**Feb. 4, 2025 -- JA Programming Committee Notes**

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I. Welcome/introductions/role

II. Focus groups for the JA members

Growing list for our focus groups:

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| Krista | McGivern | Carolina | Coaching Education |
| Molly | MacQueeny | Iowa | HP |
| Mary | Andrew | Florida | Coaching Education; Grassroots |
| Lindsey | Smith | Great Plains | Marketing/Comm |
| Michael | Moffitt (RVA) | Sun Country | HP |
| Kailey | Bridges | HOA | Coaching Education |
| Laura | Leventry | Chesapeake | Grassroots, Youth |
| Heather | Koehler | Delta | All -- Health, Parent, Grassroots, Coaching |
| Kate | Wood | Gulf Coast | Youth development |
| Lance | Rogers | Old Dominion | All |
| Brian | Sharkey | Badger | HP |

III. NTDP office: updates on how things are going, are we getting the right athletes, are Regions getting the right athletes identified in their areas?

* Kris Berzins offers report on number of medals won in the last quad
* 600+ athletes of both genders trained through NTDP
* Are we missing kids? Yes. But it’s working
* Athletes are less burned out (not spending 2 straight weeks in the gym)
* Accelerators in 11 different regions. Plus helping regions start their own Region Development Programs/All-Star programs
* Sitting: Numbers are up (waitlist for some)
  + Clinics in Joliet, IL, Grand Rapids, Arkansas,
  + Pennsylvania high school tournament to raise money for adaptive sports
* University Athlete being asked to have a designation for potential sitting athletes
  + And have way that parents/athlete can self-identify to be in the pipeline as a sitting athlete.
* Beach report below (Gabi was not able to attend)

IV. Education office: Offers updates on education efforts and how things might change with new leadership

* Body confident initiative ([**click here**](https://www.bodyconfidentsport.com/?utm_source=US+Volleyball+BCS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Body+Confident+Sport+coach+training&utm_id=US+Volleyball#link-resources))
  + Very successful
  + 4 great instructors
  + Needed with new generation of athletes (male and female)
* Coach Development Clinics in New York, Great Lakes, NCR, Florida, Badger (virtual)
  + Encouraging Committee to find the best option for their Region
* New hire in the office
  + Jenae Toon
  + Completes the staff which includes Kevin and Lauren (and Jenny)
* More partnership announcements coming soon
* Very excited that budget for new Learning Management System (LMS) was approved.
  + Committee members are going to be asked to play in the LMS Sandbox
  + Make sure everything in LMS meets the needs of all of USAV
  + “Coach Academy”
  + “Athlete Academy”
  + “Parent Academy”
* Coaching education principles:
  + Access
  + Quality
  + Impact
  + Awareness

V. Kris Berzins + Brian Sharkey: All-Star Championships update

* 19 regions have reserved hotel for the event
* Registration opened on Jan. 27 (four regions are in)
* A handful of new regions are in (Gateway, Palmetto)
* NTDP (Kris Berzins and one or two others) will be on site in Madison to offer a Q&A and one or two morning speakers at the event.
  + Lots to discuss and make sure with NCAA changes in the works (paying athletes)
  + Kris will have more details closer to event after legislation goes through April/May.

VI. Any new business, questions, etc.

* Try volleyball
  + Michelle Goodall will help get some numbers from Chrissy (USAV)
  + Lots of great response to this. Very encouraged by it. Waiting on specifics on what is available in new budget cycle.
* Next time:
  + Resources report from USAV (Michelle & Jenny) – what is available to folks in the Regions to make their lives easier so we aren’t re-inventing the wheel
  + NTDP: If Regions only get a handful of days to work with their athletes, what are the points of emphasis you would make to get the most bang for your buck?

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Beach report (written only)

**Junior Pan American (January 24-26, 2025) Trials Results**

Congratulations to our trial winners:

* Men's Division: Thomas Hurst and Gage Basey
* Women's Division: Portia Sherman and Emma Donley
* These athletes will have the opportunity to represent the USA at the Junior Pan American Games in Asuncion, Paraguay in August 2025

**Upcoming Accelerator Programs**

With the Beach National Championship moving back to Gulf Shores, we are excited to be running our fourth-year Accelerator on May 2. This program continues to be our largest growing initiative, with approximately 3-7 athletes receiving a first-time invite to a training series based on their accelerator nomination and participation. We are super grateful for all club coaches, club directors, and regions for submitting nominations for their top-performing athletes.

Confirmed Accelerator events include:

1. Gulf Shores Accelerator
   * Date: May 2, 2024
   * Location: Gulf Shores
2. Virginia Beach Accelerator
   * Date: July 18, 2024
   * Alongside the USA Volleyball Beach Championship

Note: Additional Accelerator locations are TBD. Regions interested in hosting should reach out to me directly.

**2025 Training Series Tentative Schedule**

* Spring Training Series
  + Dates: May 16-18, 2024
  + Location: Manhattan Beach, CA
* Summer Training Series
  + Dates: Last week of July 2024 (TBD)
  + Location: TBD
* Fall and Winter Training Series
  + Dates and Locations: Currently being finalized

**International Competition Trials**

1. World University Games Trials
   * Dates: May 16-18, 2024
   * Location: Manhattan Beach, CA
   * Winners will represent USA in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany (July 2025)
2. U21 World Championship Trials
   * Dates: June 16-19, 2025
   * Location: Hermosa Beach, CA
   * Winners will represent USA in Kachreti, Georgia (September 2025)

Trials have open registration, and seeding is based on USAVP points.

**Program Updates**

We are in year two of fully implementing VolleyballLife as our scouting platform, where athletes can create, modify, and update their own profiles and be scouted to participate in NTDP. The Accelerators have been a great way for Regions and Clubs to nominate their top-performing athletes and get them seen by our scouts.