

Junior Admin Council –JAC
November 13, 2005 - 9:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Dana Voight, Commissioner
Jim Fales, Assistant Commissioner
Darin Clark, Official's Chairperson
Yvonne Devlin, Jr. Coordinator-Girls
Robert Smith, Jr. Coordinator-Boys
Carrie Prewitt, District 1 Representative
Mike Farah, District 4 Representative
Sheryl Greene, Meeting Secretary

A. Bid Tournament Discussion

Yvonne proposed having a bid tournament. The Regional Tournament is the same weekend as the Northern Nights Tournament, which is a National Qualifier Event. Therefore, teams would be forced to choose between the two. Last year's regional event had 74 teams.

Mike – format was split last year. Juniors need to address the situation. Agrees shouldn't be. Teams not eligible to go shouldn't knock out eligible teams. Need approval.

Suggested date for bid tournament – May 6-7, 2006 (week after Regionals). Carrie concerned that Regionals will be weak, as teams now have to choose which tournament to attend. Yvonne stated the teams would want to attend Regionals to win the Florida Cup. Mike concerned this date will be an SAT date. Yvonne suggested tournament could be an afternoon start time so as not to interfere. Carrie concerned this may be a prom night for some high schools.

Next suggested date is April 8-9, 2006. This will interfere with Mary's Tournament (District 1). Discussed sharing the tournament. Decided not a good business decision for the Region. This tournament is projected to make \$5,000 to \$8,000 after expenses for facility, officials, tournament officials, hotels, trophies, etc.

Only other tournament on this date is the Southern California Regionals. Mike is 99% sure that teams that have pre-paid for Nationals won't attend Mary's tournament.

Deadline to pre-pay for Nationals is April 1, 2006.

Due to "Trickle-down" third and fourth place teams may still want to attend Regionals.

<p>Motion to propose to the JGA: We will have a bid tournament on April 8-9, 2006 at Champions Sports Complex. Must be pre-paid for Nationals by April 1, 2006.</p>
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B. Winning Entry to Next Regionals

Yvonne would like to incentive teams to enter by telling teams that they will get a free entry to the regional event. "Defend Your Title".

Mike questioned if is ok to give pre-pays? Robert stated ok to give to clubs not the team. Example: 17U team wins, then next year the 17U team of the winning club will get the free entry not the 18U team that has now moved up.

C. Sanction and Fines to Clubs that don't come to the JGA Meeting

Some Clubs are ok with paying a \$200 fine and not attending the meeting. Robert proposed escalating penalties each year.

D. First Try-out Date

Some clubs are getting around try-outs by having testing, organization meetings and/or drills without nets. Mike stated there shouldn't be any contact with the kids at all.

First proposal was that it is ok for age groups younger than 13U. Mike pointed out that in a membership of 4000 only about 200 are in this group. Therefore, no need to make a distinction. Yvonne stated that teams would have try-outs for a younger sibling and promise that the older sibling is automatically included.

Second proposal was for kids participating in a high school JV or Varsity program were excluded and all others ok. Still same issues as above.

Motion to propose to the JGA: No try-outs for any age group prior to the completion of the Florida State Championships. Organizational/classroom meetings will be permitted only. No physical activity including drills, testing, etc. No signing of contracts. No paying club fees or dues. Exception: Try-out fee may be collected at this meeting.

Motion to propose to the JGA: Penalty for try-outs prior to completion of State Championships: Club will be suspended for one year from competing in all regional and national events.

V. Deadline to be Bound to a Club

Dana proposed a three-week window for kids/parents to explore other clubs. Carrie stated way too long. Need time to finalize rosters, order uniforms and the Thanksgiving weekend is in there too. Want to be finalized sooner.

Yvonne wanted to know what binds them to a club? Signed contract but if they choose to leave then the club has to sue to get the money. Currently not bound until they play in a tournament. Can the region mandate this?

Robert concerned that we are telling clubs how to run their business. Really need to educate the parents about all that is involved.

Yvonne would like to have the region email all the parents explaining about being bound to a team, deadlines and what it means. Should also have a table at all region events with this information available. The information should also be on the region website.

Yvonne proposed a committee be formed to explore reinstating the Parent Information Guide – FIG. It used to have to be given to all the parents and the parents had to sign that they have read and received it.

Discussion regarding the clubs distributing the guide now and collect signatures from parents. May be too difficult. Just have the info available now and then have a committee try and get this instituted by next year.

Motion to propose to the JGA: Region considers a junior member bound to a club as of December 15, 2005. Statement to be on the registration form.

Motion to propose to the JGA: Form a committee to reinstate the Parent Information Guide.

Respectfully submitted by: Sheryl Greene, Meeting Secretary

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