



UNITED STATES WHEELCHAIR RUGBY ASSOCIATION

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Noah: All right, well first thanks for everybody for joining and spending, some of your Saturday with us i'll start off just by asking everybody to stay on mute until your call down to speak, and you can.

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Noah: raise your hand in that little chat box and it'll it'll signal that you want to say something.

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Noah: When we get to the proposals, Dr Cottingham is going to help me an act as our parliamentarian we're going to try to keep things as expedient as possible get through this, but if anybody does have anything that they want to say after a proposal is read by the representative.

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Noah: whose proposal, it was you will have a chance to speak so.

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Noah: Alex and then any Member can make emotion and anybody else can second that just so you know.

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Noah: And that's it.

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Noah: and kick this party off Mike canal ski do you want to do roll call.

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Michael Klonowski: I so desperately want to do roll call so let's start this party off we're gonna go team by team that's registered.

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Michael Klonowski: I just need a verbal yes.

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Michael Klonowski: and, obviously, if you're not hearing no will.

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Michael Klonowski: not happen.

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Michael Klonowski: So okay ability 360 do we have someone present.

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Michael Klonowski: Boise bombers do we have anyone.

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Michael Klonowski: Just as a reminder folks that do not attend the agm, especially since it's virtual there's a \$200 fine so.

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Michael Klonowski: guess we're making money today.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: feel free to call your friends and tell them to hop on real quick.

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Michael Klonowski: Absolutely, we don't actually want to find people we just want people to be here.

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00:15:39.540 --> 00:15:40.620

Michael Klonowski: brooks bandits.

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00:15:41.280 --> 00:15:41.640

here.

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Michael Klonowski: Carolina crash.

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Rebecca Smith: here.

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00:15:49.590 --> 00:15:50.940

Michael Klowski: Chicago bears.

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Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: here.

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Michael Klowski: St Louis Spartans.

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Air.

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00:15:59.250 --> 00:16:01.020

Michael Klowski: Dallas Fort worth Rangers.

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Michael Klowski: Detroit rugby football club.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: This is Nick from.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: proxy.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Know Okay, when you say that, in a sense of.

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Michael Klowski: shame we got you a gaylord jammers.

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00:16:24.540 --> 00:16:26.580

CT JAMMERS: yeah that stay out here.

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00:16:27.210 --> 00:16:31.410

Michael Klowski: Excellent in grand rapids is here Denver harlequins.

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00:16:35.070 --> 00:16:35.490

Jason Regier - Denver: here.

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Excellent.

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00:16:38.580 --> 00:16:39.180

Michael Klonowski: storm.

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00:16:43.590 --> 00:16:44.730

Michael Klonowski: Houston Texans.

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steve kearley turr texans: Yes.

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Michael Klonowski: Casey revolution.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): yep.

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00:16:52.920 --> 00:16:54.150

Michael Klonowski: lakeshore demolition.

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00:16:58.170 --> 00:16:58.770

Tommy Sullivan - Lakeshore: Yes.

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00:16:59.970 --> 00:17:01.470

Michael Klonowski: Las Vegas high rollers.

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00:17:03.660 --> 00:17:05.490

Bradley Boe - Vegas: over here, excuse me i'm here.

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00:17:05.880 --> 00:17:06.390

Excellent.

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00:17:07.590 --> 00:17:08.790

Michael Klonowski: Marilyn Maryland mayhem.

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00:17:09.720 --> 00:17:10.080

Yes.

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00:17:12.120 --> 00:17:12.930

Michael Klonowski: Men star.

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00:17:14.640 --> 00:17:15.090

Ryan Cusack: here.

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00:17:16.920 --> 00:17:18.180

Michael Klonowski: New York warriors.

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00:17:21.060 --> 00:17:22.980

Michael Klonowski: Northeast Passage wildcats.

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00:17:23.430 --> 00:17:24.210

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Yes, sir.

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00:17:24.570 --> 00:17:25.860

Michael Klonowski: All right, all right.

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Michael Klonowski: northridge tonight's.

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Air.

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00:17:31.410 --> 00:17:32.850

Michael Klonowski: Ohio buckeye blitz.

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Brad Burns- Ohio Blitz: here.

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Michael Klonowski: Oscar Mike militia.

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Tim Vixay- Oscar Mike Militia: In.

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00:17:41.970 --> 00:17:42.960

Michael Klonowski: philly eagles.

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00:17:48.420 --> 00:17:49.860

Michael Klonowski: Pittsburgh steelers.

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00:17:51.210 --> 00:17:51.600

here.

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00:17:52.830 --> 00:17:53.910

Michael Klonowski: raleigh sidewinder.

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00:18:01.980 --> 00:18:02.310

Michael Klonowski: raleigh.

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00:18:07.500 --> 00:18:08.640

Michael Klonowski: akron rhinos.

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00:18:09.960 --> 00:18:12.120

Brian Veverka - Aspo Rhinos: Yes, excellent.

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00:18:13.920 --> 00:18:14.730

Michael Klonowski: rise.

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00:18:16.650 --> 00:18:17.100

Shane Crider: i'm here.

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00:18:17.760 --> 00:18:18.300

Excellent.

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Michael Klowski: Seattle, let me know that they had to step out for a second so there'll be back.

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00:18:29.580 --> 00:18:30.690

Michael Klowski: shepherd smash.

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shepherd smash: hair.

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it's portable patiala.

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Michael Klowski: All right.

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Michael Klowski: Anyone from San Diego.

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00:18:48.210 --> 00:18:49.320

Michael Klowski: About Texas.

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00:18:53.610 --> 00:18:57.420

Michael Klowski: Excellent you have a wild cats we've got josh wheeler.

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Michael Klowski: The lightning for masa si K ri.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: here.

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00:19:08.010 --> 00:19:09.630

Michael Klowski: Western New York records.

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00:19:10.830 --> 00:19:11.460

Chris Hilderbrant - WNY Wreckers: present.

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00:19:12.360 --> 00:19:16.470

Michael Klowski: Excellent w w ar warriors.

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yeah.

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00:19:19.530 --> 00:19:21.660

Michael Klowski: heck of a job folks we of course.

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00:19:22.860 --> 00:19:24.090

Michael Klowski: always nice to say that.

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Michael Klowski: All right.

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00:19:29.790 --> 00:19:30.240

Michael Klowski: Good.

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Noah: make a motion to approve the 2021.

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Noah: agm minutes.

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Michael Klowski: I second.

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Right home.

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00:19:43.020 --> 00:19:45.090

Noah: Okay now we're going to get to.

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Noah: The fun part of.

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Noah: The reports i'm going to keep mine pretty simple because I got a feeling the rest of the group is going to reiterate a lot of things that I have written in mind, but I just want everybody to know how thankful, I am that.

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Noah: You all were able to pull off an amazing season.

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Noah: everybody involved on all the teams, the rafts the class fires, the coven task force the board.

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Noah: i'm thrilled that we have the low point team that's going to be competing soon and World Games and everybody involved with that has been doing a great job, this is an awesome opportunity and i'm glad so many people stepped up to the plate to make that possible, and then.

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Noah: i've been really impressed with the relationship that we've had with USA wr.

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Noah: Everybody Jen mandy amy and all the work that's gone into making us compliant and ensuring that USA wr we competing in the Tokyo Paralympics without any hiccups from a compliance standpoint that's awesome.

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00:21:02.940 --> 00:21:07.290

Noah: And i'm just honored to continue serving so thank you for the opportunity.

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00:21:08.460 --> 00:21:25.140

Noah: it's been it's been a great year it was really cool, I just want to say to see all the things that we had planned during coven and all that work that went in in the offseason or the season, without Rugby and see it all in action this year it was really great.

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Noah: Dr Cunningham, do you want to go through your report.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Sure um I was tasked with managing the code Task Force and our response to that.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: most definitely not an easy process and but, but I think what i'm really proud of is we had representation from across the League that served a lot.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: On the task force the class fires, we had referees we have players, we had league officials team REPS we we really ran the gamut there and I think I hope everyone's voice was heard.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So, as we move forward and hopefully past this and and are able to focus on other things.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I think I think the position first Vice President can definitely look at.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Making sure we also have reached out to all the teams have elected not to roster this year predominantly because of code all their last recently, and I think the majority of those teams are going to be coming back so.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We were down about a third of our teams last season, but the hope is that the vast majority of those will be will be reconstituted.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So you know we're moving forward through this.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And I think we can do a lot of really good stuff so um yeah I want to keep it kind of short.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Thank you.

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Noah: Thank you, Dr Cottingham.

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Noah: Second Vice President Daniel curtis.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: Everybody i'm also going to keep it short huge shout out to the Board and the leadership team.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: You know it's it's a lot of work, even when we're not playing rugby.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: fundraising wise i've got a grant into Nielsen for 100 K to receive for 15 K, you know got to thank our.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: Our sponsors.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: Fusion ABC melrose proverbial lonestar paralysis foundation they kind of show up every year, Oscar Mike obviously for delivering.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: Successful nationals and funding for the low point team, as well as our executive director and that's kind of what i've been working on mostly as of late.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: I was kind of one of the committee heads for the selection committee.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: And we'll talk about it more bit later, but you know we've got a great pool of applicants and we've done our first round of interviews and.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: we're just kind of excited to see what what comes out of this position, their primary job is going to be fundraising, so I will work alongside them to.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: You know, to bring in what we can for this League and really take it to the next level as far as as far as growth and sustainability so that's about it for me.

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Daniel Curtis VP2: Thanks so much.

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Noah: Thanks Dan.

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Noah: Secretary mccleskey.

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Michael Klonowski: Follow the trend here of keeping things nice short and sweet really have to.

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Michael Klonowski: give his as to.

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00:24:28.380 --> 00:24:35.250

Michael Klonowski: The folks that did the cover Task Force, I mean there was a whole group of people, we haven't seen unity and.

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00:24:35.760 --> 00:24:49.410

Michael Klonowski: Collaboration like that in the League and long time, and it was really, really great to see so I know there's more names than I can list, but thank you all for your service you've done something amazing for the League and.

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00:24:51.210 --> 00:24:53.970

Michael Klonowski: It was a lot so really appreciate that.

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Michael Klonowski: Also.

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Michael Klonowski: would like to give his as to the low point team.

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Michael Klonowski: Steve read us Sarah and Dan you guys are doing an amazing job.

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Michael Klonowski: At.

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Michael Klowski: someone's getting muted.

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Michael Klowski: um.

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00:25:17.010 --> 00:25:30.630

Michael Klowski: Thank you guys very much for doing something that is incredibly visible we're going to be competing at World Games, and I think we're going to have an amazing team out there, and thank you for your dedication and your hard work there.

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00:25:32.130 --> 00:25:38.610

Michael Klowski: Thanks to everyone else behind the scenes appreciate all the work you've done and that's it for me.

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Thank you Mike.

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Noah: Our treasure said.

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Noah: you're up.

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Sid: apologize for being slow, but I am a little corner.

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Sid: Of one that like everybody's already said and I just reiterate the the work that everybody did from coaches players referees classifier is the task force every executive committee it was great to resume playing rugby a lot of fun.

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00:26:20.190 --> 00:26:27.900

Sid: In on the Court and playing and seeing all the activity and looking forward to new years as you look at the financial report, sometimes it.

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Sid: When you're looking at a financial report, it does help to digest it for a little while and so some of you as you look over the report and you in the coming days, you may, if you have any questions or.

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Sid: i'm always available my contact information is on the website and i'm always available to answer any questions and any question that I can't.

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Sid: answer immediately because I don't like to just throw numbers around off the top of my head, but called my head is older than it used to be and.

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Sid: I just don't like to do that, so it may take a little research, but in any question you ask this body, the finances are open to you, and you can ask any question and I will do my very best to get you.

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Sid: expedient answer this year was rather routine as far as financial aspects, except as Dr Cunningham, pointing out, we we did have.

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Sid: Fewer teams that registered that does affect our finances, we had other than that that you know, we had semis finals and all the other activity, there were a few less tournaments.

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Sid: And the occasional hiccups from the covert impact, but overall financially, it was a sound year we would do have, as you look at the financial report under expenses there's a cat a gourd for the low point team.

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Sid: The low point team is getting closer to the actual competition and just a couple of months in Birmingham and.

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Sid: The the expenses, we incurred, so far, primarily or travel related to other expenses related to the team, but.

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Sid: very excited to see them in Birmingham, and as we move forward those expenses there's still some in the proposed budget.

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Sid: In the financial report there's a balance sheet that shows you our cash balances and the other assets and liabilities that we have, and then the profit and loss statement and then the proposed budget, so all three of those.

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Sid: After you've reviewed them are even today, if you have any questions i'm available to answer them, the low point team as it moves forward we're.

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Sid: will be a few more expenses there's a few more camps, and then the actual competition we're very grateful to lakeshore for all the support that they are offering and with the days that we have left for preparation i'm looking forward to the low point team success and World Games.

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00:28:57.720 --> 00:29:18.270

Sid: I really don't think there's anything else other than if you look at, and I look just hasn't been broached yet, but it probably will be by somebody along the way, but I will be the first one, I think, to mention it in our budget for next year we include the prospect of an executive director.

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Sid: Because we were in the process, years ago, I don't remember it was before my tenure.

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Sid: Our executive committee had gotten approval to pursue someone for that position in the future and that time has come.

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Sid: The proposed budget includes the expected increase in fundraising that will come from the executive director higher should that come to fruition and also includes expenses related to executive director.

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Sid: So that's something that's kind of new and is in the works, we do have i'm very grateful for Oscar my the pledge commitment that they have made to support the executive director position and to support the world game so you'll see.

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Sid: The donation from Oscar Mike.

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Sid: is included in the projected fundraising for the proposed budget in the coming year, so as far as I know I think that's, the only thing I would like to highlight and.

