9-28-08 Juniors Meeting 2008

Introduction to new web site – navigational ease is the goal. Please provide input on what you experience throughout the season so we can continue to improve it.

For registration we are using the Webpoint system from the National office. Screening and waivers can be done online with electronic signatures. Club directors can no longer do registration for players or coaches. Each individual must do their own registration. Manual forms can still be sent to the Administrative Assistant if there is an inability to go online.

Club affiliation is to be done by the player and they can only do it once. They should register for tryouts as" in regard to a club. After they accept a position on a team they can affiliate themselves with a club.

Club registration and team registration will be coming on Oct. 15th. A Club Director has to get set up as club director by the Administrative Assistant. They cannot do it themselves.

Please take the time to print and read the instructions.

The events entry system will be up by Wednesday, October 1, at which point TDs can apply for event sanctions. A list of boys events will be posted Oct. 15, then girls will go up Nov. 1. Events will open for registration in early Dec.

If you sent your tryouts in by paper Steve Covert will add them to the online system.

New Payment system – new feature is debit account /line of credit for your club. You send in a check in advance to fund this account. Any balance remaining can be refunded at the end of the year or you can carry it over to next year. You can add money to your debit account at any time. This will be live – no delay for clearing transaction. This will only be available for region tournaments.

Boys and girls teams should be set up as separate accounts.

There will be a shopping cart for paying for multiple events at one time.

New set of bylaws
Board composition was changed. Got rid of advisory council. Got rid of Juniors Chair and added HP, boys, girls, coaches chairs. Long-term goal is to make each area responsible for their own budget and workings.

New complaint procedure – Commissioner is facilitator only.

HP camp – tryouts in spring for boys camp and winter break camp for girls. Will take youth team (16U) to Fort Lauderdale to HP championships (international quality tourney). Concept is to have camp revenue fund this trip. Any shortfall covered by players.

HP Committee is:
Tim Shawaryn
Craig Dyer
Mike Schall
Matt Wilson

Pre-determined sanctions have been added

New reimbursement policy for Juniors going to nationals. See the Junior Operating Code.

Tournament sanction fee raised to $7.50 per team. Collecting sanction fees – they will be deducted from the money the region collects for you. For invitationals, the only place the allow you to collect funds directly, you have to pay your sanction fee in advance.

New fee schedule is posted. Refs raised fees.

Ref and score requirements will be posted soon. Score requirements will not change….same as last year, which is that one person in the club should be certified, and that person must train rest of club. You must submit list of who you deem as qualified in your club. There will be (5) ref clinics this year.

Coaches IMPACT – all coaches must be IMPACT certified by Feb. 15…ALL coaches. We will be having clinics around the state or you can take a webinar.

We will be offering IMPACT Plus modules…this covers coaching techniques and drills.

The region will hold a CAP clinic next summer.

Outdoor tour is growing. 10 tourneys to 30 last year. Desire to get more juniors involved. Wants to do a winter juniors tour….if you have extra gym time let Pat Rucker know and he can try to use them to run something.

Adults. First half of season is fellowship, not insured, posted for info. only. Request to not accept junior entries, but we can't stop them.

HPP winter camp – suggestions for places needed, date suggestions

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There will be no refunds for membership or team fees this year. For teams – only pay for one team, then wait and see what else you are for sure going to have, so you don't need a refund on team fees after tryouts and acceptances.

TD policy – every kid playing has to be registered and coaches must submit a printed Webpoint roster with all players (membership cards accepted for any kid not on the roster). This roster cannot be something you made up yourself as we have allowed in the past.

TDs – Your referee assignments MUST be sent to Mike McPoyle and Marty Lang if you do them themselves. They are adding to web site info. about each official so that you can get to them yourself if desired. NOVA still in use.

Tryouts and acceptance dates for girls this year
Club tryouts for girls 15s-18s = Nov. 9th start
Girls 14U can start Oct. 1
Boys can start Oct. 1

Acceptance date (for accepting a spot in a club) for girls is Nov. 19th

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TD escrow accounts - $200 must be maintained. A list of disqualifiers is being made. After JOVCs escrows can be refunded or carried over.

KRVA-run events – Deb Schlosser is the events coordinator for regionals and bid. This is primarily finding sites and equipment. Hotels must be avail. and reasonable.

Bid seeding tourneys – after long discussion and a straw poll, the decision was to try a 2-day bid event and to hold no seeding events. Attendance at two region events is still required to attend the 2-day bid event.

Discussion was held on the suggestion that **3-day events** should not have to fit in court limits. This would allow us to sanction both ECC and Happy Valley. Has to go back to board.

Question about priority given to in-region teams vs. out-of-region teams. Right now there is no priority. We could open tourneys to our teams a week in advance of out-of-region teams. This would apply to only the opening list of events. Has to go back to board.

Tournament entries….discussion on when to open. 7 p.m. on Dec. 8th, Monday. We may choose to do only certain ages on one day and the rest another day.

Date for boys opening – dates posted ASAP, Nov. entry into events avail.

There was a suggestion to **play off for 3rd** in regional events.

Notes taken by Deb Schlosser
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