

2021 Men's Club Annual Meeting Minutes

Rocky Mountain Division

Minutes, April 27, 2021

Attending: Dan Sharadin, CWPA; Wyoming, Emma Petersen and Olivia Gotlieb; Colorado Mesa, Jake Kernc and AJ McDonald; Denver, Matt Graham; Colorado School of Mines, Keagen Meyer; Colorado State, Skye Parisi

The conference call opened with a discussion about the lack of competitive equity and how it harms the experience for teams with lopsided scores and multiple forfeits. To resolve this issue there needs to be a revision in the scheduling that increases the number of times similar programs compete against each other.

With the Rocky Mountain Division spanning such a large geographic footprint, merging with another division is not practical, so any effort along these lines will need to be made internally.

The call discussed all three schedule options (listed below) and the postseason championships now available, including the newly established National Invite, that will be available to the best team in the bottom half of each division throughout the country.

The next conference call to confirm the competitive structure. Teams need to discuss the options presented here and be ready to make a decision during the next call.

Tuesday, May 12, 2021 5:00PM MDT
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Option 1 Status Quo with schedule adjustments

The schedule could be set up in a way that teams would play against each other based on historical finish from last season, with the less experienced teams playing against each other and the more experienced teams doing the same.

Option 2 Hybrid

Teams play within the division during the first two weekends to determine standings. The top half of the teams will then play against each other at the "A" Championship and the bottom half of the teams will do the same at the "B" Championship.

Option 3 Self -Selection

Teams decide before the season begins whether they want to compete in the “A” bracket or the “B” bracket. The advantage means you would be playing against comparable programs from the beginning of the season as opposed to waiting until the championship, but it could mean longer travel distances.

Note, there are variations available for Option 1 that create regular season matchups based on historical data from the year prior. These are listed below for consideration.

Option 1A Teams are divided into three groups: 1-3, 4-6, 7-10. Each group plays those in their group twice then the next closest group once, with the balance of the remaining games drawn sequentially.

Advantages-teams will play most of their games against opponents that are close in ability.

Disadvantages- teams will play their “B” teams

| Team | Gm1 | Gm2 | Gm3 | Gm4 | Gm5 | Gm6 | Gm7 | Gm8 |
|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| 1st | 2nd | 2nd | 3rd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th |
| 2nd | 1st | 1st | 3rd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 8th |
| 3rd | 2nd | 2nd | 1st | 1st | 4th | 5th | 6th | 9th |
| 4th | 6th | 6th | 5th | 5th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 10th |
| 5th | 4th | 4th | 6th | 6th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 7th |
| 6th | 5th | 5th | 4th | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 8th |
| 7th | 9th | 9th | 8th | 8th | 10th | 10th | 1st | 5th |
| 8th | 7th | 7th | 9th | 9th | 10th | 10th | 2nd | 6th |
| 9th | 8th | 8th | 10th | 10th | 7th | 7th | 3rd | 10th |
| 10th | 9th | 9th | 8th | 8th | 7th | 7th | 4th | 9th |

Option 1B – Teams are divided so that 1-3 never play 7-10. This will reduce the chance that teams will play their B teams

| Team | Gm1 | Gm2 | Gm3 | Gm4 | Gm5 | Gm6 | Gm7 | Gm8 |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
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Option 1C - Split into two brackets according to finish in the standings from prior year

Top five play double round robin in regular season followed by a championship
Bottom five play double round robin in regular season followed by a championship
Each championship winner moves on to their respective National Championship.
The following year the worst team in the top five drops to the bottom bracket and the best team from the bottom moves to the top or they have the option to decline to move.

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The conference call opened with a brief recap of the competitive format options discussed earlier. The fact that the division is too far from any others to merge, means any option selected will only involve teams already in the division.

The purpose of this call was to select which competitive option would be used this fall. Unfortunately, with only four teams represented, we could not move forward with a decision.

The Commissioner did take time to explain the alternative of a weighted schedule, in which teams play opponents of similar ability, but the wins are tallied based on the relative strength of the opponents. Teams asked if different models could be presented and the Commissioner indicated he would send them to the teams for their review before the next call.