Conference Call Minutes

Mid Atlantic/New York Divisions
November 8, 2021 4:00 PM

Attending: Eva Zhang, Cornell; Colin Hong, New York; SJ Bennett, Hamilton; Ina Banda and Sinéad Moyles, Columbia; Bryn Luedde, Riley Simones, Colgate; Audrey Liebhaber, Syracuse; Maddy Todaro, Pittsburgh A & B; Olivia Sparkman, Penn State A & B; Hannah Lord, Pennsylvania; Maya Albayrak, Carnegie Mellon

The call opened with a discussion about competitive equity and the need to create more opportunities for teams to play against opponents of similar ability. The proposal included teams playing in their normal division for the first two weekends to determine rankings within their division. Each division would then be divided in half with the top teams from each competing against each other at an "A" division championship and the bottom teams doing likewise at a "B" division championship. Each championship would produce the best teams from each division that would qualify for either the National Collegiate Club Championship or the National Invitational Championship.

Teams were willing to discuss the idea with their teammates and make a final decision regarding competitive format during a second conference call which will be held in December (info to be sent shortly).

The next item on the agenda pertained to the new hotel reservation policy. The old system of booking one property at a tournament site to try and meet every school's needs is outdated and a very inefficient means to earn free rooms from the hotels. The new process utilizes one account through Hotels.com, where teams can book the hotel of their choice and the league can earn more free rooms for officials, which will save league expenses. More information will be sent to teams about this policy later.

The Commissioner reminded teams about the forms they need to complete, including the Participation Agreement that must be submitted by the club supervisor before December 15th. All forms are located on the "Forms" tab of the website. He also emphasized the importance of the website. Teams may send stories about their clubs to help promote their programs.

Live streaming will still take place this spring and to make the broadcasts accurate, the league needs rosters that include the correct cap numbers. All teams will be required to turn in a roster and include emails for their athletes. This will also enable the league to reach out to the individual athletes with information about the stream that they can forward to their parents.

Lastly teams need to make sure their contact information is correct on the website and to share the leadership responsibilities between three roles: coaching, administration, and social/recruiting. By selecting a different person for each position teams prevent burnout, and it allows the league office to help individuals in specific areas. All club leadership must also complete the Team Leader Orientation program consisting of three short webinars.

The next conference call will be scheduled in December to finalize the competitive format and schedule. Between now and that time teams must complete the form that outlines their availability to play and host (attached).

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December 6, 2021 4:00 PM

Attending: Yuval Grossman, Cornell; Colin Hong, New York; SJ Bennett, Hamilton; Jaqueline Payne and Sinéad Moyles, Columbia; Bryn Luedde and Riley Simones, Colgate; Audrey Liebhaber, Syracuse; Maddy Todaro, Pittsburgh A & B; Olivia Sparkman, Penn State A & B; Pria Pant and Hannah Lord, Pennsylvania; Maya Albayrak, Carnegie Mellon

The call opened with a discussion about merging the divisions during the final championship. Columbia had several conditions related to their schools COVID policy that would make combining impossible. Therefore, teams elected to remain separate for the coming season and revisit the possibility in later years.

The schedule for the Mid Atlantic Division was determined as follows:

2/26-27   Pittsburgh
3/26-27   Penn State
4/2-3   West Chester

The New York Division teams were unable to commit to any dates at this time