



SPRING 2011 PLANNING MEETING
19 DECEMBER 2010
MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

1. Spring 2010 issues
 - Calendar – start/end dates, tournaments, graduations, exam dates
 - Brian Casey: start dates for scheduling games April 1st. [note: MIAA 3/21 start]
 - Brian's presentation regarding conferences.
Identified need for more structure, competition, tournament seeding, single school HS programs are separate from community based u19 clubs. because significant admin and scheduling differences, some HS teams are not allowed to play weekends and some can not travel out-of-state. For girls not enough teams to split.
 - Brian reviewed definition for D1/D2/emerging. Tried to group them geographically in D2. Clarification that schedule based on 1st side and second games are to be worked on between coaches with safety as first priority.
 - In order to keep rankings you need to minimally set one match with each team in your division (D2 max 4 games, D1 6 games) with any other open dates filled as you want. Scheduling is coach to coach
VOTE on No/So Conference vs Inland/Coastal in D2 NORTH/SOUTH VOTED IN.
 - What is purpose of MYRO tournament?
Discussion- Those who weighed in feel that MYRO tournament should have no bearing on standing and that season standing determines season winner.
D2 - winner of each conference play for "State Title" playoff at tournament VOTE:
YES
Other teams will be in regular tournament
MYRO Tournament date-VOTE approved date Saturday, May 14th. Venue-TBD
St. John's Prep and BC HS offered to host.
 - Girls fixtures - status of ME & NH teams
 - Sarah gave update that discussion to have NH/ME join MYRO, decision to have them stay in their own SBRO to help develop their states and invite them to play at MRYO Tournament for tournament fee, and existing MA girls' teams will schedule "friendlies" with them. This is also due to concerns that may arise with HS AD's be mandated to play out of state teams.
 - Participation in National HS Tournament
 - Catholic Conference update – information available as of 12/19
 - Catholic Conference Schools coming into MYRO decision this week
3. Scheduling of Matches
 - Review of scheduling guidelines
 - St John prep JV offering to play D2 games - can travel.
 - Master Calendars for each Division and Team
 - Boys HS D1



- Boys HS D2
- Girls
- Community based (U-19) teams

Break into groups to begin scheduling of spring matches

A&R – ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS

4. Rookie Rugby items
 - Rookie Rugby materials from USA Rugby
5. Announcements
 - USA Rugby 7's event Feb 2011
 - Middle School competition proposal - Play Rugby USA
Justin Goonan providing handouts has presentation he can email to everyone to share with AD's and PE teachers running summer youth programs
 - 3/2/2011 rugby legends dinner in Boston to be held at Harvard club.
 - Spoke about league for spring middle school age (6th, 7th, 8th) games Sundays for more info contact Justin. Start indoor in late February games outdoors in April. Non-contact.
6. Coaches Training
 - Minimum standards, e.g. Rugby Ready, first aid
 - Scheduling clinics/trainings
 - USA Rugby clinic – high performance coaches
 - PCA sessions – coaches and parents
 - Referee training

There will be follow-up communication to coaches above items
7. Refereeing

Bill spoke to Jim Rogers from NERRS and they will be sent a master schedule as soon as we finalize, so they can better anticipate need for referees. Home team will still have to request and confirm referee.

All members should seriously consider having at least one certified referee and we should all try to referee games when we can. The burden of covering all of these games falls on a few shoulders. Let's keep the game alive and help out on several different fronts.

Bill also recognized all that we are already doing and thanked everyone for time and energy given.