

Cup Committee Meeting

Thursday, 1/10/2019

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Attendees:

Committee Members			Guests
George Okallo	Joanna McClean	Garrett Cleverly	Janelle Castillo
	David Belfort	Derek Yen	Polly R
	Neil Graham	Stacey Drinon	Mike V
	Pat Dunham	Michelle G	
Roberto Garcia	Chris B	Todd Sergei	
(A)=Absent	(p) = Phone	E = Excused	

Agenda:

Email distribution to committee in lieu of Meeting in person due to attendees not available.

Topic and Questions:

1. Flagstaff is wanting to know if they have a 4 field site whether it would be considered as a hosting location for Pres/State Cup 2020? My recommendation/opinion is: In general unless a "geographical region makes up "X" percent of the teams, a facility must be able to host the "entire event" such as an 8 field minimum. Other considerations for a hosting field include: Field conditions, distance to majority of teams, other?? Rule sections for example that identify consideration as a location are under 11.2. 11.2.2.1 states, "The Director of Cups will attempt to schedule games at fields that, are suitable for cup play (including regulation sized goals) and which the ASA is readily able to operate with regards to cost and personnel."
 1. Please respond with your opinion and comments if Flagstaff should be considered for Group Play in 2020? Response from Todd is that it would be nice to try and figure out a solution but not in scope for 2018.
2. Higher seed gets home field in group play.
 1. **I want the committee to understand and should we move forward with this change in the seeding process support at not only their club but as representing the decision that Coach Conflicts might not be avoided when it comes to scheduling if a coach has multiple teams.** Existing rule 12.1.2.2.1 states that there is no guarantee that coach conflicts will be avoided for coaches of more than 2 teams. While I am comfortable in the manual exception scheduling process for coaches with 2 teams, the seeding process will now be further impacted with the variable of potential travel between two hosting locations (Tucson vs Reach 11 for example).

1. **Are there any Cup Committee members changing their decision?** IF no, I will be communicating out to clubs that this decision to change to a seeding process and the potential inability to avoid coach conflicts will be signed off and approved by the Cup Committee members representing all of our membership. **NO RESPONSE FROM EMAIL**
2. State Cup rules section 11.3 indicates seeding is based on finish in APL with the exception of a USYS National League winner. After that comes blind draws.
 1. **Does anybody see the need for any changes?** **NO RESPONSE FROM EMAIL.**
3. President Cup rules section 9.6 addresses Seeding and Brackets to be determined by Cup Committee. With the Committee recommendation of changing to a seeding process I have attached a sample recommendation. Seeding would need to occur prior to brackets created based on # of teams that applied.
 1. **Any other recommendations?** **NO RESPONSE FROM EMAIL.**
 2. **Are we comfortable that POSOL and PCJSL are the recognized leagues or should it be identified other specific leagues?** **Roberto Garcia responded D1 PCJSL is not on the same level as POSOL D1**

Action items:

- FYI for State Cup Rule (and corresponding President's Cup rule) section 6.1.2 it addresses the fine generically as the team will be responsible for the fine, "Should a team not attend regionals, the team and club will be responsible for the Far West Regional Championships tournament entry fee and the regional fine(s). Note: In 2015, this included a fine of \$3,200." In the event application and rules the verbiage will change and note potential charges up to \$6,500 as evidenced last year for the Association when a team withdrew. The club will be responsible for the fine.