

Colorado Senior Volleyball Association
Agenda -- Annual Board of Directors / Team Rep Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 1:30 PM
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center at Commerce City
6060 E. Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO
Date sent: February 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF EVERYONE -- President Kathleen Danna

APPROVAL of November 14, 2019 Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT – Alma Grandpré

FINAL 2022 WINTER LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT REPORTS – Fran Zelinkoff

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Motion passed by e-mail in August 2021 - Kathleen Danna

NEW BUSINESS

REMINDER: If you are a Team Rep or Board Member and cannot attend the meeting, please send someone with a signed, written CSVA proxy naming that person to vote for you on the motions presented below. A sample proxy is on the web site under "Documents and Forms."

The following six motions were received by the February 14 deadline.

Motion # 1 Made by Fran Zelinkoff; 2nd by _____

Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to delete the following sentence in the Purpose section of the CSVA Sub List (1st paragraph, last sentence): "A team that has 5-1/2 players (e.g., one player who cannot play front row) may now use the CSVA Sub List."

Rationale: This rule is too subjective and now being abused far beyond the emergency purpose of the CSVA Sub List.

Motion # 2 Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by _____

Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to add the following to the CSVA Substitution Rules: A team may not use more than 2 substitutes from the general sub list in any match.

Rationale: The CSVA Sub List was created for use in an emergency to help a team that would otherwise have to forfeit or to play a match with fewer than 6 players. Time has proven that unlimited use of players on the CSVA Sub List is being abused far beyond its emergency purpose. During current and previous sessions, higher level substitute players are being used for the specific reason of improving the team's standing in the division. This motion would require a team to have the majority of players at each match (2/3) from their roster.

Motion # 3 Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by _____

Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to add the following to the CSVA Substitution Rules: A team may not use a substitute from the general sub list if they have 6 uninjured players capable of playing both front and back row from their own team in attendance at a match.

Rationale: The CSVA Sub List was created for use in an emergency to help a team that would otherwise have to forfeit or to play a match with fewer than 6 players. Time has proved that unlimited use of players on the CSVA Sub List is being abused far beyond its emergency purpose. During previous and current sessions, higher level players on the general sub list are being used by teams already having 6 uninjured team members in attendance at a match in order to improve the team's standing in the division.

Motion # 4 Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by _____

Subject: CSVA League Rules & Policies. Move to add: The division(s) specifically impacted by a motion will be the only division(s) allowed to vote along with each Board member having a vote for a specific change in a CSVA rule.

Rationale: CSVA currently has rules in place for specific divisions such as the following:

1. "Teams in Divisions 5 and Lower will be allowed to play with a minimum of 3 player."

2. "Center Back Row Substitution (Division 5 and Below Only) - Every player must sub in & out of center back row position."

These rules that apply to Division 5 and lower do not impact Division 4 and up. Therefore, Division 4 and up should not be allowed to vote on these issues since the rules do not apply to them. This motion would allow only those divisions that are impacted by a motion to vote on the specific issue.

Motion # 5 Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by _____

Subject: Seeding Teams. Move to add to the CSVA League Rules & Policies the following: No team is required to play D1. It is a "choice" by the top D2 team to move up to D1 or stay in D2. In addition, a bottom D1 team may stay in D1 if they desire to do so if there is an open slot available in D1.

Rationale: This motion would allow the following:

1. D1 to stay in place with those teams who make the "choice" to travel to Colorado Spring continuing to do so.
2. D2 teams would stop forfeiting games at the end of the session.
3. D1 teams who have been forced to play D1 would no longer have to play with subs, forfeit or disband due to the drive to and from Colorado Springs.

Driving to Colorado Spring is very congested due to the increase of people living in Colorado. There is constant construction happening from Denver to Colorado Springs forcing teams to account for extra time to travel there. In addition, Monument Hill can be dangerous before or after a match due to the snow, ice, and fog.

Most importantly, the D1 and D2 teams have more players who are still working than any other CSVA division. This drive causes an excessive time commitment which teams are unable to make unless they have a big roster. Current D1 rosters (excluding Loveland) are all in double digits with the biggest roster having 21 players. Teams should not have to double or triple in size to play in D1. Lastly, subs for Denver teams traveling to Colorado Springs are scarce because subs do not want to travel to Colorado Springs. In contrast, Colorado Springs teams traveling to Denver have a variety of available subs to use.

Currently, league standings are being postponed and the rankings are incomplete. Therefore, teams are unsure of where they actually stand in the divisions. All the forfeiting and losing sets or matches has skewed the records of teams and caused inaccurate year end results.

Motion # 6 made by Paul Simon; 2nd by _____

Subject: Weather Delays. Move to add: Team reps must attempt in good faith to reschedule a match cancelled by either team when a Winter Storm Watch or Winter Storm Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service for travel affecting either team. A make-up match must take place no later than the final regularly scheduled day of the CSVA session. In the event the cancelled match cannot be made up, no forfeit will be recorded. At the end of the season, final standings for seeding into the subsequent CSVA league session will be determined by the percentage of wins, not by total wins and losses.

Rationale: No CSVA team should be penalized for cancelling a match when severe weather endangers the safety of players. NWS Watches and Warnings are alerts to the public that weather conditions may pose a threat to life or property.

The next CSVA Annual Board/Team Rep Meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center at 1:30 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Martha Mustard,
CSVA Secretary