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Sid: Like the others have said, the other executive committee members i'm very grateful for the privilege and opportunity to serve, I consider it to be that I love playing rugby but also love.

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00:30:44.550 --> 00:31:00.420

Sid: Working with different teams and and everybody i've never worked with anybody related to us wr a where i've had to say man, I hope I don't ever have to work with them again it's it's been a privilege everybody referees and pacifiers.

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00:31:01.650 --> 00:31:18.270

Sid: Everybody on the Executive Committee teams, I thank you for your support and being a great group to work with so that's really all I have if there are any questions Mike i'll entertain those if there are, if not, then feel free to contact me at any point.

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00:31:19.740 --> 00:31:21.300

Noah: Thank you said you've been incredible.

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00:31:22.830 --> 00:31:25.440

Noah: Our Commissioner now Bob Lopez.

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Bob Lopez: yeah okay i'm going to do the same as anywhere else and keep it short I mean, like everyone else has said.

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Bob Lopez: we're very thankful that we're able to have a season that for the most part, ran as we wanted it to you know, with some hiccups as everyone else has said.

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00:31:48.180 --> 00:32:00.480

Bob Lopez: I mean i'm thrilled I mean I when I went out to Vegas last September, for the first tournament that we had I was just so thankful to see everybody and then see how happy everyone was to be on the Court again.

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00:32:02.250 --> 00:32:15.450

Bob Lopez: And this year we've done a lot of things that we've been working towards you know with with having a new registration system and going through the bumps and headaches initially but that's in there, which allows us to communicate with everybody directly.

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Bob Lopez: With having this low point team, you know I went to the tryout in February and was very impressed by the staff and how they handled.

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00:32:26.640 --> 00:32:36.750

Bob Lopez: talking with the athletes, the ones that did, and once it did not make the practice squad and then with the Board and the people we've invited to help us with.

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Bob Lopez: starting the selection of the executive director it's pretty great team effort looking forward to us finishing that process to bring that person on board.

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It you know.

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Bob Lopez: everyone's doing a great job I think we're moving things forward and it's thanks for everybody.

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Bob Lopez: that's here on the call and, as I said, to people during the year any questions or any things you have.

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Bob Lopez: i'm always wanting to want to listen to hear what you have to say, so we can hopefully make things better and i'm thankful for being put in this position i'm looking forward to doing more work as we go forward and that's really all I have.

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00:33:19.830 --> 00:33:27.600

Noah: Thank you very much, Bob now we're going to get into the referees reports I don't know if Joe or Karen wants to present.

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00:33:28.950 --> 00:33:36.870

Michael Klonowski: Give me five seconds to do a little housekeeping if you guys don't mind putting on your screens there's people watching on live stream it'd be nice if your faces were visible.

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Michael Klonowski: and also for the people that are presenting just so we get a little feedback as to how things are going, if we say something amazing we want to know about it we've seen some stupid, we want to know about it so.

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Michael Klonowski: If you're capable of putting that screen up, please do if not understandable, thank you.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Thank you Mike Thank you know.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Transporting kids in between practices, so I pulled over here, so I can throw my screen on once I get home i'll turn it on for good but i'm.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: kind of echoing everybody sentiment it's been a phenomenal year for the first one kind of out of the gate you know, yes, we ran into some bumps but it's been great seeing everybody in working and the referees in the Association of work phenomenally hard.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: From you know top all the way to the bottom, so thank you for all of the help with that.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Karen has done a lot of work behind the scenes, with a coven committee and keeping everything on task Bob has been doing phenomenal work trying to manage everything like that, so we thank everybody for their hard work in multiple arenas outside of just on court officiating.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: With That said, we are doing some exciting things to try and continue to promote the expansion and development of our officials, we have started to work with.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: The team USA to have officials at their camps, to be able to help out with that.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: As well as now, the low point team we're going to have some officials going to their camps, to be able to help out there to prep them for the upcoming games and also give our officials more chances to get on the Court scene different skill levels.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: We also are working on trying to expand.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Our officials involvement internationally, so we have some upcoming opportunities in which some of our officials have applied, and that is not necessarily in our report, but it will be in the upcoming report for the next year as those things are finalized so that's exciting.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: One other kind of news that we have is that we had some elections this year, and so we have some Members that are.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: rotating off the board or change the position, so I just wanted to take a moment to thank people for their hard work and the first of which is by Lopez.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: So he is going to be still very active and involved in the sport, he is just not on the board currently.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: For the officials, so I really wanted to take a moment thank him for all the hard work that he's done.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: As the treasurer and he's held numerous board positions in the past and i'm sure that he'll be back on the board in the future, but without him we couldn't have kind of got to where we are so I want to take a moment be able to recognize his work.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: at all levels and just continue to work and the leak.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Myself, I am coming off as a chairperson, I will be working as a treasure.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I just can't currently devote the time that I need with kind of family things going on, that the position I feel requires.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: With that, we were very lucky that we have Marianne Duda stepping in.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: And I have a feeling that she is going to be able to continue to elevate us and take us to the next level where we need to be so we can support the League and make sure we're hitting everything we need to help with.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: tournaments player development referee development and give you guys, the quality of officials that the League deserves.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Otherwise I don't necessarily have anything else at this time, if anybody has any questions they can feel free to reach out to us at any point time and we'll be happy to work with them to answer any questions that we can.

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Noah: Thank you very much, Joe you guys have been incredible for the League in the sport and I appreciate all the work you guys have been doing.

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Noah: over our code here and this year was it was awesome and I look forward to seeing what you guys are able to do in the future when it comes to development.

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Noah: Our head of classification Amy you're up.

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Amy Bohn: Alright, so over the last year, our main efforts have continued with the compliance, we did some little report, with the help of USA on the eight steps we had which we've met six of eight.

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Amy Bohn: And kind of highlights of those is, as you all know, we went in with the deductions out of classification there now additions and competition rules, and thank you for everyone who submitted last year to make that happen and get the proposals past.

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Amy Bohn: We do have international classification superseding the US classification, we did meet with several athletes and several chose to retire from international prior to the start of the season.

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Amy Bohn: With that we updated our database for registered athletes, so you know I want to give a huge shout out to Cindy Alice and pietra because our database does date back to the early 90s.

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Amy Bohn: So trying to get the deductions and the international stuff in there was quite a task, and will continue to work on that for all athletes, not just the registered athletes.

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Amy Bohn: And we went carless this year, which was another big step, and thank you for everyone for your patience in all these processes.

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Amy Bohn: We continued to participate on the coven as well as the executive director committees.

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Amy Bohn: The other big thing we tackled was an issue came up with one of our class buyers that no longer is going to keep their therapy license active because she's retired.

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Amy Bohn: So we went to international that see what their stance was on it so thanks to our board and sit, especially for working with our insurance company to make sure we could replicate what international is doing.

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Amy Bohn: So the way the rules state is that you have to have an active PT or medical license.

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Amy Bohn: To begin classification, but does not say that you have to maintain that.

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Amy Bohn: Which is a good thing, because we want to keep those experience classify errors in here as they retire from their professions.

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Amy Bohn: The big caveat is that they have to stay active in classification if they start classifying they're not allowed to come back in without like without a license.

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Amy Bohn: So when we look at doing our new handbook when we accept the new rules that will be spelled out very specifically, but it helps us keep people like and heart in our league which we wanted.

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Amy Bohn: As far as the most exciting part for me is we got to do some tournaments so we got one tournament in during the season and we participant into postseasons we saw 36 athletes total.

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Amy Bohn: Certain that was less than what we might have but we had all the coven precautions in and again thank you guys for following everything we asked.

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Amy Bohn: We got to see 17 new athletes, this year we saw 11 people that were under review and were able to get seven people who are up for their fixed review date seen and we completed one protest.

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Amy Bohn: We will be participating in the have a class higher represented at the upcoming pva clinic that's going to be held in early June.

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Amy Bohn: You The other thing we're going to work on, I know, is the transitions of these new rules came in.

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Amy Bohn: we're going to look at first of all, the score sheets with the referees and certainly with the board.

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Amy Bohn: The way it's set now and the way international be is that when you guys change class since there's not cards anymore, we have to initial date and sign the time.

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Amy Bohn: That it becomes effective and the way the current score sheet is it's definitely a messy to get done so we're gonna have something new for next season, where we can go ahead and write everything in that we need to and it's legible so there's no question on one classes change.

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Amy Bohn: The other thing we're going to look at doing is, we will still have our classification master list and work with the Commissioner and the board.

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Amy Bohn: To really figure out where we can have a some list that reflects all the competition rules in it as well, so there's easy reference for tournament directors.

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Amy Bohn: As well as for the referees if there's any question on how many additional points are playing so we'll look at pride two different master list on the website, in the future.

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Amy Bohn: I did hear from a lot of people that between teams switching between teams with Kobe not being active in the league.

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Amy Bohn: During the time we talked about the retirement period they still have a desire to retire internationally.

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Amy Bohn: The other thing we talked about as classifier is incorporating that new manual for this fall.

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Amy Bohn: So we wrote to the international committees and the compliance committees and asked for two things, the first one was that we could take an additional year before we put in the international rules.

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Amy Bohn: That was really in two parts, first of all the rules, went in accents Tokyo, but in that timeframe there's only been one international tournament for them to use it.

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Amy Bohn: And in that tournament we had a US class was already who is an international crossfire as well.

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Amy Bohn: And there were some stumbling blocks, as there is with any changes so we want to learn from international before we implemented here and have lots of stumbling blocks, so that was approved, so we will.

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Amy Bohn: Put in the w wr manual in fall of 2023.

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Amy Bohn: With that question answered I know a lot of teams have sent me people, I have a whole file of people don't want to come to class fires, which is excellent so we'll look at trying to get some clinic dates with that.

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Amy Bohn: And if you guys want to hold the clinic at your upcoming tournament next season, please let me know and we'll try to get a whole bunch of the class fighters in.

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Amy Bohn: The last point is, we had a lot of people ask about the retirement period, again I did submit because a lot of people were between teams, it was a coven year and because the.

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Amy Bohn: athlete registration internationally is not done yet for athletes to register once that happens if you're not a registered athlete you'll fall off the the international.

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Amy Bohn: master list, which means you'll no longer have a valid international class, but since that's not done, we got granted permission to have another retirement period that will end August 1.

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Amy Bohn: Of 2022 So if you guys are interested or anyone on your team is interested in retiring.

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Amy Bohn: Please contact us at our email and we'll set up a time and then i'll go through all the rules with it like I did with everyone last year and you'll just have to send me an official email.

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Amy Bohn: And we'll put you on that list to be removed sometime after August, but so when you start the season, you can play with us class so again, the deadline is August 1.

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Amy Bohn: And i'm going to put Mike on the spot here and thank him with the new registration system, we can also reach out to everybody individually.

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Amy Bohn: So I know communication last year between teams and stuff was an issue for some players so i'm going to take in summarize that an email will go out to the entire League and individual players.

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Amy Bohn: So if you know somebody that's not on this call that wants to retire, please have them contact me right away at our email and that's it thanks guys.

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Noah: Thank you very much amy been amazing.

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Noah: Now the US a wr report I don't know generator jojo great want to present.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: i'm doing it Noah Thank you all very much for the opportunity to be here, obviously, as you saw in our report was it was a huge year for the program coming off.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: A silver medal in the Paralympic Games in Tokyo that silver medal propelled the us back to the number one world ranking, which is an incredible achievement, and so we, as we looked into.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: Getting kicked off we held that selection camp in December at lakeshore That was the first camp under the interim leadership of our new interim head coach Joe della Griffin interim assistant coach Mike when our ski and.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: team has been off to a great start this year competed in Columbia, where they won that competition which secured our spot at world championships, which is in October in Denmark, the eighth to the 17th.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: We also will have another two more international competitions between now and then.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: The first, which will be the Canada Cup which is in Canada in June, and the second one is that try nations that will be here domestically that will welcome the US, Canada and Great Britain, and that is coming off of the World Games.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: You know, so a busy year for the program, but I think the most important thing for us to share is just our incredible gratitude, it was exciting reading.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: All the reports that were sent out last night and seeing all of the great connections between the national team in the League system and we're just.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: we're grateful, this would not work if there wasn't such a great partnership, and we know how important it is.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: From the classifier standpoint I think everyone can glean from amy's report.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: I totally ECHO noah's sentiment she's been incredible she's put in so much hard work to make that happen, so thank you amy and and and the classifier she put in.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: Just a ton of effort, and thank you to every team who signed on to a lot of work to get us in compliance internationally, thank you to the referees you heard Joe reference.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: Having the referees at USA camps and so thank you, they are coming in and spending time with us, and we hope that that's not only an opportunity for the athletes to continue.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: to learn and grow from the expertise of the referees but also for the referees to get some more time, so we hope that that's a really reciprocal relationship and, finally, I want to touch on the low point team.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: That is a part of the world games which is being held in our backyard in Birmingham this summer and as a part of the bid process back many years ago we we lobbied for there to be an adapted sport on the official World Games program which for the first time is happening.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: And we then turned our efforts to working with the League to really make sure that the US was represented at that and.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: We were we were aware from the very beginning of what an incredible commitment, it was from all of you to make that low point team happen, a financial commitment and effort commitment and you did it in such.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: An amazing way it's so it's so exciting and I think Sid would echo this to be going around town and having people talk about wheelchair rugby all the time it's in every major sports conversation in our town and it's, we know that it's going to do, big things, but we know that.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: It has come a big effort from a lot of folks I also would shout out to Bob Lopez, he has been on more of meetings and he probably would have.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: ever imagined this time last year when he signed on to this and he's done a great job of.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: Not only navigating how to get low point rugby setup but he's also done a great job at making sure that the World Games really knows what it's going to take to put on a world class rugby tournament at that event and so it's been just a really gratifying experience.

