

Carolina Region/USAV
May 1, 2011 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Attendees: Logan Barber (Triangle); Mary Byrne (United); Casey Caram (Triangle); Sherry Fadool (Triangle), Tim Gabel (Triangle); Denise Hayes (Sports Academy); Trevor Hewitt (Piedmont); Jenna Hinton (Triangle); Michael Huffman (United); Panechay Hunt (Proehlific Power); Trey Mainwaring (CHAVC); Mike McCarthy (CHAVC); Linda Osterman (Alamance Force); Tina Readling (Piedmont); Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy); Logan Striebel (Triangle); Rita Stubbs (Club Red); Blaine Tandler (Piedmont); Fred Wendelboe (Set Point);

Staff Attendee: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director

Meeting began: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Wendelboe
- II. Approval of 2010 Meeting minutes. Motion by Readling, second by Sharpe to:

Motion 1: approve the minutes of the May 1, 2010 Junior Advisory Board meeting as updated for minor grammatical improvements. MSA

- III. 2011 Season Review – Junior membership grew in large numbers for the third season in a row. We’ve added nearly 1000 junior girls over the past two seasons. We have 4924 junior and youth girls (+434 over last year) and 54 boys (-30). Junior girls’ teams grew by 35 to 486 teams. Due to the growth, we will be proposing moving the 12’s age group to the opposite weekend to balance out the number of teams participating during a given weekend. This will help with facilities and officials.
- IV. Tryout Guideline Review and Approval:
The dates have been updated in the document to reflect the correct weekends for 2011. It was requested to pull out the 15’s age group into separate language since their tryout period and signing date is handled differently than the other age groups. This will be updated. There was discussion on whether this document made the signing date required or whether it was still optional for clubs. Motion by Gabel, second by Fadool to to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: replace the word “recommends” with “required” in the first sentence in the Signing Dates section and to update other areas in the paragraph to reflect that the use of the signing dates are required. MSA

The JAB discussed the pros and cons of using the Region Letter of Commitment. The current document does not require its use but all agreed it would help solve commitment issues if clubs used it. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: update the Tryout document to require the use of the Letter of Commitment. MSA.

- V. 2012 Schedule – Two options (see Appendix) for the 2012 Juniors’ schedule were proposed for consideration. Most agreed that Option 2 provided the best choice for the least amount of layoff around the Big South Qualifier and Easter towards the end of the schedule. Acceptance of the schedule also approves the moving of the 12’ age group to play on same weekend as the older age group. Motion by Fadool, second by Hinton to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 4: approve Option 2 of the 2011/2012 Junior Tournament schedule. MSA.

- VI. Feedback from MAPL – The Region set up three easels during the MAPL event in Raleigh to try to gather feedback from participants on the following questions: (a) What one thing would you change about the Carolina Region? (b) How can the Carolina Region make your experience better? (c) What additional things can the Carolina Region do to grow the sport? Unfortunately, the comments weren’t always on topic as a lot of people commented about the MAPL event rather than the big picture. There were not a lot of new ideas presented but it was our first attempt to gather more feedback from members at tournament settings. We may try additional outreach if the right opportunity presents itself.
- VII. Tournament Issues – The Region tracked the ending times of all tournaments this year to gauge the impact of the 5-team pool format change. It was clear that tournaments with a 5-team pool ended much later. This led to a discussion on some things we can do make sure tournaments end at reasonable times. Mr. Hewitt suggested that the players only work as first referee once with the adult officials taking over once all teams had worked once as the work team. Mr. Barber presented a new tournament format for 15 teams that would result in 30 matches and all teams except one would be guaranteed 4 matches. This could be modified for any number of teams. Due to the length of the discussion and wide range of ideas possible, it was suggested to form a task force to investigate the issue and give a report and recommendations to the Region Board for their retreat in June. The following volunteered to be a part of the task force: Mr. Barber; Mr. Hewitt; Ms. Hinton; and Mr. McCarthy. The JAB discussed some participants viewpoint that the younger age groups should not have the players working as the first referee. Motion by Hinton, second by Hewitt to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that:

Motion 5: adult officials work as the first referee for all matches in the 12's, 13's, and 14's age groups. MSA

VIII. High Performance Program Update – Sheila Holloway

The Region wants to know why a club would not promote the HP Program to its player? Common answers are: it's expensive; it's not subsidized; players need a break; players go on college visits; it takes extra time away; and the extra training has the potential for burnout. The Region has worked on addressing many of those issues already but we will continue to work on making the program valuable to our members. Ms. Sharpe asked that communication not go through team reps but be directed to club reps as their team reps do not always distribute the information. The Region plans on holding tryouts earlier next year before the season starts. We will then identify a group of players that are candidates for the team and they will be able to practice/train together during the season on a pre-set schedule so all clubs are aware of the times. We can then concentrate on promoting skill clinics during the season that will be open to all members. The HP Program will be a main focus during the Board planning retreat and summer planning.

