



## **COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

Junior Boys Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026 – 5:00 PM via Zoom

### **Members Present**

Ben Stern, Christy Rice, Sheila Stapley, Mark Sykes, Sean Daugherty, Allison Jagels (at 5:25).

### **Members Absent**

Chayce Castillo, Nerisa Laban, Katie Miller

### **Guests Present**

Jay Kudlicka, Spencer Micinski, Sean Lee

### **Staff Present**

Cody March

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Ben Stern at 5:01 PM.
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- Ben gave a brief introduction of himself, shared his background, and his goals for the committee.

### **Season Wrap-Up**

- Ben thanked Jay for helping with the transition in committee leadership.
- The committee congratulated all the teams who participated in the national championships.

### **CEVA All-Stars**

- The region will not host a boys' all-star team this year due to a lack of player commitment.
- The committee can help continue to push this effort in future seasons.

### **2026-2027 Tryouts**

- The committee discussed current tryout/signing dates for USAV and the fact that some clubs have posted that they will be hosting "AAU" tryouts earlier than USAV tryouts. This year's tryout/signing day is scheduled for the first weekend in October.
  - The committee discussed benefits and drawbacks of an earlier tryout/signing day:
    - West coast tryout dates (other regions).
    - Pre-signing "returning" players in the same club.
    - Encouraging growth of new clubs.
    - Fall sports conflicts.
    - Competitiveness with other regions
    - Open playing dates
    - Possible burnout with a shorter offseason
    - Gym/practice fees.
    - Does this precedent carry over to the girls?
    - Scholarship distribution?
    - Collaboration and inclusivity.

**Motion:** To move the boys' signing date forward to September 12 (Sykes/Daugherty). Passes 5-0-0.

*One committee member was absent at the time of the vote, but a quorum was still present.*

## **Action Items for Tryout Change**

- Cody will work with the staff on an announcement to the region.

## **Schedule**

- **Action Item:** Ben will send a "comparison chart" for the upcoming season's schedule to the committee. Ben gave a brief background to his schedule proposal.

## **Good of the Order**

- None

## **Next Meeting**

- To be determined at a later date via discussion on Slack.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.