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Jen Allred, USAWR: So I think you can hear from our report we really just want to say thank you, we look forward to the years ahead and grateful for the partnership.

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Noah: Thank you so much Jenny it's been incredible.

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Noah: Thank you for doing everything that you do all right Bob you want to represent the half and committee.

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Bob Lopez: Certainly, and thanks again for those kind words, the hall of fame has been a busy year we had two inductees from two years ago that couldn't get inducted when we canceled nationals, then this year, there was three people nominated.

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Bob Lopez: And all three were voted in, unfortunately, to the people that could have been inducted weren't able to make nationals, this year, so we inducted three people, which was.

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Bob Lopez: First Palmer Derek Elton and exploring which.

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Bob Lopez: Oscar Mike and and you swa did a wonderful job at the banquet in prison in handling that I was honored to oversee it, but I was so thankful and proud of how it was handled, and I think everyone did a great job and presenting.

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Bob Lopez: So that was this year going forward to people that couldn't make it this year should be inducted next year and, as always, if you know of anyone that you think should be inducted there's a form on the website.

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Bob Lopez: have questions, give me a holler i'm happy to talk about it.

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Bob Lopez: Is you know to represent the players coaches referees classifiers of our league that have done tremendous jobs that have made helped Id move forward so if there's anyone, you know of that you think should be in.

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Bob Lopez: nominated.

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Bob Lopez: that's all I have.

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Noah: A very much Bob and I will echo what you said it was an incredible evening.

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Noah: And a very, very touching one for i'm sure anybody that was present better I don't know if there was a dry in the House, so it was hard to not feel that in the room.

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Noah: Alright Steve Kenny, do you want to give the competition committee report.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: yeah sure um hey, this is the Kenny on the chairperson for the competition committee this year of our committee members, increased from nine to 12.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: As a proposal last year was passed for three additional Members at large members that rotate on a yearly basis, so the Committee is made up of myself the Commissioner.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: All of the racks and then the three new Members this year was justin stark Kim Johnson and Steve curly, I would like to thank all of them for their participation, having a larger committee certainly made it easier, as well as.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: A little bit more effective getting our votes and our rankings out our primary duties our monthly top 30 rankings and then seating for nationals.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: which went well this year, even though it was extremely challenging doodle a lot of tournaments that were canceled that didn't happen that would have helped clear clear up some of our rankings were there were a lot of teams that were close.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: However, come postseason everything washed out pretty pretty close to where the committee of thought, things would would go.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: To so I certainly just want to thank all those Members of the committee and remind everyone that those three open at large seats will be available for next season so it's a great way for people to get involved.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: As well as the get their input from other teams other Members so keep an eye out for.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: An invite for people to put their names in the hat to join our committee next season thanks.

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Noah: Thank you very much Steve.

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Noah: I guess we're to the to the fun part the proposals.

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Noah: Cottingham would you like to.

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Noah: Help out here.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Sure, so uh where we're going to handle this is a representative who put this forward, ideally, is going to order, who can speak to this proposal will give a brief synopsis of it.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Please keep that short hopefully everyone's read the proposals.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: alden briefly outline what the bylaws Committee said we're sort of the benefits or potential fallbacks to this and just give you that perspective just.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: it'll it'll hopefully clarify the debate process and make it more streamlined will briefly open for debate discussion individuals to share their views, then we'll move so.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: With that we'll start with proposal a and Bob Lopez, if you will speak, this is, this is the author of this proposal just give us a brief synopsis of what you're requesting and why.

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Bob Lopez: Sure, the proposal is to.

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Bob Lopez: Change the fee for postseason tournaments currently it's really into the bylaws amount of \$250 which is beyond our especially a new teams that have hosted any tournament's \$250 isn't a lot.

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Bob Lopez: of my proposal suggests that, instead of having an amount written into the bylaws that the amount is set by the board each year.

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Bob Lopez: And to add clarity is that the Board will decide prior to the season starts what what that he would be so he would decide let's say now, with the few would be for next year's.

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Bob Lopez: agm, as we all know, is sometimes difficult to find house and it's a financial burden to host, so this is one way to less than that burden by a small amount.

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Bob Lopez: Obviously we don't want to have fees to be crazy amounts like saying well the fee can be 1500 dollars or \$2,000 but never.

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Bob Lopez: Deployment never approve something like that it wouldn't be one person deciding it's the board deciding but i'm more nominal and more reasonable fee like 400 \$500 as opposed to 250 currently it's.

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Bob Lopez: that's what I have.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: When the when the committee is mad about this generally, the benefits are that clearly mentioned device additional postseason posts that this.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: What could potentially put the postseason fees more in line with what traditional tournaments cost in terms of participating.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And it leaves the cost to the teams that are it's not raising the costs and things that are going to qualify for postseason typically teams qualified postseason computer postseason have more resources that can support this.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: limitations were or concerns were that this doesn't give a specific number or maximum.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And so it does give the board significantly more leeway So those are sort of the benefits and the potential limitations at this time, if you want to use the raise your hand function on the side of the screen if you'd like to make any comments on this, we will open this for discussion.

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00:55:32.160 --> 00:55:33.960

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: ne ne ne want to say anything.

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00:55:37.560 --> 00:55:40.800

steve kearley tirr texans: It makes sense being a postseason.

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00:55:43.410 --> 00:55:48.360

steve kearley tirr texans: You know, putting postseason together is obviously very difficult it's difficult to find.

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00:55:50.550 --> 00:56:08.430

steve kearley tirr texans: You know tournament locations anyway, and so, if this will help to you know solidify you know more participation as part of that I say it makes sense to East and with a financial burden and.

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00:56:10.110 --> 00:56:13.830

steve kearley tirr texans: I think that this proposal would would help with that so that's all.

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00:56:15.240 --> 00:56:15.600

steve kearley tirr texans: yeah.

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00:56:16.140 --> 00:56:18.210

bandits: i'll add to that uh actually.

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00:56:18.300 --> 00:56:29.190

bandits: I initially was the one that put this proposal up several years ago, because we were having such a hard time getting hosts and.

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00:56:29.850 --> 00:56:45.780

bandits: You know, at the time 250 bucks was a little bit more than 250 bucks is now and it was giving something versus nothing so I, yes I 100% understand because I think it's it's fair, you know.

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00:56:47.580 --> 00:57:04.230

bandits: All the other leagues i'm involved with nw BA and USA wheelchair soccer and we have to pay to go to postseason for those so I don't see where a fee, as long as it doesn't get out of hand, would be unreasonable.

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00:57:09.000 --> 00:57:12.360

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Any more discussion, if not, we will close for vote.

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00:57:14.010 --> 00:57:20.220

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, Michael posts a poll, make sure you vote only if you're eligible to vote if you are represented, if you are.

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00:57:21.930 --> 00:57:23.610

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: attending some of the capacity, please do not.

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00:57:25.470 --> 00:57:33.780

Michael Klonowski: Just let you guys know we'll have about 60 seconds to vote if you're having issues, please do not feel bad about saying something.

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00:57:34.680 --> 00:57:45.120

Michael Klonowski: But we we've done this before and we tested it out and it seemed to work just fine, but please say something if there's something that's not going right all right here we go 60.

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00:57:45.180 --> 00:57:48.060

bandits: seconds, do we have to do the whole motion to vote, and so I can.

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00:57:48.900 --> 00:57:49.830

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Just I apologize.

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00:57:51.180 --> 00:57:53.580

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: But he would like to make a motion to vote on this proposal.

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00:57:54.420 --> 00:57:55.440

bandits: I will motion to vote.

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00:57:56.310 --> 00:57:57.450

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Like a second that motion.

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00:57:57.600 --> 00:57:58.170
Second.

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00:57:59.550 --> 00:58:03.000
Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, this time, all good there's any further discussion.

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00:58:56.490 --> 00:58:57.780
Michael Klonowski: Five more seconds.

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00:59:10.290 --> 00:59:11.370
Michael Klonowski: team animus.

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00:59:12.570 --> 00:59:13.260
Michael Klonowski: For us.

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00:59:16.410 --> 00:59:21.810
Mike Cottingham -1st VP: At this time we'll go to proposal D is Louise here or a representative from the ATP wildcats.

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00:59:24.990 --> 00:59:25.410
Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): i'm here.

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00:59:26.370 --> 00:59:30.900
Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Great if you can give a brief explanation of the proposal and your thoughts on why.

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00:59:32.310 --> 00:59:48.030
Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): Sure, so my proposal was that at any level of playing for you as wr a Athletes should be able to have secure transport, meaning that if you use a wheelchair, for your mobility in everyday life, you should have.

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00:59:49.140 --> 00:59:56.940
Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): An opportunity to have your chair tie down and have a seat belt when you're being transported if you can get into a seat, that you have a seat.

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00:59:57.570 --> 01:00:08.550
Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): If this is not able to happen, I did throw in the possibility that the team hosting would say that they are not able to secure this transport, so that athletes could get other transport for their safety.

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01:00:10.800 --> 01:00:11.760

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): I came up with this.

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01:00:13.470 --> 01:00:25.860

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): And I might get a little emotional I didn't expect that the night that my husband had surgery for two broken femur is from this past nationals, so the wording might be a little off because I was working taking care of my kids.

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01:00:27.060 --> 01:00:31.050

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): He was at mass general hospital, but all that could have been avoided.

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01:00:32.160 --> 01:00:39.510

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): And I just feel that your safety as athletes, no matter what your level of ability is or mobility is.

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01:00:40.530 --> 01:00:47.220

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): should be your most concerned because your lives are worth that to your family and your friends and your teammates.

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01:00:52.980 --> 01:01:00.690

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Thank you so get this proposal is to require either, I believe, correct and correct me if i'm wrong here lease on the wording, but it's either to acquire.

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01:01:01.650 --> 01:01:11.970

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Transportation Security such a strap Downs or seatbelts to chairs, or if not, then, then then teams must be informed before the event that that will not be provided.

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01:01:12.960 --> 01:01:14.490

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): Yes, Okay, yes.

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01:01:15.000 --> 01:01:26.070

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So we do it gives teams, the ability to say we are not able to secure this transport here is your heads up so if you need this and you want this, you need to get it on your own Thank you.

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01:01:27.270 --> 01:01:28.830

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So, as the.

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01:01:30.240 --> 01:01:38.940

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: As the Committee discuss this sort of the potential benefits of it as it could lower liability, it could include you know address safety concerns and.

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01:01:39.360 --> 01:01:55.200

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And it would sort of standardized transportation across the League, which you know standardization does give a level of stability, the the limitations or concerns where they would drive up prices, it may be incentivize tournaments from fighting transportation and it may.

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01:01:57.150 --> 01:02:10.530

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Try to patients already particularly challenging and it may make transportation more challenging as well as just you know more time effective during the process, so those were the identified benefits and limitations of this proposal, so at this time i'd like to open it up for discussion.

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01:02:14.520 --> 01:02:18.660

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And if you'd like to if you'd like to speak we're just kind of letting it open where you can you can just speak accordingly.

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01:02:21.570 --> 01:02:34.530

Bradley Boe - Vegas: So I just had one question on the seat belt part of it if we're strapping you to the ground, I mean for the most part on buses, where you have the handicapped spots it's just a blank space where you said, your charity strapping down.

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01:02:35.640 --> 01:02:40.860

Bradley Boe - Vegas: What would be acceptable in terms of the seat belt, can we just use a gate belt and strapped to your chair.

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01:02:42.030 --> 01:02:59.490

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So I actually did a quick search on seatbelt laws for wheelchairs, there are none, they are entirely more laws for children than their offer anyone in chairs, which just means if you use a chair your life is not as important as other people's is the way the wording is, if you ask me.

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01:03:00.720 --> 01:03:06.780

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So in my experience and transporting a chair for safety and not falling out and breaking anything.

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01:03:07.500 --> 01:03:16.890

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Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): Is that you strapped on the chair and you need some sort of seat belt in front of the Chair, so that it would it would protect you the same way, you would, if you were getting into a car, if you were able bodied.

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01:03:17.160 --> 01:03:20.640

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So when I get into a car, I sit in the chair and I pulled a seat belt over.

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01:03:21.240 --> 01:03:34.170

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): When I have had to transport my husband's since this happened, we had a tie down in the van and then a seat belt that came across him so you need two forms of secure to make sure you're not going to be thrown out.

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01:03:35.610 --> 01:03:38.370

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): However, you want to do that, I guess, would be up to you.

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01:03:40.050 --> 01:03:49.500

Bradley Boe - Vegas: Okay, so the gate that would potentially be satisfactory, we have seat belts, like in our bus that are regular seat belt, so you can use for the Chair.

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01:03:50.040 --> 01:03:53.280

Bradley Boe - Vegas: I don't work very well as opposed to just using a gate melt so.

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01:03:53.460 --> 01:04:00.180

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): I mean, I get so and unfortunately this is where the Community of disabled people is.

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01:04:00.690 --> 01:04:06.330

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): You know, is where we need to stand up for ourselves to make sure that everybody is safe and that you're you're not all going to be.

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01:04:06.870 --> 01:04:19.620

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): pushed to the side because you're in a wheelchair, nobody knows what to do you know discrimination is not something that I am unfortunately not familiar with, but I think it's it's a part of making it work and figuring out how to make everybody safe.

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01:04:23.610 --> 01:04:24.750

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other questions or comments.

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01:04:26.040 --> 01:04:34.560

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: I just this is read up on from ED Star and our H I just had a comment, I mean kind of to answer your question Bradley i'm a wreck therapist and frequently transport.

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01:04:36.330 --> 01:04:50.160

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: Participants either in a hospital setting but also tournament setting I would from my knowledge that typically if there is a tie down system in a accessible van there's going to be in the seat belt component.

