

Event Committee Meeting Minutes:

Date: November 20th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: GCC

Attendees: Mark Robinson, Gary Hill, Jason Pariseau, Nate Matthews, Cindy D'Errico

Review of the WEVA Junior Girls Ranking/Seeding System – document updated based on review – document will be circulated to all junior girls club directors for review and any additional tournament ratings. Summary below

- 1) Added a level 6 to tournament levels for teams that choose to participate at the open level national qualifier events. This will weight the participation in these events 2 levels above club participation.
- 2) Changed level 5 tournament level for Club USA National participation
- 3) Evaluated tournament strengths and realigned to appropriate level
- 4) BNCC Blizzard event – first year – agreed to assign to level 2 but will be reevaluated based on entries received for the tournament.
- 5) Modified the point determination for 51-60% to 4 points and 61-75% to 2 points – events in past where teams had a tough pool the first round and do not lose after that we felt too much of a point spread between the percentages

Discussion on the following topics:

- 1) Committee will review rankings and evaluate if summation of points or average should be utilized for BID Qualifier event (as was already noted in the document). Results in the past has shown sometimes that teams that participate in more tournaments does not necessarily determine the strongest team
- 2) Head to head will continue to not be used as a determining factor for rankings – it is the overall success of the team at tournaments
- 3) Verification of results in tournaments – every possible avenue will continue to be made to verify results at tournaments from tournament director and website posting results. If in an event that they cannot be verified, the coaches will be responsible for providing the information to their respective club directors for approval/sign off. In order to be a candidate for sign off all applicable information must be available - # of teams at tournament, overall finish in the tournament (based on all divisions).
- 4) The format of the tournament along with the rankings will be reviewed by the committee two weeks prior to the BID Qualifier event. All clubs MUST have their entry notification and payment into the WEVA office three weeks prior to the event. Based on date set for 2009 – deadline April 3rd. Most clubs know their schedule/interest long before that so if we can get “interest” before that and payment by the 3rd that would be optimal.

BID Qualifier Event

- 1) Lengthy discussion on date of event and pros/cons to earlier and later event for BID Qualifier event – for benefit of all junior clubs (number of events attend prior to BID Qualifier, younger age group development, NEQ event date (one of the major point tournaments and attended by most in the region) decision made for 2009 to HOST the event Sunday April 26th. The timeframe for this event will be evaluated every year by committee.
- 2) John Hughes to notify all club directors that ALL teams interested in participating in USA Nationals that they will need to send in application before the BID Qualifier in order to meet their deadline –explanation to clubs that checks will not be cashed until team accepted into event.
- 3) Results from NEQ, Xtreme and VFX tournament will be part of the ranking. Mark Robinson and Cindy D'Errico will communicate to Xtreme/VFX tournament coordinators respectively to contact Nate at conclusion of event with results. Nate as the coordinator of the verification/posting to the system will enter the results on Sunday for the three events. The format for the BID qualifier will already be completed. The Event Committee will complete a final review of the rankings on Monday. Teams will be assigned to pools and documents circulated to the participating clubs no later than Tuesday April 21st.
- 4) Gary Hill at meeting confirmed agreement for the sanctioned tournament that Niagara Frontier has for that weekend that the event can be removed from the WEVA sanctioned event calendar.
- 5) Event to be hosted in the Rochester area for 2009 - John Hughes to confirm the site availability for the Armory, SUNY Geneseo and East High School. Based on number of teams in the region and participation in the event for 2008 the number of courts at these three facilities should cover the event.

Results of Rankings will be posted to the WEVA website the first of every month after they have been sent to USA office. Results will continue to be posted monthly through completion of Nationals. The National results will be entered into the system as part of the overall year-end ranking in the region.

WEVA Festival – scheduled for Sunday May 10th – decision was to leave this as a one-day event. Committee felt that one-day events in the spring are more conducive for more teams to consider participation. All age groups will be offered.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 PM.