

Junior Forum Minutes

July 11, 2012

Attendance: Steve Mueth, Dennis Nosco, Ben O'Day, Bob Crank, Dale Woodson, Bob Crank, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Tim Neels, Kevin Nelson, Chris Reid, Manon Kuntz, Pat Steele, Matt Kalisiak, Dan Smith

Discussion on whether to start 19 point sets at 0 or at 6; it was agreed to start all 19 point game at 0 to 19 points.

Discussion regarding Girls Festival, Indy will be having a tournament here over the Presidents Day weekend. The Region wanted to know if there was still the desire to hold the Gateway Girls Festival. Those attending wanted to continue to hold the Gateway Girls Festival.

Discussion regarding Gateway Bid Tournament. At the last Board Meeting in May it was agreed to form a committee to explore the possibility of hold a separate Bid Tournament to determine bid instead of using the Gateway Regionals and a discussion to have only 4-team pools in Regionals. A committee was formed and discussed format, fees, dates, etc. (See attached committee minutes). The thought being that teams playing in Regionals were knocking out teams who had already received bids.

Bid Tournament discussion at Junior Forum

<16 teams—1 day

> 16 teams—2 days

2 match minimum

Possible 8 matches in a row

Teams with Open or National bid cannot enter

Double elimination

Regional Tournament discussion at Junior Forum

3 or 4 team pools

First day top 2 teams go to Gold, bottom 2 teams go to Silver

All region teams can play

Teams will not be allowed to play at higher level

Regionals will be two weeks before Bid Tournament with consideration of Easter and Qualifiers

Additional Discussion

11's Regional will be 19 point games starting a 0

11's allow wavered teams since there are not bids to National Tournament

These issues will be voted on at the August 3 Board Meeting

Gateway Juniors Bid Tournament/Regional Tournament Committee Minutes

June 13, 2012

Attendance: Steve Mueth, Tim Neels, Chris Clauss, Nicki Fisaga, Donna Mayer, Dennis Nosco, Bob Crank, Matt Ryan, Dale Woodson, Gretchen Moser, Donna Gunning

Bid Tournament

- Format – Double Elimination Bracket
 - Single Day format if 14 or fewer teams entered
 - Two Day format if 15 or more teams entered
- Provide up refs for each match. Up and Down Refs for Championship and matches that determine a bid
- Date will be the current weekend of the Gold/Silver Gateway Regional Championship
- Entry fee will be designed for this to be a break even event
 - Goal to keep between \$200-250
- No match to start later than 7pm on Saturday and 5pm on Sunday if possible
- Only a 2 match guarantee
- Web Point rosters will be the official rosters. All changes must be submitted for approval by the entry deadline

Gold/Silver Regional Championships

- Format – 2 day event with a 10 set minimum guarantee and at least 2 matches each day. Pool Play on Day 1 with 3 or 4 team pools. In 4 team pools, top 2 advance to a Gold bracket and bottom 2 advance to a Silver bracket. 3 team pools may have a cross over match or top 2 advance to Gold and 3rd to Silver. Bracket Play on Day 2 with a Championship and Consolation Side.
- Fee structure will remain the same
- Provide up refs for each match. Up and Down Refs for Championship
- Date will be 2 weekends before the BID Tournament, an exception will be made for Easter weekend conflict
- Continue to follow National Qualifying Event Rules/USAV rules
- No waived teams
- Web Point rosters will be the official rosters. All changes must be submitted for approval by the entry deadline

Bronze/Copper Regional Championships and 11s Regional Championships

- Format - 2 day event with a 10 set minimum guarantee and at least 2 matches each day. Pool Play on Day 1 with 3 or 4 team pools. In 4 team pools, top 2 advance to a Bronze bracket and bottom 2 advance to a Copper bracket. 3 team pools may have a cross over match or top 2 advance to Bronze and 3rd to Copper. Bracket Play on Day 2 with a Championship and Consolation Side.
- Fee structure will remain the same
- Provide up refs for each match. Up and Down Refs for Championship
- Date will be the weekend before the BID Tournament
- Continue to follow current tournament rules/USAV rules with Gateway modifications

- Web Point rosters will be the official rosters. All changes must be submitted for approval by the entry deadline
- The 11s division, only, will play all matches to 19 (both pool and bracket play)

Regional ranking and seeding for these tournaments will be as follows. Gold/Silver and Bronze/Copper Regionals will be seeded by the ranking system with all data received prior to April 1. Ranking will be posted at this time. Result information will continue to be entered into the system through Gold/Silver Regionals. Seeding for the BID tournament will be based on the ranking released following Gold/Silver Regionals.

The Gateway Website will continue to post regional ranking with the date last updated. The Website will also post Regional and BID Tournament finishes.

The Gateway Region will continue the current process of limited sanctioning of other events during these 3 weekends.

Nicki will work on a procedural manual/instruction sheet for the BID Tournament to be posted on the website.

Matt and Nicki will look into posting results on either AES or Real Time Results for all 3 events, with the goal of utilizing one of these systems by the 2013 Championships.

All members of this committee were encouraged to attend and support these recommendations at the Junior Forum meeting (Meeting to be held at the Kirkwood Community Center on Wednesday, July 11 at 6 pm).

Recommendation based on both the committee and junior forum input will be voted on at the August 3 general board meeting.