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01:04:51.150 --> 01:05:05.940

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: As a typical piece of that from any experience i've had so that that should be typical and then what I what i've kind of learned is that that's kind of an additional so frequently if if a.

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01:05:07.620 --> 01:05:19.020

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: kind of rider or participant has a seatbelt on their chair, then that can be kind of an additional component of safety, again, you may know, other kind of.

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01:05:20.730 --> 01:05:21.480

Ryan Cusack: i'll jump into.

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01:05:21.660 --> 01:05:33.510

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: Okay, but that you know the seatbelt on the Chair can provide that CFO aspect, because then the the chair the wheelchair itself is secured to the vehicle in the sense of like a car seat.

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01:05:34.320 --> 01:05:46.380

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: But then there's typically that additional kind of extra seat belt so that's my knowledge of it, but then I guess my question just from the proposal is so it's not stating that.

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01:05:47.160 --> 01:05:55.680

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: Every player must is required, or that tournament hosts are required to do tie Downs it's just that the option is there is that correct.

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01:05:56.100 --> 01:06:04.650

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): Yes, so if you choose to to if you know that you're going to be on a bus and you will not have the opportunity to have a tie down, you may choose to rent a car.

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Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): per your per your choice.

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Ryan Cusack: Read I can just jump in as well.

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Ryan Cusack: Can everybody hear me yeah okay and Mike feel Mike and amy or whoever does have seeding clinic as well, feel free to jump in.

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01:06:26.160 --> 01:06:35.280

Ryan Cusack: Typically, when I did peed seating clinic there had to legally be tie Downs and then like transit tie Downs on the frame of the Chair that were crash tested.

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01:06:35.850 --> 01:06:47.700

Ryan Cusack: And then you could not use a gate legally for pediatrics you could not use a gate belt or any seat belt that's attached to the Chair, it had to be a crash tested belt that was attached to the bus.

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01:06:49.230 --> 01:06:52.770

Ryan Cusack: So I like a gate Belt is still deemed unsafe.

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01:06:53.820 --> 01:07:04.080

Ryan Cusack: So the real safety Protocol would be exactly transit tie Downs and then secured to the bus or whatever transportation vehicle.

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01:07:04.980 --> 01:07:14.220

Amy Bohn: yeah and Ryan that's very correct, especially in pediatrics more than adults extensive research has been done about the injuries from seatbelts even and regular cars if their.

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01:07:14.220 --> 01:07:22.320

Amy Bohn: kids are putting on injuries i've called spinal cord and significant abdominal injuries and children, so it did have to be something that comes across the shoulders.

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01:07:22.560 --> 01:07:34.350

Amy Bohn: As always mentioned it's not stated, but I think it's something to think about if you're if you want to be secured is, if you do get an accident, all you have is that lap belt all the force goes through there and to the lowest find the domino cavity, which is where a lot of.

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01:07:34.380 --> 01:07:36.030

Ryan Cusack: orange exactly I think yeah.

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01:07:36.090 --> 01:07:43.950

Ryan Cusack: I think they found that a gate belt was actually less safe than nothing, almost because it just it was let's cut you in half, so you know it's very unsafe.

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01:07:44.250 --> 01:07:54.900

Amy Bohn: And I agree with what you said i've worked in many areas of the country where we have used tie Downs and things they all the buses that come accommodated for tie Downs also has the strap that comes over and hooks in and as a cross shoulder strap.

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01:07:57.030 --> 01:07:57.570

Ryan Cusack: yeah for sure.

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01:07:59.010 --> 01:08:06.060

Ryan Cusack: that's just my two cents, it does add some logistics, but um yeah I just wouldn't want anybody to get hurt tying themselves down with a.

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01:08:07.080 --> 01:08:08.520

Ryan Cusack: delegate belt or something like that.

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01:08:09.390 --> 01:08:15.540

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I feel like we've got a good understanding the mechanics of this any comments on the protocol of actually supporting or not supporting this before we close.

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01:08:18.390 --> 01:08:24.060

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: neck from Michigan I have some concerns about it, typically you know one little pointer.

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01:08:24.630 --> 01:08:32.370

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: I typically like on buses and things like that I refuse, I almost always refused to get tied down because I feel like i'm less safe.

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01:08:32.760 --> 01:08:41.400

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Because i'm not I can against it sideways in the boss than I can handle most you know acceleration or stopping and i'm not is like i'm not going to fall out of the.

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01:08:42.210 --> 01:08:48.720

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: chair and I am not most of us i'd say 98% of US aren't tied to our Chair through a seat belt so none of us are wearing seatbelts.

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01:08:49.440 --> 01:08:51.660

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And so that's one concern habits and a major one.

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01:08:52.260 --> 01:09:01.950

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: I would say the the burden to the host is going to be difficult, but I guess you've you've put up parameter in there that says they can stay, you know they can just notify people people don't have to come.

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01:09:02.280 --> 01:09:11.730

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: On my concern My other concern is is that there isn't a warning in there that says you couldn't refuse it like like i'm the boss and we're offering me a seat belt, but it's \$1 just positioned myself sybase ran into somebody.

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01:09:12.000 --> 01:09:17.070

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: or a bar or something like that on there really isn't already in there that says, whether we can use that.

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01:09:17.460 --> 01:09:23.820

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And I know it is it's a huge amount of effort to get that many top tiers tied down to one tournament years ago and.

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01:09:24.150 --> 01:09:31.710

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Canada ma forced to because they are local regulations did require any pushback that everybody had to be tied down by you're talking to get 12.

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01:09:32.100 --> 01:09:39.900

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: wheelchairs tied down in effectively in a boss, is quite an undertaking it's probably 45 minutes, so I always.

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01:09:40.620 --> 01:09:48.300

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: tried to be the last one on the bus I could be the first one off on not giving you my secrets and they'll have to run a vehicle but um but yeah it is, it is a lot of effort.

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01:09:48.750 --> 01:09:51.120

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Especially if you're forcing it I think there's a lot of people.

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01:09:51.450 --> 01:09:56.370

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: That have a longer function than I am, and they would be able to hop on the bus would prefer not to be tied down so.

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01:09:56.580 --> 01:10:08.430

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: I guess i'd love to see what I mean that states that it's not forced I do agree that it's nice to have it as an option, or at least notified ahead of time, so what i'm proposing is maybe a little bit of wording change but that's really up to you.

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01:10:09.030 --> 01:10:14.610

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So don't worry the wording actually is it doesn't say that anyone has to use it, it just said, it has to be provided.

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01:10:15.420 --> 01:10:24.420

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So there's nothing that says, everyone has to be tied down, it needs to be an option period, and if you don't have that you need to tell your athletes ahead of time.

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01:10:24.960 --> 01:10:31.650

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): I do want to tell you what happened on the bus at nationals is that there were probably 10 chairs on that bus all sitting sideways.

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01:10:31.860 --> 01:10:39.120

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): My husband is a one who's been paralyzed for 20 years the bus stop short at a red light, she had a yellow light, so you stopped short.

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01:10:39.660 --> 01:10:52.530

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): The person who was sitting in front of my husband her entire chair went flying he toppled over sideways so his head and shoulder hit the floor with his his body, because he likes his pelvis in the chair and he broke both femurs.

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01:10:52.860 --> 01:10:56.250

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): So he's a point five who's been doing this for 20 years.

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01:10:56.730 --> 01:11:07.470

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): Never in a million years will you think that you're going to topple over like that he did he missed work I missed work my kids are now lifting it's a life changing event that doesn't happen until it happens.

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01:11:08.280 --> 01:11:12.270

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Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): And it's always your choice and it's your choice in the wording that I put in there.

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01:11:12.930 --> 01:11:28.350

Louise Sarofeen (affiliated with NEP Wildcats): But I think you're doing yourself a huge disservice if you don't at least look at it and offer someone the ability to be safe, especially competing on a national level, your your national Olympic level athletes, some of these people it's a disservice to not give them safety.

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01:11:29.970 --> 01:11:32.460

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other other comments pro or against this before we close.

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01:11:35.340 --> 01:11:42.810

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: i'm just going to click on, I think that this has been seeing from both perspectives I know this is not something new, at least in the programs i've worked in.

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01:11:43.200 --> 01:11:49.950

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: That this has come up just from the surgery being now in a hospital based sports program risk management is a.

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01:11:50.340 --> 01:12:05.490

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: Huge component and I think a lot of times if if our higher ups kind of knew what happened at tournaments on our name to this degree that sometimes there are be big questions about that, and so I don't think that this is unreasonable to bring up.

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01:12:07.020 --> 01:12:16.890

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: But then, also the idea of these are adults, you can make your own choice, but then where's that liability where's you know where's that question, so I think that is a.

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01:12:17.280 --> 01:12:23.730

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: You know, big concerning question mark, but I think, to be able to have the option and typically any accessible vehicle.

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01:12:24.210 --> 01:12:37.290

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: that people would be transporting and likely would have some sort of this setup in place, otherwise people aren't transporting people on box trucks, you know, like it's, it has to have some you know it has an accessibility feature.

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01:12:38.520 --> 01:12:42.870

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: So I think, from a risk management standpoint these questions have already been raised.

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01:12:43.200 --> 01:12:48.390

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: And such I have it be involved in the week on in some capacity I think does make sense.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: This who would like to make a motion to vote on this.

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01:12:57.510 --> 01:12:58.620

Jason Regier - Denver: Most motion to vote.

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01:13:01.020 --> 01:13:01.860

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: This time we will.

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01:13:13.980 --> 01:13:16.590

Michael Klowski: Before you guys have 60 seconds.

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01:13:56.220 --> 01:14:01.710

Michael Klowski: During the next proposal will have 30 seconds to vote we're doing pretty good today guys, thank you.

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01:14:05.190 --> 01:14:06.390

Michael Klowski: Closing out the voting.

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01:14:12.480 --> 01:14:14.010

Michael Klowski: And the proposal past.

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01:14:16.410 --> 01:14:16.980

Michael Klowski: There we go.

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01:14:18.450 --> 01:14:20.610

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: hey Nick you are up the proposal see.

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01:14:21.390 --> 01:14:32.550

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: If you basically the gist of this proposal is that currently the top for postseason the top eight teams proceed to nationals without.

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01:14:33.210 --> 01:14:52.170

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Without going semifinals the next eight to get to pick the location, so the next, whatever that is and nine through 16 get to choose, like, I want to go Easter, I want to go West currently the next eight don't get a choice and it's chosen by the Commissioner proposal states that they.

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01:14:53.430 --> 01:14:59.640

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: All the teams get a choice or where they go, it should be up to the team to decide, you know this year.

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01:15:00.270 --> 01:15:07.350

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: We would have chosen, because one of our international player was not able, he was a Columbia was not able to go to one of the tournaments that would have been able to go to the other.

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01:15:07.710 --> 01:15:11.760

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: So that was a huge you know impact on our team as far as for postseason.

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01:15:12.480 --> 01:15:21.900

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And also, I mean the last time we chose, we were numerous Tampa and portland I guess eat for Michigan tampa's a lot closer or where I think it was Tampa Florida.

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01:15:22.620 --> 01:15:30.390

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: But we chose portland and it was more competitive, and it was that was really it we felt like we had a better chance to to win up there, so I think.

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01:15:30.750 --> 01:15:36.150

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: You know, there are times that teams will choose something other than geography, to determine where they're going to go for postseason.

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01:15:36.480 --> 01:15:41.760

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And I don't see any reason I don't remember why this came about why that was you know the top 18th get to choose the next didn't.

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01:15:42.390 --> 01:15:51.240

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: But I think there'd be some you know I think you should get every team and it's still going order you know if you're ever retire them the next team, you get to pick your location if you're ranked lower than you get to pick.

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01:15:52.170 --> 01:16:00.870

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And when we had this discussion, I talked to Bob Lopez about this, because that was you know, I was hoping that there would be some chance we get to the other location.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And you know you can correct me if you're wrong about that I think most of your decision on which team on where was mostly geography.

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01:16:06.960 --> 01:16:10.980

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And I think as a team, you know will choose geography will choose a timeframe will choose the.

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01:16:11.430 --> 01:16:22.410

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: You know the cost of airfare will choose the weekend and things like that, so I guess i'd like to have every team that makes it to nationals to be able to actually makes it to some is to be able to choose their location so that's.

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01:16:22.500 --> 01:16:38.520

Bob Lopez: Just one just one comment, I mean for the most part, I agree with what you said as well, we talked about one of the other reason I chose teams, the way I did was to have the maximum number of teams go to postseason and there's some other teams that if.

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01:16:39.840 --> 01:16:48.060

Bob Lopez: Grand rapids went to the eastern semis, then I knew they wouldn't be able to go to the western so it's also to try to maximize the number of teams.

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01:16:48.690 --> 01:17:07.410

Bob Lopez: But in addition, as we talked about i'm fine with this proposal, if it goes through that two teams flick through all 16 slots, or it stays as it either way is fine with me it's really up to the membership to decide what they prefer and i'm okay with either one.

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01:17:10.440 --> 01:17:28.320

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Very little to add what bylaws committee discussed the gym to this it's plausible that this could drive up prices for lower ranked teams if again teams were to to sort of move into their semi final and they would have to relocate.

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01:17:29.880 --> 01:17:36.240

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: But so there's plausibility there, otherwise there's not really a lot of pushback against it, it does get more autonomy to teams, as they choose.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: At this time i'd like to open up for discussion.

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Noah: I would just have a question for Nick.

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01:17:44.010 --> 01:17:53.580

Noah: If you're choosing for like a competitive reason is there would there in your mind, be a process to be.

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01:17:55.170 --> 01:18:01.860

Noah: As team select like what you know what I mean like it would it go in order of nine verse 16.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: definitely does yeah it currently goes into order if you're ranked top you get for first choice.

