

Club Advisory Task Force Meeting | 3/20/17 | 7pm EST

Attendance: Simon Hoskins, Adam Andrasko, Justin Miller, Carol Pohlmeier, Conchi Mulvany, Gina Maclean, Kathi Liszewski, Susan Nottingham (in place of Bree Gillespie)

Agenda/Notes

1. USA Field Hockey Convention (10 Minutes)
 - a. Overview/Purpose
 - i. Note: In RFP phase, looking at cities within 2-3 hours of Philadelphia.
 - b. Dates - Early February 2018
 - i. Proposal: February 9, 10, 11, 2018
 1. Feedback: March 2018 would be a better timeframe for coaches
 - c. Discuss what CATF would like to see
 - i. Feedback: Would like to see Regional Workshops that group regions together to discuss hockey within their region with their peers.
 - ii. Feedback: Suggest constructing a club survey to facilitate feedback on potential content.
2. National Hockey Showcase Debrief (10 Minutes)
 - a. Feedback on Calendar Placement
 - i. Feedback: February works. Any movement earlier to January would compromise NITQs and later would compromise NITs.
 - ii. Feedback: March timeframe was proposed. Internal event staff to discuss further.
 - b. How were the Field Conditions
 - i. Feedback: Grass was adequately groomed; white lines were requested on all fields.
 - ii. Feedback: Finding large turf facilities is key.
 - c. Addition of U14 age group?
 - i. Feedback: CATF would like to see 7v7 U14 hockey at future Showcase events. Potentially offer duel 11v11 and 7v7 offering at U14 age group.
 - d. General Thoughts (Pros/Cons)
3. National Indoor Tournament Debrief (15 Minutes)
 - a. Review findings from Staff Debrief
 - b. Ratings Effectiveness U10/U12/U14/U16/U19
 - i. Feedback: Continue to build out and educate clubs on how ratings/scales should be used. Setting the perspective that ratings are based on a National average instead of regional averages will be key.
 - ii. Feedback: Give Clubs chance to reevaluate ratings for tournaments prior to schedule release.
 - c. Qualification Standards U16/U19
 - i. Discussed schedule proposal to section crossovers into top 1-4 and middle 5-8 clubs. Pool winners automatically enter 1st-4th place crossovers and 2nd and 3rd placed pool finishers still crossover before playing out 5th-8th place.
 1. Saves time. Curbs placement dropping to specific sections.
 - d. General Thoughts on NITQs and NITs (Pros/Cons)
4. Summer Bash at the Beach (10 Minutes)
 - a. Co-Ed Division Definition
 - i. Sally Goggin to send supporting documents by COB Monday, 13 2017

- ii. Feedback: CATF has reservations to expansion of Co-Ed rules to remove cap limit on the amount of boys on a roster.
- 5. NCC (10 Minutes)
 - a. Scheduling Order Proposal: U-19, U-16, U-14
 - i. Purpose: Consider upcoming Collegiate training camps for U-19s
 - ii. Feedback: Approved by CATF for 2017
 - b. Live Stream Discussion
 - i. Rest vs Stream Opportunity
 - 1. 2500 viewers during games last year
 - a. 9/10, 5/6, 1/2 streamed
 - c. Feedback: CATF uninterested in perceived value of streaming at the cost of moving final placement games at NCC.
- 6. Festival 2017 (5 Minutes)
 - a. Review 2016 Registration Process
 - b. Propose converting to Open Registration
 - c. Feedback: CATF proposed a compromise to initially limit clubs to register for one U16 and one U19 team in a first round of registration. After the conclusion of the first round, registration is open to all age divisions with no limit to amount of teams per club until registration cap is hit or registration closes.
- 7. Suggested Future Topics
 - a. Investigate revised member Club application process.