

COMPETITION COMMITTEE AGENDA

- Making permanent the current COVID practice of not switching sides with each set. Purpose: time savings that add up to as much as two hours by the end of a day. Eliminates spectator seat-switching.
- Making permanent the elimination of pre-match handshakes.
- Since we are no longer shaking hands, propose to eliminate the end-line team lineup before the match begins. Just get on the court and play. Eliminate the current "wave" to the opposing team from the attack line. Purpose: speed up the start of matches.
- Tiebreakers: debate whether to continue the current practice of "no tiebreakers" for another year, eliminate it, or make it permanent. **(UPDATE)--I am starting to get some angry feedback from teams who failed to advance by .0002%. Would suggest Committee members talk to club directors about this.**
- Discussion on whether the Rules of the Game Commission has adequate RVAA representation or if we want the RVAA to have the final say with USA Volleyball on the rules of our game, including national events. An example would be the desire of many commissioners to eliminate the double-hit call on the 2nd ball.
- With the COVID pandemic not fully put to bed, consider if we need to create a specific membership category for volunteer parent-officials and if a background screening should be required. (For additional referral to Insurance)
- Discuss the performance of the AES interface with SportsEngine system versus the expectations of the RVAA when the new systems were introduced. What would Region office staff & tournament directors like to see to assist club directors in completing AES rosters?
- Discussion of the BJNC seeding process, since all of us now have access to the longest and most-detailed opinion on the matter in the history of our sport from a recent email.
- Request for each Qualifier Director to provide a report of their 2021 events of the number of teams competing in each division and whether any teams were wait-listed and unable to compete. This information has not been available in the past and would be helpful to the RVAA.
- A report about the status of scoring across the RVAA and whether any have successfully implemented a simplified scoresheet.
- Clarifying the wording on accepting National bids (Q vs Region).
- Clarifying wording for teams with other bids being able to turn higher bids down.
- Tournament director discussion on how to handle spectator behavior regarding courtside seating at events. What has been the experience with most events reducing courtside seats? Should event staff clear all seats after a match and then allow only the parents of the two teams competing to take seats? Would the mad scramble afterwards create interesting YouTube video content that could be a revenue-producer?

- Does the current format of the US Open Championships still work or should multiple venues be considered to allow all divisions and age groups to play across a 3-day weekend? This would eliminate the ability of players to compete in two divisions, but do we know the number of these 2-event players? Has USAV polled the attendees of the US Open for their opinions on the event format?
- New format for GJNC in 2022 - will it happen?
 - # of teams in each division
 - which divisions in each age group
 - # of bids to each region for regional bids (need to know by end of summer for programming purposes)
- What numbers will they be using to determine region bids in 2022?
 - 2019-20 or 2020-21 (COVID affect)
- Priority of Bids – Glessman via Lietzke