



COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Girls Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – 5:00 PM via Zoom

Members Present

Cara Freeman, Emma Adams, Michael Brown, Adam Ellis, Alicia Provost, Charlie Rosa, Rainey Shriver, Kindell Souders.

Members Absent

None

Guests Present

None

Staff Present

Cody March, Callie Wilkins

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Cody March
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- No guests were present at roll call.
- No changes were made to the agenda, which was previously shared.

Bid Tournament

- The committee reviewed a proposal from the staff to change tiebreaker sets at the Bid Tournament to 1 to 15 instead of 1 to 25, to align with national tournaments & national championship protocol.
- There were no requests for adjustments or changes.

Motion: To change the CEVA GJNC Bid Tournament tiebreaker protocol to require tiebreaking sets to be played to 1 to 15 in the case of a 3-or-more team tie in a pool (Ellis / Rosa). Motion passes unanimously.

Age Waivers

- The committee previously heard two proposals from the staff regarding age waivers.
- In between meetings, the staff asked for feedback on the two proposals, and the feedback received was to adjust the age waiver policy to limit clubs to one waived player per team. No other policy changes were requested.
- There were no further requests or adjustments.

Motion: To change the girls' age waiver policy to allow one age waived player per team, instead of two (Brown / Ellis). Motion passes unanimously.

Summer Tryouts

- Several supplemental documents were shared regarding summer tryouts, and open discussion was had regarding the concept.
- The committee discussed concepts around rules the region would be unable to enforce, waiting periods, coach retention and burnout, member growth compared to other regions, and other key points.
- The committee was asked to take a straw poll on moving forward with the construction of a summer tryout policy. The vote was 6-1 against.
- The committee agreed that summer tryouts would be tabled for a period of 18-24 months. Staff bandwidth is heavily consumed by research on this topic and other more pressing topics require both staff and committee attention.

Good of the Order

- Michael informed the committee that he will be stepping down at the end of August and thanked the committee for their work. Several committee members and staff expressed their appreciation for Michael's efforts.

Action Items

- Staff will complete updates of the CEVA Junior Girls' Handbook and send them to the committee for review by 8/20. Feedback is requested by 8/24.
- Staff will create an update on summer tryouts for communication to the region.

Next Meetings

- September 23 – 6:00 PM – New Club Welcome & Informational Session
- October 26 – 6:00 PM – New Club Welcome & Informational Session
- November 16 – 6:00 PM – Power League Informational Meeting
- December 14 – 6:00 PM – Regular Committee Meeting

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.