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01:18:07.740 --> 01:18:18.240

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: You know, currently goes one through eight of the ones going and then currently nine from nine on bomb chooses, you know instead nine we get to pack so at this point if I was the millionth team.

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01:18:18.630 --> 01:18:28.500

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: I saw it was five teams that needs to invite him 14th is three teams out east, west I could look at those numbers and see where I want to go right now, and I have an option.

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01:18:29.070 --> 01:18:30.690

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: So no you just go in order.

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Noah: Okay, so it would be made public in order yeah okay.

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01:18:37.050 --> 01:18:50.970

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: yeah Mr Lee when you did that you knew when you got on a call you knew or who's in the east who's in the West you knew that going into a call and then you could choose where you want to go based on that he had some time and then you chose let's have a topic Oh, they go in order.

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01:18:53.160 --> 01:18:54.270

Noah: Like you know.

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01:18:57.390 --> 01:19:00.270

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Any additional discussion questions comments.

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Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: I have a question.

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Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: Forgive my ignorance as i'm fairly new to the sport, but can you guys explain why there's even the option of the top of each using as far as I know, no other sport does.

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01:19:17.190 --> 01:19:26.340

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: It incentivizes teams who are ranked who have more successful season during the regular season to select based on costs or competition.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: and allows for more competitive playing field and also minimize costs right if you were to strictly located teams based on.

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01:19:33.750 --> 01:19:44.670

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: rankings and some teams financially would find that untenable, if you were like hey i'm in portland and i've I want to go to the Seattle event that instead now, I have to go to Philadelphia you.

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01:19:45.180 --> 01:19:53.340

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: You know i'm the i'm the highest ranked team that that's a that's a financial burden, so we tried to look to lower that financial burden for teams.

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bandits: And i'll add something um I believe what nick's asking for.

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bandits: That is how this was initially written and Steve currently I believe you wrote the proposal, but I thought that all teams would get to choose, all the way down to you got to the bottom, not just the top eight.

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steve kearley tirr texans: yeah I don't recall I did write the proposal and.

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01:20:28.920 --> 01:20:39.060

steve kearley tirr texans: let's seem like that I recall each team being able to choose, but somewhere along the way I don't know if they get changed or whatnot so he.

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bandits: yeah cuz I thought each team would be.

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01:20:43.050 --> 01:20:54.780

bandits: Get the option up until one tournament filled up and then the other teams would be told where they were able to go because well they're no longer was a choice to be made.

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01:20:57.900 --> 01:21:08.850

Bob Lopez: yeah this is Bob finest and i'm talking with Dave mentioned, is that the way it was originally but then it changed and i'm not sure why, and the first year we went by our change was for the.

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01:21:10.620 --> 01:21:14.940

Bob Lopez: postseason and like I said before, either way is fine with me.

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01:21:17.130 --> 01:21:21.510

Bob Lopez: You know first and cons to both you know either way is fine.

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01:21:25.050 --> 01:21:31.560

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: I was one of the hosts of the first East semi final and I will just say that I think the.

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01:21:32.250 --> 01:21:46.230

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: advantage to geographically looking at this is also in consideration of the hosts so upon you know agreeing to host you don't know where teams are coming from and are potentially looking at transporting such a large amount.

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Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: A variable amount, and so I think, to be able to consider serving hosts and having additional teams who may not require transportation, or have to fly in.

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01:21:58.710 --> 01:22:12.480

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: is a benefit to both the teams attending and also the host which I do think that the team itself would probably consider, but I know that that is something that could benefit host as well as teams attending.

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01:22:13.980 --> 01:22:24.420

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Other side of that I agree that there may be some difference in that, but I would think it'd be ministered minimal the other think of you know how many hosts are in a location where there's going to be a lot of people driving yeah.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: vs I mean a lot of people are flying and you know how many people.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: were able to.

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01:22:31.590 --> 01:22:37.860

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: drive dive into Chicago versus fly you know things like I don't think that's any significant difference, but I believe that's going to be an additional.

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01:22:38.580 --> 01:22:44.130

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Class but I don't know that it's necessarily force people, I think, for the most part, most people are when they make that choice.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: They are going to choose the geographically close location they're going to choose the one that makes the most sense.

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01:22:49.410 --> 01:22:54.150

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: they're just going to be unusual circumstances like we have, where we have an international player that can't come that weekend.

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01:22:54.510 --> 01:23:01.710

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: And it's going to destroy our chances for nationals or somebody else having some other instance, I think, for the most part they're going to choose the close one.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: You know if any other instance we would obviously to Chicago that's driving distance, for us, so that there would be I agree a little a little extra they're not on a host but probably not significant everything.

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The other comments.

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Ryan Cusack: I said one quick comment question.

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Ryan Cusack: So this just this kind of goes for the teams that might not have the first choice.

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Ryan Cusack: Would there be would there be an exception, like a an extreme exception if, like let's say it's in Philly again and we an eight teams choose Philly before us.

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Ryan Cusack: And we, I mean it's a two hour drive and we instead of you know, I mean that's tough because we're probably not going to have the first eight PICs just based on potential rosters and things for next year, but um.

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01:23:51.750 --> 01:24:04.620

Ryan Cusack: So I just think that, is there any possibility of adding to the language that you could have veto or something of that nature, because that's pretty tough to pay for six round trip tickets one it's a two hour drive.

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Ryan Cusack: So that's just my comment.

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01:24:09.180 --> 01:24:13.800

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: As it's worded there's not a mechanism for that your question friendly amendment, you can request that.

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01:24:14.610 --> 01:24:17.490

Ryan Cusack: yeah no, I know I just I just thought of it now, but.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: yeah I mean, I can see that happening, but I also see once again, I think that teams would choose.

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01:24:23.100 --> 01:24:30.090

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Closer location and they would fire there for the most part, I mean that's most of the reason, most of us choose which Turner we're going to close one.

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01:24:30.450 --> 01:24:39.900

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: So, but potentially that could happen and it's early this year we had one section that we're having a hard time filling and the other one, not the other one does some of that they still think.

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Nick Long - Grand Rapids: You know, for the fairness of the teams going, I think all team should get to choose where they go what location.

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01:24:50.490 --> 01:24:51.720

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Is emotion to.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): work.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): Before.

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01:24:58.140 --> 01:25:02.250

KC Revolution (Tony D): I add one comment, I think one of the issues with.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): With a lot of teams and just being.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): as well.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): That might help alleviate some of the situations like Nick basis if we can figure out.

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01:25:17.340 --> 01:25:23.640

KC Revolution (Tony D): Where the postseason hosts are going to be ahead of time I don't think we give ourselves.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): Enough of a timeline we don't know who's Kirsten policies until the almost the last minute and teams are scrambling to figure out, you know who they can field.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): Where they can feel the full team with this German or at another tournament.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): When there's not enough time between the end of season and.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): Which tournament going to and who's the government as a whole, so if we can figure out ways to connect ourselves more time.

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KC Revolution (Tony D): Picking.

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01:26:11.880 --> 01:26:15.180

KC Revolution (Tony D): Picking tournament host for postseason and and.

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01:26:16.740 --> 01:26:24.150

KC Revolution (Tony D): Even getting to know our last speaking.

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01:26:26.490 --> 01:26:26.880

KC Revolution (Tony D): eating.

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01:26:27.510 --> 01:26:28.200

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Tony can you.

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01:26:29.190 --> 01:26:36.450

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: hear sounds cutting out a lot i'm going to try to write me it's really hard to hear you your connections kind of bad basically what Tony was saying is that he.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: He would like the League to identify the postseason host much sugar and that might make the process significantly easier.

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01:26:44.940 --> 01:26:51.300

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I think that's absolutely true, however, sort of the deadline, because you can actually choose which section you're going to until a certain cutoff date.

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01:26:51.750 --> 01:27:03.480

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Which likely wouldn't be that much different than than before, but regardless, he is right that league does that, but it may not be most relevant to this proposal but, but I think that's a great point any other discussion before we.

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Bob Lopez: You know, I just wanted to say, you know tony's point, ideally, we know that the whole at the beginning of the season on you know when we when we had our.

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Bob Lopez: Word millennial night we talked about trying to set the date for next year's nationals, I already have one host for one of the semi finals.

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Bob Lopez: Another team has just reached out to me about the second semi final so ideally i'm going to have the host when the season starts with dates and stuff.

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01:27:34.650 --> 01:27:44.790

Bob Lopez: Which to tony's point it's an excellent point, the sooner we know we can publish that, with all the teams that helps them making that decision and planning, but.

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01:27:46.200 --> 01:27:55.020

Bob Lopez: To like like you said, like until we do the selection there's not a ton of time from the selection time to win the tournament so far so.

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01:27:56.220 --> 01:27:57.120

Bob Lopez: You know it's.

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Bob Lopez: A dilemma.

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01:28:01.680 --> 01:28:18.960

Noah: And this is probably a little maybe forward thinking not not for this coming up season, but one of the things that the executive director is supposed to be raising money for and their buckets is postseason support if that was the case.

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Noah: I just throw this out there, because I feel like In fairness, it would be nice if there was more of a sectional.

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01:28:30.090 --> 01:28:37.770

Noah: host meetings or you know separated by almost east and west coast, it would help alleviate a lot of this i'm sure.

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Noah: it'll be nice to say that, in advance, this is where you know if, for instance, the entire League was supporting we got to somewhere close to the west coast somewhere close to the east coast.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Thank you um other comments do we have a motion to vote at this time.

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steve kearley turr texans: motion.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have a second.

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01:28:59.550 --> 01:28:59.970

Nick Long - Grand Rapids: Written.

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01:29:00.840 --> 01:29:01.740

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Any objections.

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01:29:03.690 --> 01:29:05.550

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: All right, this time, will be voting, thank you.

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Michael Klonowski: 30 seconds, this time folks.

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Michael Klonowski: And the proposal passes.

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Okay.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Chris cook you are up with a proposal D on a one on Dr.

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Chris Cook: hey guys thanks very much so.

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Chris Cook: This one arm Dr device is specific to a player on our team kyle Chico who has been playing now about five plus years and he's got CP and my understanding is that this has come up in discussion before we kind of looked at that and rewarded it.

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Chris Cook: we'd like to make this for low pointers 1.0 and below kyle is currently a point five.

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Chris Cook: He pushes with one arm and so essentially what he does is I don't know how many of you saw the video that was attached to this but.

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Chris Cook: it's a short video and it shows him pushing and then crossing his body with the same arm and pushing the other wheel and then back and forth and back and forth the device that we're proposing here would allow him to push on one wheel and propel his chair.

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Chris Cook: more evenly.

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Chris Cook: Just choosing one arm because there's other arm is clenched at the elbow and, at the risk and he's really able to use it, he realizes that.

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Chris Cook: By using this his classification might be bumped up and that's just fine we just want to give them the opportunity to play play ball at.

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Chris Cook: His most efficient ability and this device would do so and it's not it's not inexpensive my understanding is these things cost.

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Chris Cook: somewhere between four and \$6,000 so we don't think it's going to be something everybody's going to jump on board with, however.

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Chris Cook: There are some people out there, that this could benefit and we're hoping that you guys will see this as an opportunity for a low point player to maximize his ability.

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Michael Klonowski: To show the video.

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Chris Cook: that's cow right in the middle of a screen.

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Michael Klonowski: My apologies.

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Chris Cook: Technology.

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Chris Cook: She sees reaching across his body.

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Chris Cook: To get where he needs to get and then to hold a PIC as well.

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Chris Cook: and frankly I don't know how many people, this has got a benefit i'm guessing there's several folks out there with a similar.

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Chris Cook: function limitation or disability, I don't really like to use that word, but this is something we hope will help many people and.

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Chris Cook: kyle's really wanting this to happen, so he can maximize this game and play.

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01:33:11.160 --> 01:33:13.020

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Sorry, the bylaws committee matt and discuss the.

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01:33:13.230 --> 01:33:15.510

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: benefits and merits of this well as any.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: concerns some of those were addressed in the revisions to this proposal classification levels that wasn't utilized by players, maybe one more physically dominant.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The reclassification consideration the fact that it's only a one year modification so Basically, this is a one year trial to see how it works.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: benefits of this is clearly that it allows for greater participation and for athletes who maybe aren't able to physically participate and that.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: This is being used in some other countries and some other leagues one arm chairs are being allowed concerns with this were that it is not allowed by the w rf additionally that.

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01:33:53.760 --> 01:34:03.390

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: You could be opening up a pandora's box of individuals who have significantly more function and more have more can be free system really dominant side dominant side the the classification line.

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01:34:04.590 --> 01:34:18.540

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Does clarify that a bit with not being above a 1.0 classification eligible to utilize this technology so those were sort of the identified benefits considerations sounded like the discussion.

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01:34:20.760 --> 01:34:33.570

Michael Klonowski: got something to say right off the BAT I mean I understand the sport of wheelchair rugby has been exclusive but it's made changes in order to allow more people to play the game.

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Michael Klonowski: You know whether it's all holders or.

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01:34:38.520 --> 01:34:45.300

Michael Klonowski: Just the design of the Chair, in general, I think that here's a guy that just wants to compete.

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01:34:46.320 --> 01:34:47.880

Michael Klonowski: Just wants to.

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01:34:49.140 --> 01:35:01.110

Michael Klonowski: go down the line and shake hands and just participate in our sport and it's it's not like we're letting.

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01:35:03.960 --> 01:35:10.830

Michael Klonowski: You know, a 3.5 out there, doing this, where we're letting someone with less function do this, and I think that.

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01:35:11.910 --> 01:35:14.220

Michael Klonowski: It just is the right thing to.

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Michael Klonowski: give this guy a chance to participate in our sport.

