



## **COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM via Zoom

### **Members Present**

Kelly Havig, Tami Johnson, Gail Dubisar, Paula Martin, Michele McDaniel, Marcia Costley (ex-officio), Greg Clark, Tom Hurst, Jenna Cox

### **Members Absent**

None

### **Guests Present**

Hossein Mafinejad

### **Staff Present**

Cody March

### **Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Kelly Havig.
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- Hossein Mafinejad was recognized as a guest.
- One additional Power Hour topic was added to the agenda.

### **Power Hour Topics**

- Note – Aaron will not be able to join until 6:20 PM.
- Possible topics from Aaron – uniforms, 14 & under rule differences (Marcia can take these items and connect with Aaron about what needs to be conveyed).
- Last minute cancellations (within 48 hours) – how to let Marcia know.
- Educating coach/player referees on how to properly use electronic whistles, noting they are difficult to hear (Tami).
- Bench management – where players can be and being reasonable with bench areas – keeping bench personnel off the line judges (Gail).
- Discovering wrong people on the court several rotations in – what happens next (Gail).
- Helping R2s improve – transitioning, communication with table crews.
- Presidents' Day Weekend opportunities – observations, etc. (Marcia)
- Scoring reminders (Paula).
- Random drawing for gift card from previous attendees. (Greg)
- Q/A.

### **Name Tags**

- Committee was reminded to wear their name tags at sites if able.

### **Resignation**

- Tom is resigning from the committee.

## Handbook

- Committee requests an earlier review of the Officials' Handbook for subsequent seasons. Marcia has looked at other regions' handbooks and has some suggestions to share.
- Nothing needs to be finalized now. Kelly will set up a Google Doc that will allow everybody to share their suggestions for updates.

## New Officials' Interest Form

- **Action Item:** Cody to share spreadsheet of information with Marcia & Aaron.

## Presidents' Day

- Marcia shared the number of individuals currently registered for Presidents' Day events, including those registered as viable trainers.
  - Reminders – observations can help Provisional-rated officials obtain a Regional rating. Presidents' Day events also weigh heavily in the region's new Officials Rewards Program.

## Other Discussion Topics

- Entry level officials' ratings – "before" a Provisional rating is obtained.
- Points system – consensus is that tournament personnel are working more cohesively together because they know they're "rating" each other.

## Next Meeting

- Monday, February 23, 2026 – 7:00 PM

## Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.