

# JA Programming Committee

1 p.m. April 28, 2025

Programming committee brainstorming session:

- ☐ Goal No. 1: Generate topics that we can take a deeper dive into in May
- ☐ Goal No. 2: Assist fellow regions/members on issues they are facing in the Region
- ☐ Goal No. 3: Collaborate and share resources so we don't reinvent the wheel

Focus topics could include:

- High Performance/All-Star/NTDP
- Grassroots/youth training/clinic
- Coaching education
- Parent education/sportsmanship
- Marketing and communication
- Health and Wellness
- Other programs not covered by competition
- Outdoor volleyball (beach/grass)

## Participants:

### 1. Brian Sharkey (Badger):

- a. Topic:
- b. Notes:

### 2. Roxann Link (NERVA)

- a. Topic: Grassroots/Youth U12
- b. Notes: Top level kids have found their home. Growth at younger level is exploding. What do we do with them? How do we help them out.
  - i. Triple ball at 12U. (Roxann)
    - 1. Served ball
    - 2. Coach toss one way
    - 3. Coach toss other way
- c. Notes: Have A, B and C level events helps to define teams in the right direction
  - i. Create the "local division" – half-day events
  - ii. Create local leagues in house
  - iii. Division in BRCs for local teams
- d. Notes: Adult volleyball scene.
  - i. Have local community colleges to run these. Make it a social activity
- e. Notes: Player ref-tournaments. Fighting to be R1.
  - i. 14s level they like to do it. Maybe not so much at 17/18s level.
    - 1. Mary Andrew: 14s not as burnt out

- 2. Having
    - ii. Get people past online officiating clinics
- f. Notes: Talking tryouts
  - i. Find an opening day

### 3. Vicky Page (Florida)

- a. Topic: Requiring kids to do the ref training
- b. Notes: Tie-in current membership with some sort of training. Make national baseline minimum notes when it comes to officiating.
- c. Notes: Parent education
- d. Note: Coach education
  - i. Find ways to keep them loyal to you.
  - ii. Training and retaining
    - 1. Kailey: Sending coaches to CAP/Clinics and paying for them showed the loyalty side of things. (Make this a topic)

### 4. Bill Doyle (GEVA)

- a. Topic: Enforcing ref training
- b. Notes: Qualifier issue – national office issue. Seeking way to verify
- c. Topic: Parent education
  - i. Especially helps with tryouts and policies
  - ii. Parent/player bill of rights (Find this document)
  - iii. Project Play // Aspen Institute (Possible resource)

### 5. Chris Clauss (Gateway)

- a. Topic: Mentoring for older kids to younger kids
  - i. Notes: Have a debrief. Form in Region to fill out if there is a problem.
- b. Topic: Tryouts
  - i. Notes: Region sets specific dates (Summer/Boys/Fall)
    - 1. Recruiting Rules
    - 2. Best Practices

### 6. Mary Andrew (Florida)

- a. COPS form. Separates the real issues from the non-real
  - i. Coaches
  - ii. Officials
  - iii. Players
  - iv. Spectators

### 7. Kris Berzins (USAV/NTDP)

- a. Grassroots
  - i. Looking for ways to get more 3 v. 3 / 4 v. 4
  - ii. Smaller courts // Badminton or pickleball
  - iii. Drop the net to the lowest level

- iv. Events that don't impact rankings

**8. Jody Webber (Oklahoma)**

- a. Topic: 11s not having a USAV rank or Power Rank
  - i. Notes: Why not?
- b. Topic: Oklahoma Charge. Four-member teams. Players who work off club dues
  - i. Points for fundamentally correct movements (not score)
  - ii. Lots of athletes went on to be top level teams in the Region.
  - iii. When you have adults who put the work into it.

**9. Michelle Goodall (USAV)**

- a. Standardize young person training
- b. Committee is working on that
- c. More info coming on that hopefully at May meetings

**10. Kate Wood (Gulf Coast)**

- a. Topic: Tryout
- b. Notes: Qualifier opening too soon
  - i. Let's work together with Qualifiers

**11. Lauren Leventry (Chesapeake)**

- a. Topic: Tryouts
- b. Notes: Same weekend every year

Previous meeting notes:

1. Kris Berzins offered an NTDP update
  - a. Dozen accelerators have taken place
  - b. 600+ athletes of both genders trained
  - c. Any questions or follow-ups?
2. Jenny Johnson offered an education department update
  - a. New partnerships announced
  - b. Budget for new LMS was approved
3. Michelle Goodall had a few updates
  - a. Try Volleyball returning in August
4. Brian Sharkey offered All-Star update
  - a. Any questions or follow-ups?