IX. IMPACT Requirements – Currently IMPACT certification is good for “life” with no requirement to recertify. USA Volleyball is constantly updating the course and it has changed drastically for those that may have taken it several years ago. Mr. F. Wendelboe is working on a proposal that would change the IMPACT requirements and introduce an expiration date for IMPACT certification. Coaches would need to take another course every 3 to 4 years to remain in good standing. Our current continuing education requirement is not easy to track due to the limitations of the USAV database. We can, however, track expiration dates for IMPACT so this change would be a big improvement on the coaching education program. Since the proposal is not complete, a motion will not be presented at this time but the JAB did want the minutes to reflect their strong support for the importance of continuing education for its coaches.

X. Boys Development:

A. National Team Clinics – USA Volleyball is starting a program where Regions can apply to hold developmental clinics that would include players and/or coaches from the USA Volleyball Men's Team. The question was raised whether this is something the Carolina Region should pursue and when would be a good time for the clinics? The JAB agreed this would be a good program to offer. The fall seemed to be the best time to offer such a clinic as most of the middle school programs that are in place are playing at that time it seems.

- B. The Region currently has no separate entry procedures for 14 and under boys teams that want to enter our girls tournaments. As our numbers have increased, this has meant that some girls teams get bumped either from the tournament or to a higher division. Motion by Sharpe, second by Tendler to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 6: amend the tournament entry acceptance order for entries by the entry deadline to accept Carolina Region girls teams first and then Carolina Region boys teams. MSA

XI. Officiating Issues

We currently require officials to have been certified for two consecutive seasons to be eligible to get certified through the online clinics. This past season we only required one season of certification since the rule book did not change. The Officials Advisory Board will be addressing this as well but the question was raised whether the Junior Advisory Board has an opinion on whether the requirement should remain at two seasons or change to one season to be eligible to take the online clinics. The Junior Advisory Board agreed that one season is fine since we are not seeing major changes in rules from season to season like we may have in the past. A question was asked about coaches that move in from out of region and whether they could take the online clinic since we require first year coaches to take a clinic in person. The policy states that only those coaches that have never been certified have to attend a clinic in person. If the coach can prove prior certification, then they can take the online officials clinics to get certified. A request was made to remind tournament directors and officials to remind all the coaches at the coaches meeting about the Behavior policy. It seems behavior is better when everyone is notified of the policy before the tournament. It was suggested that a Tournament Director Mentor program be developed for new tournament directors to help guide them through the process.

XII. Elections:

- A. Boys –Audun is the current Boy’s Rep. Since there were not any other Boys Reps in attendance, we will do an email election among all the Boys Reps.
- B. Girls – Nominees for the Girl’s Rep were solicited from the floor. Jenna Hinton and Trina Sharpe were nominated. After a secret ballot, Trina Sharpe was elected as the Girl’s Rep to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. She will serve a one-year term.

XIII. Future Meetings of the Junior Advisory Board – The Board would like to know if the current format of the JAB is adequate to get feedback from Junior Reps? The typical size of the meeting is 15-20 participants out of a possible 450+. Should we offer an electronic meeting option instead? Questions were asked as to how discussions could be handled effectively through electronic means especially if there are a large number of people sitting in on the meeting. It was decided we should still have an in-person meeting but perhaps would offer others the chance to sit in electronically. It was also suggested that a Junior Coaches Forum be established and used by the JAB to sample opinions on subjects of interest.

XIV. Other Business:

A. A question was asked whether we could include losers of a Quarter-final match on the all-Tournament Team at Regional Championships. This would present some award ordering issues as we would not know how many tournaments this affects at the time awards are ordered. Motion by Sharpe, second by Hayes to:

Motion 7: add one player each from a losing quarter-final team as Honorable Mention All-Tournament with no plaque at the Regional Championships. **Motion Failed**

B. Mr. Tendler asked that two other issues be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. He mentioned that he does not like the Point System and feels that teams should not be moved out of their requested division against their will. If a team wants to play in a division then they ought to be allowed to play in that division despite their results. He also wants the board to remove all entry criteria to the National Bid tournaments. If the goal is to send the best team to the Junior National Championships, then there should not be any entry criteria to prohibit teams from playing in the tournament. There were no other comments on these issues from other members of the JAB.

XV. Next Meeting – May 6, 2013. Greensboro

XVI. Adjournment - Motion by McCarthy, second by Gabel to:

Motion 8: adjourn the May 1, 2011 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 12:06 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2012. Greensboro

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.

APPENDIX

Proposed 2012 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES - 1

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- 31-1 – Possible season opening two-day tournament - Quest
- 7 – Regular season begin; All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 14 – Regular season begin; All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 21 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 28 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's (SAT DATE)

February:

- 4– All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 11 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 18 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 25 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's

March:

- 3– All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Regionals)
- 10/11 – MAPL (SAT DATE)
- 17 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's (Adult Hi Neighbor)
- 24 – Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 31/1 – Big South Qualifier

April:

- 8 – EASTER
- 14 - Regional Championships for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 21/22- Asheville Junior Hi Neighbor
- 28 – National Bid Tournaments – all ages

Other Option 2012 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES - 2

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