

Carolina Region/USAV
May 5, 2013 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Attendees: Sharon Brown (Tri-County); Shauna Brown (Sportsplex); Neil Davis (Tri-County); Sherry Fadool (Triangle); Trevor Hewitt (Sportsplex); Panechay Hunt (Proehlfic Power); Jason Lemmons (Tri-County); John Maine (Set Point); Mike McCarthy (CHAVC); Chuck Morris (Set Point); Lisa Neaves (Proehlfic Power); Tina Readling (Piedmont); Jim Ross (Cape Fear); Mike Schall (Triangle), Micholene Schumacher (NC Elite); Fred Wendelboe (Set Point); Kelley Wernert (East Carolina); Eddie Yahya (Tri-County); Chad Zimmerman (Proehlfic Power)

Guests: James Goodyear, Mark Nalevanko

Board Attendees: Brian Webb

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Marilyn Thompson

Meeting began: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Wendelboe
- II. 2012 Minutes – Last year’s JAB meeting minutes were emailed out to all the team reps earlier this week. Motion by Fadool, second by F. Wendelboe to:

Motion 1: approve the May 6, 2013 minutes of the Carolina Region Junior Advisory Board meeting. MSA

- III. 2013 Season Review – Junior girls membership continued its major growth trend this season. We had 6050 junior and youth girls (+754 over last year) and 26 boys (-14). Junior girls’ teams grew by 62 to 592 teams. We split into East and West geographic areas this season and that had a positive effect on managing the growth. We were still able to accommodate all the teams that wanted to play each weekend.
- IV. End of Season Survey Results – Kevin went over the results of the survey that was emailed to all junior program participants. We had 742 responses from within the Region as of Thursday before the meeting. The majority of the responses were from junior players so need to keep that in mind when analyzing the results. One thing that stood out to attendees is the need to make the Club Tryout policy more known to the junior membership.
- V. Club Tryouts – Kevin presented the proposed Club Tryout Policy for the 2013/2014 season. Only update is the 2013 dates that correspond with same timing as for this past season. No other changes are proposed. Since there were no substantial changes to the policy, no motion to approve was necessary. Kevin will post shortly on the website for clubs to reference.

- VI. Letter of Commitment (LOC) Form – A request has come in to make a change in the Early Signing Penalty section on the LOC form. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Ross to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: change the Early Signing Penalty section of the Letter of Commitment Form to read: **“Early Signing Penalty.** While offers to play may be extended at any time during the tryout period, a club representative may not ***require*** a player to sign before the established Carolina Region signing dates **(Oct 28 for 14 and under and younger; Nov 11 for 15s-18s)**. A player who signs a *Letter of Commitment* prior to the established Carolina Region tryout period **(Oct 19 for 15 and under and younger; Nov 3 for 16s-18s)** may be subject to suspension for the entire season.”
MSA

During the discussion of the motion, many highlighted the importance of making clubs and coaches aware of the tryout policy and the rights of the player. There are a few clubs in the region that we consistently hear complaints about during the tryout period. The Region board will discuss this topic at their retreat to try to come up with ways to enhance the tryout period so players are able to tryout with more than one club without pressure.

- VII. Tournament Formats – Kevin presented a plan for the 2014 season that would allow the majority of tournaments to be played with all 4-team pools. The proposal is to keep the East/West split; adjust the tournament entry deadline to TWO weeks out; at the entry deadline, teams will be assigned into facilities in 4-team pool increments; only the final “division” of the age group could have an alternate format which would depend on the number of teams left after the other assignments are made. The teams would be put into the divisions based on the points system. Late entries would be put onto a wait list and only utilized if there are withdrawals or it is easy to move teams. With this new process, it was decided to do away with the Platinum/Gold/Silver divisions names and have teams self-select into divisions based on whether they think they are in top 20% of teams, next 20%, and so on. Divisions would then be called Division 1, Division 2, and so on. For playoffs, we will still take top 2 to playoffs and play regular playoffs. If there is a no-show or late withdrawal and the team is not replaced, then we will just play a 3-team pool and have a double-round robin play for that pool. Motion by Morris, second by F. Wendelboe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: approve the division changes and tournament assignment process as proposed and amended for the Junior season beginning with the 2014 season.
MSA