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01:35:18.660 --> 01:35:32.580

Chris Cook: And one more thing, if I can add I neglected to mention he has a great deal of spasticity on what he reaches across like that each way going back for his past history turns into pain and that's been an issue for him as well.

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01:35:35.250 --> 01:35:45.570

Amy Bohn: I will just comment on a couple things I know there's several athletes at this would benefit that we've seen throughout the years have come with many devices to go on their mobile the push with their elbow on that side instead across push.

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01:35:46.770 --> 01:35:54.540

Amy Bohn: Certainly, you already addressed he needs to be seen in the cherries, going to play, and we certainly will note that on the classification form but will not be classification that police's.

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Amy Bohn: If he got classified in the one armed Dr chair decides not to play in it, or vice versa, so that'll be happy to be among the athletes at police that to make sure that everyone's being up front.

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01:36:03.570 --> 01:36:10.590

Amy Bohn: And then the 1.0 would be the classification, he would you say it's a one point or lower that's after he's been class in that chair correct.

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Chris Cook: Yes.

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Chris Cook: Okay, the point five now playing in a regular chair he's really unable to push with that other elbow so that's why he's crossing back and forth, but once he gets the second chair he's going with that because that's good was going to maximize his ability.

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01:36:29.730 --> 01:36:32.310

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I want to, I want to clarify that question because I.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: want to make sure we're on the same.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Page I know that when we looked at this, I think our understanding was that only individuals who are pre classification.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: 1.0 or lower were eligible, but we don't actually know how this will impact is classification, so you may want to say that his.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: His pre classification and must be an innovative because, again we can't write dishes for him right, in theory, this would be knowledgeable for anyone who applied for next season so.

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01:36:55.830 --> 01:37:09.420

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: would be LG basically have to be 1.0 or lower pre classification, to be eligible to use a one arm Dr would be my understand because we don't really know what this new classification, maybe post classification does that seem appropriate.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And amy do you have any thoughts or concerns on that.

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Amy Bohn: I mean.

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01:37:15.180 --> 01:37:25.590

Amy Bohn: that's how you guys want to do it with support it just puts a lot more and more chaos, because it means you're classifying the same athlete twice, where the expectation classifications, that you show up in the equipment that you play or equipment that's similar to how you play.

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Amy Bohn: But we, I mean we can work with the other thing I had on my notes is, if you guys are going to put this in please let us know what three of the season, when you register, if your athletes are going to use this and we can prioritize getting them seeing.

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01:37:43.170 --> 01:37:44.460

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Winter discussion comments.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I really quickly guys, I think, to that arm.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Just on the standpoint from the rules, I know that we said that it does go against the debate of view our rules, which are the rules that we're operating under.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: And so I know that potentially maybe not allowed in postseason to clean that up because currently.

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01:38:03.840 --> 01:38:15.420

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: We have disqualified chairs, for not having adhere to the rules, with the dual back casters and things along that nature, so it just kind of opens that up a little bit too if.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: considerations are there i'm completely in agreement that this gentleman should be allowed to play, and we should find the most.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: functional way for him to be able to play, but in terms of staying with some of the rules, at least for postseason in what has been previously sent I think some consideration should be given.

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01:38:31.470 --> 01:38:38.520

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: To you make neighbor question friendly amendment to to make an additional comment that that can't be as opposed to what you're asking.

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01:38:40.380 --> 01:38:42.570

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I guess that would that would be what i'm asking yes.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Chris would you consider that friendly amendment.

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Chris Cook: yeah that sounds great we just want to uh.

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Chris Cook: Well, we want to make it as easy as possible and classification and the Rules Committee but.

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Chris Cook: In the effort of making this happen yeah whatever seems reasonable yes.

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01:39:01.710 --> 01:39:08.940

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, so there's there's affiliate amendment and accepting of that moving, but the PS Chair will not be eligible for postseason so as you can.

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01:39:09.870 --> 01:39:17.610

Chris Cook: kick point before you go on, can you explain that, why would that be an issue if he's playing in a chair all year long.

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01:39:18.630 --> 01:39:18.930

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Joe.

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01:39:19.110 --> 01:39:31.680

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Just with a with a way that the rules are stated there's no mechanical advantage allowed for the WW are rules, and so one arm drive falls under that mechanical advantage as explained yeah i'd say.

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01:39:32.580 --> 01:39:37.950

Chris Cook: And so again, this is going to be looked at, for one year and we talked about.

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Chris Cook: again next year's agm if it passes that how that works.

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01:39:44.670 --> 01:39:46.350

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: If you respond to it or someone does.

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01:39:47.700 --> 01:39:49.650

Chris Cook: Okay okay all good.

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01:39:50.220 --> 01:39:53.040

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So you accept that amendment them or not.

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01:39:53.130 --> 01:40:04.260

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Yes, okay so again there's an amendment that additional stipulations as chairman mob is terrible lobby eligible during the postseason for next season any additional discussion before we vote.

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NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Other.

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01:40:06.270 --> 01:40:13.710

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Question Chris do you have like is this Jerry exists now, the pits in the fall that would now.

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01:40:13.770 --> 01:40:17.160

Chris Cook: yeah yes and no um here's what I know about it um.

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01:40:18.270 --> 01:40:23.160

Chris Cook: melrose has phil melrose in California has.

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01:40:24.300 --> 01:40:37.920

Chris Cook: And you know by via New Zealand has talked with kyle and his parents about building this Chair do they have one now for rugby no they don't so it's it's a prototype.

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01:40:40.740 --> 01:40:41.670

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Just curious I.

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bandits: mean this type of drive.

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01:40:44.670 --> 01:40:52.440

bandits: For other sports chairs um and yeah I think it would work, the only thing i'm just afraid.

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bandits: he's going to spend all this money and I don't think it's going to be able to withstand the sport i'm just the way that it's designed it's going to take one or two hits and it's not going to be functional anymore.

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Chris Cook: Oh here's the good news on that.

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Chris Cook: A.

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Chris Cook: No offense cal but he's never going to be an elite player and also when he's on the Court.

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Chris Cook: His job is to pick and defend and so it's not a ball handler at all, he only he can inbound but the bottom line is that he wants to play at its maximum ability and he's willing to spend the money and so it's on him.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: And I do think to to throw this in there, I have spoke with some other officials and some of these chairs are being utilized in other countries around the world there's not a lot of them, but they have allowed that.

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01:41:46.140 --> 01:41:47.640

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: yeah That was what I was told yep.

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Chris Cook: Where can we see video.

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01:41:50.340 --> 01:42:01.380

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I wish that I wish that I had video I do know that I believe there was one that was in Canada, and I think there was one in Europe, but unfortunately don't have anything around the video for that.

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01:42:02.970 --> 01:42:17.400

Bob Lopez: Is this is Bob you know I spoke to kyle's dad at nationals and I also spoke to the represent from melrose know there is a chair and melrose REP told me that they felt the Chair ready is being used in Europe.

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Bob Lopez: So you know if he's willing to spend the money, I think it's I think we should allow for the one year trial.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I agree.

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Spencer Larimore - Boise: program is boutique.

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Chris Cook: And then everyone will agree now.

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01:42:34.920 --> 01:42:35.250

Chris Cook: Right.

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Chris Cook: just getting.

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Spencer Larimore - Boise: into getting one of these as well.

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Spencer Larimore - Boise: we've got a cf idaho's building a new facility in two years here that's gonna be really, really good facility and they're.

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01:42:56.910 --> 01:43:07.920

Spencer Larimore - Boise: they're looking to buy a bunch of new rugby chairs and we've got three athletes in our area that need that need a one on assess rugby chair these guys have all come out to practice.

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01:43:08.520 --> 01:43:23.640

Spencer Larimore - Boise: They push just like kyle all of them have CP and some of them are wouldn't class into the 1.0 and lower, and I think it would be kind of fair to just label that to only a low pointer.

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Spencer Larimore - Boise: When you know, a guy that has full functioning one arm, but is paralyzed and you know, would have to use that cross i'm pushing the same way I don't see why they wouldn't be able to use it as well, but like I said, our programs looking into purchasing one of these as well.

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Josh Wheeler UofA: I just want to add to us better was talking and what job on G have gone, he said we're saying.

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01:43:52.140 --> 01:43:53.910

Josh Wheeler UofA: it's a mechanical advantage and.

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01:43:55.650 --> 01:44:00.210

Josh Wheeler UofA: kind of agreeing with what Spencer said how can you limit that to only one point nose or below.

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Josh Wheeler UofA: Because if you're giving that advantage isn't that kind of a discrepancy or.

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01:44:08.130 --> 01:44:08.580

Josh Wheeler UofA: Just.

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01:44:09.270 --> 01:44:09.660

Spencer Larimore - Boise: With my.

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01:44:10.830 --> 01:44:11.430

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Last committee.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And again, I get we have the dog in this fight, when they complete the bylaws committee met on this, the the initial concern that came to everyone's attention was could this be utilized by.

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01:44:22.530 --> 01:44:35.790

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: A triple amputee right and that was not the intention of this proposal, as we understood that was that was put forward by Chris so there was an understanding that they wanted to have.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Ideally me three sick individuals who really had virtually no function on that other side most most cases that's going to be someone who's class.

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01:44:44.760 --> 01:44:56.880

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: On the lower end of the spectrum, but not exclusively, and again if we want to modify that anyone can recommend a friendly amendment and Chris can consider that a piece of chooses, so if anyone's requesting a friendly amendment, this will be the time to do it.

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Josh Wheeler UofA: So my goal with that my thought is is they're getting class in that separate chair and their classification would be as if you know if he was a point five now he's a one, so it gets basically doubled right so that person who is class to the two with that only one arm now he can play.

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01:45:16.620 --> 01:45:29.190

Josh Wheeler UofA: Or if you got class in the other chair now he'd be 4.0 so he couldn't play in that chair, because of classification, so you get class in that, but if you get class out, then you have to use the other chair.

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Presumably.

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Josh Wheeler UofA: and

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01:45:32.580 --> 01:45:33.630

Josh Wheeler UofA: And that's my.

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01:45:33.750 --> 01:45:36.450

Josh Wheeler UofA: My thoughts on it in order to limit that.

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01:45:37.890 --> 01:45:38.640

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: So I just think.

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Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: To sorry sorry interrupt Chris I do.

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01:45:42.210 --> 01:45:51.930

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: know that if we limit it to regular season play only and not postseason I don't necessarily see it getting abused them because it won't have any effects.

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01:45:52.260 --> 01:46:03.060

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: For somebody to win a national championship, and the competition committee can take that all into effect on their seating that that player will then be playing in a different chair if they happen to have such a major outcome on the.

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Chris Cook: Okay, so just to reiterate this the reason we put one point or little pointers into the wording is because the anticipation was hey some people might try to use this thing and.

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Chris Cook: become you know, an all world ball handler now that they got the ability of pushing their chair, with one arm what we want to avoid here is.

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Chris Cook: what's the word I want it is exclusion know, we would like to include everybody, but I thought that.

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01:46:41.820 --> 01:46:56.610

Chris Cook: By putting it in there, the language 1.0 and below there wouldn't be as much opportunity pretty for abuse and because it's a one year trial, we could take a look at that and see how it all worked out and then revisit this next year.

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Amy Bohn: I would say, from a classification standpoint, I would like to see what it looks like.

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Amy Bohn: I would also say let's do it on a trial basis without it being in postseason.

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Amy Bohn: I think we're Okay, and if we seriously throughout the season, want to extend it or extend it for.

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01:47:10.230 --> 01:47:17.700

Amy Bohn: The higher classes, which there is a potential for that with a lot of people that are asymmetrical have the asymmetric push asymmetrical ball skills.

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01:47:17.850 --> 01:47:26.100

Amy Bohn: If it changes any of that, but before we make it part of the League and if that's what we want to do other than a one year trial, and if we wanted available in postseason.

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Amy Bohn: We need to go back to the international Compliance Committee, because, again we can't make special rules and classification or competition.

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Amy Bohn: We can make it in competition mountain classification, so I need to talk to them about how classification may be affected.

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Amy Bohn: With a non standardized chair internationally that's used internationally, so that we stay in compliance, because I really don't want have to go through compliance issues like we went through this last year and a half.

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Noah: I just want to say to you, I feel like depending on the mechanics of this drive it sounds like it has to be a gear system, and I feel like there's a lot to go into that you know, like, for instance, if it's.

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01:48:05.400 --> 01:48:15.660

Noah: If it's supposed to be an equal distribution of power on both sides, you know somebody like me who's a one five who has tricep on my left and not on my right.

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Noah: I would love to use something like that I would never do it, but that's another reason why I think we should keep it at one point or below I do see there being a lot of complications, as you go up but.

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01:48:28.350 --> 01:48:36.540

Noah: Even just changing up a gear we don't one or two teeth on a gear could give you significantly more power behind a push with one arm.

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Michael Klonowski: So.

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01:48:43.200 --> 01:48:47.490

Michael Klonowski: How many of you have used a one arm drive before.

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Michael Klonowski: Have you seen have been used before.

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Josh Wheeler UofA: i've seen have been used.

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Michael Klonowski: it's because it it rarely works for anyone to be a functional tool.

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Michael Klowski: Like if you're using it on a day chair, I will tell you, on one hand, how many times i've even thought about recommending a one arm Dr chair.

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Michael Klowski: It is not this cure all solve all everything, it is not going to make kyle a super stud out there, although I think he's a superstar already.

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01:49:24.390 --> 01:49:40.020

Michael Klowski: here's the thing it's going to give him a chance to participate in our sport that's all it is, and I think we really need to give this a shot see what sticking see what doesn't, the only way we find out is if we give this a shot.

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Michael Klowski: We don't give it a shot.

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Michael Klowski: we'll never know.

