



Boy's Director Report 4/21/2010
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1. Ran the play date in March with much success. Three fields going from morning till night. Only one complaint was that the fields were a little too small and should have been communicated earlier that the fields weren't regulation. I effectively handled this complaint and addressed it all Rep meetings.
 - a. Recommendation was to make the south field regulation and keep the middle and north field the same. We will see how this works on April 24th at our next play date.
2. Began scheduling the Jamboree for all Non-playoff eligible divisions. I have the dates and locations laid out. I need to seed the teams and decide which days each team will play.
 - a. Planning on having the top teams play on one day and the bottom teams play on the other. (1st-15th Saturday/ 16th-30th Sunday for all three divisions)
 - b. Waiting for feedback from teams on who does not want to participate.
 - c. Will be sending email and posting the teams that will be scheduled and on what days they will play. In this email I will ask for the clubs to confirm based on the list I sent out.
 - d. Wait few days for response then post the final schedule.
 - e. Will be sending out email with list of volunteer duties list and asking for clubs to help.
3. Posted and communicated all playoff structure and dates
 - a. New this year
 - i. Higher seed hosts quarter and semi finals, if they can't host lower seed has option to host, if both can't host NCJLA will arrange a location with the help of the involved clubs.
 - ii. Winning team in each conference gets automatic bid, but not automatic seeding.
 - iii. Website has the option to seed via strength of schedule, head to head and point system (2point for a win + .5 for a tie * 100)
 - b. After thinking it through and discussing it with Steve Walker I am lining up fields for the semifinal games to play. I think it will be a nightmare to get refs to all of the games the day after the quarterfinal games
 - i. I already have So. Marin field on the 16th \$500 for the day and Phill from Diablo said he can get four fields not sure on the cost yet.
4. Sportsmanship incident report has been very effective, but clubs would now like to see a way to evaluate the refs both good and bad.
 - a. I have been directing them to file a sportsmanship incident report.

- b. Talked with Steve and he reassured me that he will discipline his refs just like we discipline out players/ coaches/ teams. The sportsmanship form will work fine for him.
5. Ejection's
- a. In process the of creating a ejection log.
 - b. Suggested to Steve walker to create an ejection template for the refs to fill out instead of submitting a email. I would like to see consistent information rather than #17 Diablo with no date and or level/ division.
 - c. Looking on suggestion to handle parent ejections
 - i. We have had several parents confronting refs after games. The parents have been very vulgar and out of line. One ref has quit because of it. I have communicated to all reps in our last meeting that this will not be tolerated, but we have no rule on how to handle this. Suggestions: A. The player of the parent or parents who was involved is suspended for the next game. B. The team forfeits the next game. There are some clubs using these now and have found them to be very effective.
 - d. Folsom: Has had 4 ejections this year and has been talked to both by Ben Hewit and Myself. They are aware of the severity of there actions and there President has been very cooperative in regards to changing there clubs mentality. He is new to the position and they just turned over every board position. He recommended that the NCJLA create a way to have a mentor program for clubs that encounter similar situations. He thinks the situation his club is in is very similar to a new club joining the NCJLA. Can we pair clubs with a mentor club?
 - e. Attached is a ejection log. (rough draft of this log I will be editing it and reformatting it. Also will add a section on parents.)
6. Rep meeting recap: All three went very well with more positive feedback then negative. The league seems to be very pleased with the changes that the NCJLA has gone through. They all seem to agree that the NCJLA is doing a great job on communicating.
- a. North:
 - i. Would like to see the season start and end two weeks later. They believe the league would grow and it would be easier to field teams after basketball ends. The other main concern was rainouts and spring break conflicts. Losing players at the end of the season was a concern brought to the tale at the other two rep meetings.
 - ii. Spirit of stick game pins or honoring the game awards.
 - iii. Need to email out fans need to be on the opposite side of the field and add this to the card next year.
 - iv. Recommend 4 goals be 6. They had no problem with the rule other then that.
 - v. Special needs players? Rules on discrimination?
 - b. San Jose/ South:
 - i. Difibulators (sp) and if there is a program that has scholarships to help non for profit organizations purchase them.

- c. Sac. Valley/ East:
 - i. Working on fostering a culture to have kids get an opportunity to have year round lacrosse.
 - ii. Curious about lateral and upward movement during playoffs
- 7. All-Stars for High School only
 - a. All-Stars were discussed at all three rep meetings. Every club thought it was a great idea and would like to see it done.
 - b. Sac valley said there would be no problem getting kids from far to come and play in the game if we had one.
 - c. Thought it would be great on a college application.
 - d. Wanted to use it as a test and see if maybe expanding it to other levels.