- VIII. OPEN Division – Kevin began the discussion with a review of last season’s Open play and the changes and difficulties faced during the season. A discussion followed about the challenges of creating an Open division that meets the initial desire to have a limited play schedule in the Region for elite teams but still include top teams that may not travel out of regions as much and need to play more Region events. Motion by Zimmerman, second by Hunt to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 4: create an Open division with the following attributes and policies: Tournaments can be held statewide and on either Saturday or Sunday; Open tournaments will be held once a month on the CR schedule; any team may choose to register as an Open team at the beginning of the season; Open teams can play in any other Division 1 (Club) tournament except the Division 1 Regional Championships; Division 1 teams can play up in Open tournaments if it aids in creating the desired 4-team pool tournament formats; the age groups will still be 18/17 and 16/15; 16’s teams can play up if their competitive level allows them to. The Region has the right to move Open teams down to Division 1 based on Open tournament results.
MSA

- IX. 2013/2013 Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed schedule. A question was asked about the Queen City Classic and did it need to have a weekend to itself. It creates a big gap in the schedule for teams that do not want to play a two-day tournament at that time. That also raised a question on whether additional one-day tournaments would be allowed to be sanctioned on that weekend (yes) and whether they would count towards Regional Qualification (currently no). Motion by Shumacher, second by Hewitt to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 5: allow any Carolina Region sanctioned event on the Region schedule to be eligible to count towards Regional Championships Qualification. MSA

Discussion continued on the schedule and changes made based on when the Big South Qualifier is scheduled to play. Motion by Sharon Brown; second by Ross to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 6: approve the 2014 Adult and Junior Tournament Schedules as amended.
MSA See Appendix 1

- X. 2013 Junior Beach Tour – Kevin discussed the remaining Beach Tour schedule. The growth in the tour has been tremendous. Players are being turned away as do not have enough courts to accommodate the demand. Mark Nalevanko briefly addressed the group and mentioned the new sand HS club season that was begun this spring.

- XI. High Performance Program – We are currently holding tryouts for the Region HP Program. Level 2 training will occur in May/June and we will decide shortly whether we have competitive teams to send to Fort Lauderdale for the Championships in July.
- XII. Elections:
 - A. Girls – Nominees for the Girl’s Rep was presented from the floor. Jim Ross was only nomination from the floor. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Schumacher to:

Motion 7: elect Jim Ross by acclamation as the Girl’s Representative to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

He will serve a one-year term.

- XIII. Other Business – None.
- XIV. Next Meeting – May 4, 2014. Time/Place to be announced.
- XV. Adjournment - Motion by Morris, second by Davis to:

Motion 8: adjourn the May 5, 2013 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 12:13 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

May 4, 2013. Time and site TBD

NOTE ON PASSED MOTIONS – PLEASE READ

Motions passed by the Junior Advisory Board do NOT establish policy. These are recommendations to the Carolina Region Board of Directors for consideration and implementation if the board agrees. Please refer to the minutes of the subsequent meetings of the Carolina Region Board of Directors to verify that the motions passed at the Junior Advisory Board meeting were adopted.

2014 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

December:

28-29 – Quest Tournament - Greensboro

January:

4 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's

11 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's; OPEN Weekend

18 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's;

25 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (anticipated SAT DATE)

February:

1-2 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's; Queen City Classic, Charlotte

8 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (ACT Test Date)

15 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's;

22 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's; OPEN weekend

March:

1– All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's (Adult Regionals)

8-9 –MAPL (anticipated SAT DATE)

15 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Hi Neighbor)

22 – Regional Championships for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's; OPEN Regionals

29 – Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's

April:

5/6 – Big South

12 - East/West Regionals (Division 1)/ Junior Hi Neighbor (ACT test)

19/20 - Easter

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2013-2014 ADULT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

December:

Weekend of 7 & 8

Weekend of 14 & 15

January:

Weekend of 4 & 5

Weekend of 18 & 19

February:

Weekend of 1 & 2

Weekend of 15 & 16

March:

Weekend of 1 & 2 - 2014 Regional Championships – All divisions

Weekend of 15 & 16 - Asheville Hi Neighbor