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01:49:44.790 --> 01:49:47.040

Michael Klowski: I think that's good deserves a shot.

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01:49:47.550 --> 01:49:48.960

steve kearley tirr texans: And i'm making a motion to vote.

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01:49:50.790 --> 01:49:51.270

CT JAMMERS: Second.

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01:49:51.900 --> 01:49:59.850

CT JAMMERS: I mean the \$5,000 is going to deter anyone from putting it on unless you really need it, the kids been trying for like three or four.

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01:49:59.850 --> 01:50:05.490

CT JAMMERS: Years I mean we got to include it, I mean it's not to make them better, so we can play.

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01:50:06.600 --> 01:50:12.210

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have a second do we have any any concerns Okay, this time let's go.

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Michael Klonowski: We go, we got 30 seconds coming at Joe.

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Michael Klonowski: give you guys an extra 15 seconds, some people are thinking, really, really hard.

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Michael Klonowski: And we did have some extensions there so we're gonna wrap this up.

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Michael Klonowski: Proposal past.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Thank you.

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01:51:13.200 --> 01:51:14.220

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: ella you're up with.

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01:51:14.310 --> 01:51:15.510

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: postseason realignment.

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01:51:21.330 --> 01:51:25.170

Keith Newerla - Philly: season realigned not the playing game right the other one.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: that's correct.

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01:51:28.320 --> 01:51:29.940

Keith Newerla - Philly: Okay, so.

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01:51:31.740 --> 01:51:40.650

Keith Newerla - Philly: here's an idea I had that I ran through a couple people and we thought it was worth giving a shot so i'll try to do my best to explain it, but hopefully you've read about it.

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01:51:41.040 --> 01:51:49.620

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Keith Newerla - Philly: It would essentially create a third division that could participate at nationals and there would essentially be.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Six teams in each division, so the thought process of this is that it makes more parity and you actually play teams that are closer to your ability, because.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: I think it's fair to say that nobody wants to be the a team in Division one.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Nobody wants to be the team in Division two so essentially you would have six teams in Division 160 teams in Division two six teams in Division three that would all play each other and they chose the format of a round Robin to.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: eliminate the crossover and the possibility of having a bad crossover matchup.

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01:52:27.750 --> 01:52:35.040

Keith Newerla - Philly: So that's your your your true best teams end up playing for first, second, third, fourth and fifth and sixth.

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01:52:37.560 --> 01:52:50.010

Keith Newerla - Philly: That is it pretty much in a nutshell, there will still be a national semifinals your your top six teams would automatically go to do one and your seventh and eighth team would automatically go to division two.

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01:52:51.240 --> 01:53:01.920

Keith Newerla - Philly: And then your top two finishers at each semi finals would round out your division to Pole and it would actually grow the national tournament by two additional themes.

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01:53:03.090 --> 01:53:08.130

Keith Newerla - Philly: So, probably, I was pretty clear if anybody has any questions try to answer.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: That and i'll also say that we're just going to do this for a short period of time to test it.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: To see if we wanted to continue doing in the future, I believe we came up with two years thinkers what we wrote in the proposal.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Get rid of the bylaws committee.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: They are most obvious benefits are that you are going to have.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: divisions that are likely to be more competitive, that you are going to add two more teams to nationals and so that sort of incentivizes more teams to make a run nationals who might otherwise not qualify and.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: You know that that competitive level and also just sort of like the crossover model doesn't always provide.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: there's some limitations to that in terms of advancing.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The limitations to this word that it does add more games to nationals, how many games like eat 17 or something.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: I don't have it in front of me, to be honest i'm in the car so.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Okay, whatever we run.

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01:54:14.400 --> 01:54:15.930

Bob Lopez: It is 14 games.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: At 14 games nationals, it could require so every team's gonna have to play six games under this model, which means either a you're going to have to have three games on a day.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: For be you're going to have to have one game on the Thursday, or whatever you like to have is your first day of the tournament.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So there is like more rugby.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: officials in class fires, though that may be more of a strain on them.

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01:54:42.990 --> 01:54:50.400

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: To find more officials to be able to manage that to to manage that classification, the those are considerations.

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01:54:51.840 --> 01:54:57.750

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: However, and I think there's there's a real desire to keep all of rugby nationals together.

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01:54:58.230 --> 01:55:07.380

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: You could plausibly under this model spin off a division one or division three into a second or different location and you could you could do that i'm.

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01:55:08.040 --> 01:55:18.210

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Allowing for less strain of the hosts when I spoke to previous host and were previous host i'm adding two more teams once you're doing an event of the scale and the host is.

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01:55:19.620 --> 01:55:24.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Not it's already such a demanding event it doesn't have that much more stress and seem to be was the tenor of the room, however.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: There, the Court needs like not every facility has courts to address that and then.

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01:55:32.310 --> 01:55:42.930

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The there'll be more pressure on the referees to make sure that they have enough quality quality referees to make the men go forward so those are the only limitations to this time we'll open up for discussion and common.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Can I add to that, I mean originally when we wrote it the preferable format, with two games each day.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: And that we also set a timeline in there for the format to be shared with the group, I think it was the first national semifinal that way teams could appropriately prepare for transportation and and that's where to stuff.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And so, if it were two games a day, then it basically does mean that your nationals would be one day long.

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01:56:12.210 --> 01:56:23.520

Amy Bohn: And I will just add to that the way it's written right now, as we start classification The night before competition start so we usually start COMP COMP or we used to start classification on Thursday night, it means we would start competition on Wednesday night.

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01:56:23.850 --> 01:56:35.130

Amy Bohn: Or would start classification Wednesday night, which means the teams would have expected to be there, Wednesday afternoon and that you know the host would have to certainly feed us and and put us up for an extra night, as far as extra cost.

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01:56:38.970 --> 01:56:46.380

Amy Bohn: So if you have players that are going to be at nationals without for classification you guys will need to be on on Wednesday if there's Thursday games.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Discussion a comment.

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steve kearley tirr texans: I like to recommend that we.

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01:56:58.410 --> 01:57:03.270

steve kearley tirr texans: kind of formalize a 231 format, in order to keep the tournament.

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01:57:04.680 --> 01:57:05.550

steve kearley tirr texans: You know, three day.

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01:57:07.830 --> 01:57:09.090

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steve kearley tirr texans: Three day four men.

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01:57:09.750 --> 01:57:15.990

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: there's a request Keith to so the way it's currently written Steve is that the host can make that determination.

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01:57:16.440 --> 01:57:17.460

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: you're requesting of.

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01:57:17.550 --> 01:57:24.750

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: A friendly amendment that it's a 231 model so many games today Keith you amenable to that or do you prefer not to accept that.

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01:57:25.620 --> 01:57:35.640

Keith Newerla - Philly: yeah i'm good with it, the reason I left it up to the tournament house was because of the availability of the gym and what they might be able to have access to, and as a tournament director sometimes you're.

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01:57:36.390 --> 01:57:46.170

Keith Newerla - Philly: you're told when you're, you have the availability so that's why I left the flexibility, but if you think it be better if we make it more concrete that's that's fine too.

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01:57:49.470 --> 01:57:55.620

steve kearley tirr texans: I think it would and also i'm concerned about a two game Sunday potentially.

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01:57:57.330 --> 01:58:06.990

steve kearley tirr texans: You know we're already scrambling to try to get to the airport I just feel like it's going to put more strain on players tournament host.

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01:58:08.130 --> 01:58:10.560

steve kearley tirr texans: Transportation logistics so forth, so.

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01:58:13.140 --> 01:58:14.820

steve kearley tirr texans: Anyway, that's my recommendation.

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01:58:15.690 --> 01:58:16.200

Keith Newerla - Philly: that's fine.

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01:58:16.860 --> 01:58:30.180

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, so we have we have a friendly amendment that the model will be a 231 model keeping nationals having three games on the Saturday for each team and then keeping the schedule, otherwise consistent other discussions point to comment.

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01:58:31.320 --> 01:58:44.310

Justin Stark-WWAR: yeah I I echo steve's comments as far as the schedule, there also needs to be a stipulation about time in between games, so that there's not back to back games.

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Justin Stark-WWAR: But largely but above that I mean My concern is that.

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01:58:51.540 --> 01:59:01.230

Justin Stark-WWAR: You know, for the sake of just kind of the the sport and how it and how it looks when you have pool play instead of your normal format.

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01:59:02.340 --> 01:59:19.920

Justin Stark-WWAR: you're going to have tiebreaker situations in games and you're going to have teams that are two courts going at the same time we're both those Games will determine final like seating as far as you know, placement games and stuff and I don't know that it's best for the sport to have.

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01:59:21.240 --> 01:59:37.710

Justin Stark-WWAR: You know, multiple tiebreakers determining who's playing for national champions and and whatnot so that's kind of my concern just overall is doing a 16 pulls instead of doing our normal format that we're used to you know all season.

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01:59:42.480 --> 01:59:44.010

Keith Newerla - Philly: And we've put in there, there was.

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01:59:45.180 --> 01:59:53.370

Keith Newerla - Philly: I think at least an hour between each game, there were things we put in there to protect from back to back sort of scenarios.

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01:59:55.740 --> 02:00:07.230

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: That should actually be in there, and that was discussed, I apologize if that's not they're not visible, but one other question was No, no, either back to back games or an hour between games on the day that you have three games.

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02:00:08.280 --> 02:00:10.740

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So that that is it from amendment which was accepted.

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02:00:14.220 --> 02:00:15.690

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other other questions and comments.

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02:00:16.200 --> 02:00:25.470

bandits: i've got some mad, and this just kind of going off of steve's steve's recommended a 231 format.

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02:00:26.550 --> 02:00:43.890

bandits: I don't think we need to pigeonhole ourselves into 231 it, you know that way some teams could play three Friday some could play three Saturday we just need to lift the maximum of two games rule for postseason that we currently have in place.

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02:00:45.120 --> 02:00:48.480

bandits: um because trying to put in three games for.

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02:00:49.620 --> 02:00:59.820

bandits: A 18 teams and one day that's a really long day two, where is the host can stagger some of those extra games Friday and Saturday.

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02:01:00.690 --> 02:01:07.950

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: there's affiliate request Keith to say that there will be the teams are playing either three games Friday or Saturday you're comfortable with that.

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02:01:08.670 --> 02:01:15.060

Keith Newerla - Philly: yeah can we can we write it so that there's protection that there's only one game on Sunday, to make sure people are able to.

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02:01:16.110 --> 02:01:17.550

Keith Newerla - Philly: get up and get to the airport.

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02:01:18.450 --> 02:01:19.590

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So just to confirm.

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02:01:20.010 --> 02:01:21.240

Keith Newerla - Philly: Our classes are.

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02:01:21.570 --> 02:01:26.520

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: No more than three games in a day and no more than one game on Sunday.

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02:01:28.590 --> 02:01:31.620

bandits: that's probably the way to go, okay.

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02:01:32.190 --> 02:01:33.540

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And you accept that cranky.

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02:01:35.070 --> 02:01:36.810

Keith Newerla - Philly: i'm good with it Steve you're good.

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02:01:37.830 --> 02:01:39.150

steve kearley turr texans: Good yes.

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02:01:40.080 --> 02:01:41.760

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other points of discussion or comment.

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02:01:44.460 --> 02:01:59.910

Jason Regier - Denver: yeah Jason Ray gear here a couple comments, I think the three divisions actually fits the teams and competitions level a little better, I think you looked at this Mike Cottingham before I agree with that.

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02:02:02.070 --> 02:02:17.820

Jason Regier - Denver: Having this many games, this would be a nationals, I disagree with the format on the sense this is you, you could be playing three games which would be a crossover game third game most important game to get to a final and.

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02:02:19.770 --> 02:02:34.050

Jason Regier - Denver: that's just that's a lot of games at that level, you see it internationally, where they spread out games to give you a comparison Canada cup this year will have seven teams six games each and that's over four days.

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02:02:34.830 --> 02:02:48.480

Jason Regier - Denver: The only way that I would be in favor of a format of this 666 is adding an extra day and I think that is too big, of an ask of class fires hosting their buddy else right now.

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02:02:49.350 --> 02:02:57.810

Jason Regier - Denver: I I like it from a competition standpoint, but I think trying to cram it in really dilutes what should be your best tournament.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other additional questions or comments.

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steve kearley tirr texans: I think Jason brings up a good point.

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02:03:11.940 --> 02:03:20.730

steve kearley tirr texans: But I think, from a competition standpoint you're going to get better games you're going to get you know games that are going to attract more.

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02:03:22.140 --> 02:03:42.840

steve kearley tirr texans: You know people watching and just better overall competition, and you know I guess the counter to potentially you know playing three games and you know, an important game that could determine you know whether you make it to the championship on a short break.

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02:03:44.460 --> 02:03:45.780

steve kearley tirr texans: You know, I would just say.

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02:03:46.860 --> 02:03:58.230

steve kearley tirr texans: that's kind of why you condition and and you know what you prepare for it and nationals pipe tournament you should be ready for for that if you know that that's what you're up against.

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02:04:00.600 --> 02:04:01.650

steve kearley tirr texans: i'll just leave it there.

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Amy Bohn: I will say if this passes to I know I talked to.

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02:04:05.490 --> 02:04:11.160

Amy Bohn: Mike Cottingham and I talked to Keith about it, is it maybe a request from Austin with additional teams being added.

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02:04:11.430 --> 02:04:18.570

Amy Bohn: Even though it doesn't seem like a lot to you guys it's a lot for us when we pull every athlete from the database and the number of athletes being seen we may request a third panel at nationals.

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02:04:23.280 --> 02:04:24.990

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other discussions what's coming.

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02:04:27.030 --> 02:04:42.120

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: And this is Ryan with WASA um I think you need to remove the part with the tournament host automatically qualifying if I think if they can't make it in through the semi finals they shouldn't be allowed to get that last spot in D3.

