



COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Open PL Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2025 – 6:00 PM via Zoom

Members Present

Adam Ellis, Michael Brown, Brian Wodke, Shyanna Davis, Autumn Hilberg (at 6:07)

Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Brandi Maurer

Staff Present

Cody March

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Cody March.
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- Guests were recognized.

Old Business

- Open PL Qualifier Format
 - Michael Brown has shared a new format model and clarifying questions with the group prior to this meeting.
 - Discussion:
 - Day 2 crossovers – moving the top 8 and bottom 8 teams to their own pools and not having them play additional crossover matches.
 - Seeding structure for seeds 9-56 on Day 2 (snake seeding was the consensus).
 - Crossover matches and opportunities for teams in the 17-24 seed range to enter the top 16 on Day 2. Committee discussed the total number of matches per team, possible overuse concerns, and ability for teams who start outside the top 16 to get into that range.
 - Committee consensus on this was to have crossover matches for seeds 13-20 only.
 - **Action Item:** Michael to update qualifier format with additional crossovers and re-share with the group. Once shared, Cody will lay the format on a court schedule to confirm logistics.
- Seed Challenges
 - Challenges are relatively rare, and the committee will address them as they are received.
 - A two-day qualifier can nullify the need for challenges, but no policy changes will be made at this time so the region can evaluate the efficacy of the current qualifier model.
 - Discussion of prohibiting challenges from clubs who provide no information on their PL registration. This is hard to codify, but we can have further discussions if needed.
- 14s Team Participation
 - No policy changes are being made.
- Registration Information
 - Cody shared what information is being sought from each Open PL registrant.
 - Data will be shared with the committee as the seeding meeting gets closer.
 - Additional information can be gathered from individual teams if necessary.

New Business

- The seeding meeting has been scheduled for 12/3 at 6:45 PM.
- Open PL locations
 - This year's PLQ will be at the Portland Expo Center. Other facilities can be secured if needed.
 - Cara proposed a rotation of locations between north and south – a site in Portland (e.g., Portland Expo Center) and a southern site (e.g., Rogue X).
 - Committee was in favor of this idea as long as dates were published well in advance so clubs could budget for any additional expenses.
 - **Action Item:** Cody to add this topic to the JGC agenda and explore dates at Rogue X.

Next Meetings

- Monday, November 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM via Zoom
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – 6:45 PM via Zoom (Seeding)

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.