for further review for the 2018-19 season.

6. Jewelry
 - a. The DDC reviewed and incident from a National Championships in which an athlete requested to wear jewelry for religious reasons. After a discussion the group agreed to maintain the wording in the rulebook to "remove or tape jewelry" and add a comment to referee guidelines document to allow for such requests.

7. Fair Play

- a. The DDC very briefly discussed the 14U Fair Play rule and how some coaches would prefer to make more subs. The group unanimously agreed to maintain the rule, to promote participation and enjoyment as the central purpose of the 14U age group.