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Subject: RE: Travel Committee Meeting Notes 7/24/2016

Meeting Notes: 7/24/2016

Attendees:

Dan Gromko
Tom Cantillon
Pete Christopulos
Chris Repetto
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Dave Lanka
Darren Cray

Tonight's meeting was called to discuss recent feedback brought to the Committee's attention on a path forward for team formation for 2017. Parental feedback that is strongly in favor of forming teams by grade along with another who feel equally strong about allowing players the option to "play up" if their ability allows was discussed.

1. The Committee agreed to add an option that allows a player to "play up" within the structure currently used (4/30 cutoff). Under this option, a player trying out for a "play up" roster position would have to score in the top 6 for the age group in order to displace a player with age eligibility for that team.
2. Grade based team formation was discussed, but examples cited of being disadvantaged when competing with teams who follow "Ripken Rules" playing in Leagues and Tournaments.
3. Fairness or perceived fairness as to how rosters are assembled was cited as an ongoing issue among Parents. A suggestion was put forth that the Gold and Blue Team Managers from the prior year, review the tryout data results together using their collective knowledge of player ability and present a "Gold" and "Blue" roster to the Committee in the post tryout meeting.
4. Three additional votes were received from prior Committee members who "abstained" from the last vote.
5. The Committee agreed to take another vote. Results summary:

Option 1:	No change, leave as is.	1
Option 2:	Players compete for roster based on Field Size	1
Option 3:	Move April 30 cutoff date for eligibility to December 31.	0
Option 4:	School grade level establishes eligibility	2
Option 5:	Age base "as is" but with "play up" option	9
Abstain:		6
Total:		<hr/> 19

The Committee recommends that the age based 4/30 cutoff date for age eligibility remain, but to allow any player who desires to try out for a higher age group team the option to do so.

Somerville and Non-resident eligibility for Branchburg Travel: What was voted on unanimously during the prior meeting was questioned with several opposing views cited. The Committee feels that this is an important issue that needs a written policy to be followed for 2017 and beyond. This order of business will need to be taken up by the 2017 Travel Committee prior to Tryouts.

Tom and I will meet with the BBC Board of Directors to present recommendations from today's meeting.
End.

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