



## COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Boys Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM via Zoom

### Members Present

Jay Kudlicka, Chayce Castillo, Christy Rice, Katie Miller, Mark Sykes, Allison Jagels, Sheila Stapley.

### Members Absent

Sean Daugherty, Nerisa Laban

### Guests Present

Ben Stern, Jennifer Gray, Sean Lee, Chris Micinski

### Staff Present

Cody March

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Jay Kudlicka.
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- Guests were recognized.
- No modifications were made to the agenda.

### Regionals

- Jay thanked the committee for their donations of time and items to the silent auction at Regionals. It was a success and Jay mentioned he enjoyed going out on the courts and interacting with spectators to sell 50/50 tickets.
- One raffle winner gave a portion of their winnings back to the region.
- Jay encouraged members to consider donating time & items in the future.

### CEVA All Stars

- Tryouts for the CEVA Boys U17 team will be on May 30 at Olympus. Jay will be helping at tryouts.
- Anybody interested in helping with the program can contact Callie Wilkins in the CEVA office.

### 2026-2027 Schedule

- A schedule model with an earlier tournament start date has been previously shared and was reviewed by the committee.
  - The schedule would allow athletes to play their high school season without interference.
  - The schedule would separate Regionals for boys, which would not allow them to have the “atmosphere” of girls’ regionals.
  - Jay expressed a desire to see tournaments moved outside of the Portland Metro area when possible, recognizing that boys’ teams are located throughout the state.
  - The Border Smackdown tournament in Spokane may move to an early-season date, and the committee discussed using finishes from that tournament to assist with regional seeding.

- Jay has a “points” model that he can share with the committee, which was used previously in the region to determine team rankings. The system was based on finishes in a tournament and number of teams in a field.
- The committee discussed possibly moving tryouts to September. The consensus was the region cannot support this move now, but it’s something to continue considering.
- The committee discussed how the postseason transfer process might work and if a second “signing day” was necessary following the conclusion of the season.
- The committee discussed tournament formatting – 1 day vs. 2 day, shorter days vs. longer days, match numbers, and other logistics.
- Referee resources may be a challenge with the early season schedule, as most officials are working high school and collegiate matches.
- **Action Item:** Cody will work with the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to examine financial aid logistics, as it was noted the region’s financial aid program currently gives out aid awards in December and January.

### **Good of the Order**

- Several members of the committee thanked Jay for his dedication to boys’ volleyball in the region, his service to the CEVA Board of Directors, and his leadership on the Junior Boys’ Committee.

### **Next Meeting**

- Not scheduled
- **Action Item:** Cody to work with Ben Stern to schedule next meeting

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.