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02:04:44.400 --> 02:04:46.200

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: There isn't there's an independent.

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02:04:47.340 --> 02:04:50.070

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: question of that in a later.

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02:04:52.320 --> 02:04:57.300

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Later proposal, so you probably could, if you want to move that Keith just to make this.

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02:04:58.350 --> 02:05:07.800

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: A little bit simpler, you could do that, and then, if the other passes it would probably then impact this so are you okay with moving that out of this particular proposal Keith just as a friendly amendment.

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02:05:10.530 --> 02:05:12.240

Keith Newerla - Philly: yeah, it is necessary.

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02:05:13.740 --> 02:05:21.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, so just to confirm there's language in here that says that the host automatically qualifies that is not that is now currently being removed.

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02:05:23.490 --> 02:05:27.360

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So, but there's a proposal leader that will will discuss that so.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: To ensure supported that you'll have an opportunity.

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02:05:32.610 --> 02:05:34.620

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: um any additional discussion before we go.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Can I make a motion about your microphone.

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02:05:41.040 --> 02:05:42.360

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Yes, is there a second.

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02:05:42.690 --> 02:05:43.890

Second, second.

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02:05:45.210 --> 02:05:45.930

read it out like.

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02:05:49.200 --> 02:05:51.390

Michael Klonowski: You know the drill by now folks let's go.

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02:06:30.420 --> 02:06:31.770

Michael Klonowski: You guys are gonna love this.

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Michael Klonowski: One team abstained.

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02:06:44.430 --> 02:06:47.850

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I did not know what our bylaws say about this thing without any clarification.

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Michael Klonowski: We read discuss them and we revoke.

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02:06:57.810 --> 02:07:01.680

Bob Lopez: I think if it doesn't doesn't get a majority that it didn't pass.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: Can I see Jeff can I suggest a tabled or formation of a committee to further flush this out.

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02:07:12.750 --> 02:07:16.410

STEVE K Competition Committee: It sounds like there's a great idea here.

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02:07:17.550 --> 02:07:31.230

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STEVE K Competition Committee: But there's too many friendly amendments too many concerns that have a table with a committee to re evaluate.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: Does that an option or is that conflict with any by loss.

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02:07:36.060 --> 02:07:40.770

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Well, I think, first of all, while we're answering that question if maybe.

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02:07:42.000 --> 02:07:49.500

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Bob or know if one of you can take a look at our bylaws and just confirm what we do it in a tie, like can we what the guidelines here with Robert rosewater say.

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02:07:51.090 --> 02:08:05.760

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: While while they're looking for that assuming that it doesn't pass because you need a majority, which is probably what it's going to say Keith, would you be willing to accept a committee put together to discuss this and table it and and bring this up at a later time, are you looking.

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02:08:07.080 --> 02:08:09.960

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Against that's probably going to be your primary option if it doesn't pass.

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02:08:13.020 --> 02:08:14.250

Keith Newerla - Philly: The bylaws what.

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02:08:14.400 --> 02:08:15.060

Keith Newerla - Philly: we'll go from there.

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02:08:18.150 --> 02:08:18.480

Michael Klonowski: Okay, I could.

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02:08:18.930 --> 02:08:26.400

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: put this on pause and love and answer for you in the next couple minutes, by the time we're done with this next proposal how's that sound folks okay.

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02:08:27.450 --> 02:08:38.250

bandits: And I think that, even if we do put a committee together the soonest we could vote on it again would be next season, because that's it's not happening in the meeting.

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02:08:39.030 --> 02:08:39.630

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: That is correct.

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02:08:41.910 --> 02:08:50.520

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So we need to get some clarification on the bylaws we're going to look that we're going to have our crackerjack team look that up right now while we look at the next proposal.

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02:08:52.890 --> 02:08:56.070

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Steve curly your actions proposal F low point division.

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02:08:58.110 --> 02:08:58.770

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: floors yours.

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02:08:58.830 --> 02:09:05.460

steve kearley tirr texans: work group goes um so yeah I put this proposal together.

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02:09:06.630 --> 02:09:13.530

steve kearley tirr texans: Obviously really excited about the USA low point wheelchair rugby team and road games competition.

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02:09:15.540 --> 02:09:18.450

steve kearley tirr texans: But I put this proposal together, because I feel like.

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02:09:20.490 --> 02:09:28.350

steve kearley tirr texans: You know, as he a great opportunity for further development of low point players and it doesn't conflict with.

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02:09:29.400 --> 02:09:37.320

steve kearley tirr texans: The swa season, this is actually a proposal for the low point season, to be from May to September.

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02:09:39.570 --> 02:09:49.110

steve kearley tirr texans: Again benefits further development for those whoa pointers that don't get a whole lot of playing time during the US or a season.

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02:09:51.840 --> 02:10:12.630

steve kearley tirr texans: From an international level standpoint Look, we really haven't put a huge focus on low point rugby This could also contribute to you know further development for the USA team, the low point team on an international level and then beyond that even.

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02:10:13.920 --> 02:10:20.940

steve kearley tirr texans: Further development for USA wr which again compete on a premier level.

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02:10:22.110 --> 02:10:26.760

steve kearley tirr texans: against other other countries, and so I.

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02:10:27.780 --> 02:10:39.900

steve kearley tirr texans: You know I am not going to read the proposal to you, but I just think that, overall, it kind of takes the game back to its roots what the game was intended for and.

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02:10:41.370 --> 02:10:42.420

steve kearley tirr texans: So that's all I had.

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02:10:45.990 --> 02:10:53.100

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: A in the interest of full disclosure, we did not get a full discussion this the bylaws committee, but we did have some email discussion on it.

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02:10:54.840 --> 02:10:56.130

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: here's the major takeaways.

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02:10:57.390 --> 02:11:12.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The benefits are it serves the population that's underserved in our sport, right now, the majority of the largest classification represented I think of one owes in the League, so we have more low pointers, then we have high pointers but most lineups will only have one little pointer.

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02:11:14.280 --> 02:11:16.080

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So are many lineups anyway so.

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02:11:17.400 --> 02:11:29.640

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: This would allow more players to actually be participating in games and there's benefit there the supposed to take place during the offseason so there should not be a scheduling challenge in that regard.

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So these.

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Texas Stampede: Are your horse.

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02:11:36.960 --> 02:11:38.370

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Get that can you beat that horse.

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02:11:39.420 --> 02:11:39.780

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Mike.

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02:11:42.450 --> 02:11:46.470

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So um so again this This allows us to.

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02:11:48.840 --> 02:11:49.200

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Have.

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Texas Stampede: A this goes in.

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02:11:54.720 --> 02:11:55.350

right here.

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02:12:00.420 --> 02:12:03.120

Texas Stampede: You lift that up straight up yeah.

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02:12:07.980 --> 02:12:08.640

Texas Stampede: yeah.

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02:12:14.400 --> 02:12:22.110

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: cool you can unmute yourself as needed so again the benefits of this are it says population that is underrepresented, the sport.

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02:12:22.770 --> 02:12:34.650

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have a lot of low pointers that just there's just not enough time for teams to get the little pointers in current game models, this is during the offseason and there's some real benefits there, there was.

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02:12:36.060 --> 02:12:42.390

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So there are some concerned that this may be a bit of strain on officials who will now be expected to go around.

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02:12:43.500 --> 02:12:51.540

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And maybe officials will be able to comfortably cover this or maybe not like that's that's a question to look at also this proposal does not.

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02:12:52.410 --> 02:13:02.010

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: necessarily fund the post it doesn't fund the low point championship parade and so there's not there's not a mechanism that guarantees find me here we'd have to look and see.

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02:13:02.460 --> 02:13:11.940

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: That this registration fee covers that how much gets funneled to that so there's not a mechanism to actually fund the championship so that would then fall on a host to fund that without any funding necessarily.

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02:13:12.990 --> 02:13:18.390

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: that's consideration um another limitation could potentially be that.

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02:13:20.490 --> 02:13:24.450

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I guess there was there was one request for from the moment I think that was, I think that was not.

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02:13:24.900 --> 02:13:29.370

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Vote yes, was that this does not have any sort of residency structure right so.

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02:13:29.730 --> 02:13:39.000

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The concern that was brought up as at this console to put together super teams, you might get three or four low point teams versus if you used a residency or geography model, you might get more teams participating.

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02:13:39.930 --> 02:13:52.950

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So this may boil down to a few superstar teams, so there was a concern about that from this one member of the bylaws company So those are the benefits and any reservation that bylaws committee had this time will open this up for discussion and comment.

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02:13:56.700 --> 02:14:04.770

steve kearley turr texans: will say to that I had a lot of people reach out on this and support to your point about the super teams.

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steve kearley tirr texans: In order to.

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02:14:08.400 --> 02:14:15.690

steve kearley tirr texans: get a minimum we want to maximize participation in this that's the whole point of this for specifically low pointers.

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02:14:17.310 --> 02:14:17.850

steve kearley tirr texans: So.

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02:14:18.870 --> 02:14:28.710

steve kearley tirr texans: Dan I think you had a suggestion on maybe how to minimize super teams maximize participation, you want to kind of talk about that briefly.

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02:14:29.280 --> 02:14:38.130

bandits: yeah well, I think, I think that we should try to keep it regional and try to keep some sort of residential.

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02:14:39.930 --> 02:14:42.990

bandits: things going just just like we do with.

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02:14:44.010 --> 02:14:51.450

bandits: You know, we don't want this to turn into a two team League, I think this is more about development and having a good time and.

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02:14:51.930 --> 02:15:06.120

bandits: Getting as many guys out i'm I mean I didn't discuss this with you, when we talk currently, but I think we ought to also eliminate the international players if if our goal is to develop our own.

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02:15:07.260 --> 02:15:10.260

bandits: You know why should we bring in international players.

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02:15:11.280 --> 02:15:14.760

bandits: So yeah I, and I don't think you know.

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02:15:15.780 --> 02:15:21.630

bandits: This is it's new it's gonna turn into what it's going to turn into.

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02:15:21.930 --> 02:15:22.650

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bandits: I think that.

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02:15:23.640 --> 02:15:36.570

bandits: I think we could probably support of about a good eight to 10 team league with this easily with it seems like some different people have.

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02:15:38.160 --> 02:15:50.760

bandits: had to interest, I mean i'm i'm thinking we could put together a good team like Florida Georgia, maybe even reaching to the carolinas depending on if anyone is trying to form anything closer there but.

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02:15:52.530 --> 02:15:52.950

bandits: Yes.

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02:15:53.640 --> 02:15:57.390

steve kearley tirr texans: Can I suggest a friendly addendum to my own proposal.

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02:15:57.870 --> 02:16:07.530

steve kearley tirr texans: Again yeah So what we did something along the lines of because I want to keep this simple i'm not trying to overcomplicate this what at all.

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02:16:08.820 --> 02:16:15.420

steve kearley tirr texans: But something along the lines of you know you can now roster it's an eight man roster.

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02:16:16.590 --> 02:16:17.190

steve kearley tirr texans: From.

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02:16:18.360 --> 02:16:30.300

steve kearley tirr texans: your team and the two other closest teams to you something of that nature to allow a bigger pool of low pointers, but it also regional lies, as it.

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02:16:31.500 --> 02:16:32.250

steve kearley tirr texans: as well.

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02:16:33.270 --> 02:16:35.340

steve kearley tirr texans: So i'll throw that out progressive.

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02:16:35.730 --> 02:16:39.420

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: At Jeremy and met me at your proposal, so you could you can make it in Philly Melanie what.

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02:16:40.080 --> 02:16:41.430

steve kearley tirr texans: Do you want to add and i'm.

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02:16:41.850 --> 02:16:50.250

steve kearley tirr texans: In i'd love to hear feedback on the international thing that's a great point, then, and something that I had not thought about this really is about us a.

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02:16:51.540 --> 02:16:54.660

steve kearley tirr texans: Development so i'm totally good with keeping it.

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02:16:55.710 --> 02:16:57.780

steve kearley tirr texans: You know, a domestic low point we.

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02:16:59.730 --> 02:17:02.850

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: want to discuss it, you want it, you want to make that commitment as well.

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02:17:03.240 --> 02:17:05.700

steve kearley tirr texans: i'd like to hear discussion first but.

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02:17:08.010 --> 02:17:17.190

Ryan Cusack: yeah now I I I as someone who coaches, a team that has a majority low pointers I really like this, I think, getting.

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02:17:18.000 --> 02:17:23.130

Ryan Cusack: I think it's going to help the League develop a ton and I think it's going to just get more court time for players that.

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02:17:24.000 --> 02:17:31.950

Ryan Cusack: In those lineups that have you know, a high into mids and you know i'm just constantly trying to find playtime for low pointers.

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02:17:32.430 --> 02:17:48.900

Ryan Cusack: and develop them, so I think this is awesome in terms of international i'm in agreement with Dan I do think it is the USA thing, and I think we actually could regional eyes and create this this level of competition without international contribution so.

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02:17:51.180 --> 02:17:52.980

steve kearley tirr texans: Mike i'd like to go in and make that friendly.

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02:17:54.990 --> 02:18:04.590

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have two amendments, one is you can your low point team can consist of the two closest teams to you and your team, and then the second is that.

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02:18:06.780 --> 02:18:07.470

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: You can.

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02:18:09.870 --> 02:18:15.720

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We will not have international players in this this low point me any additional discussion or comments about this proposal.

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02:18:17.010 --> 02:18:28.260

Sid: For Dr Cunningham, would it be would it be beneficial to eliminate postseason for the first year to eliminate.

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02:18:29.160 --> 02:18:47.190

Sid: Some logistical issues and would that provide a little bit more to hood of success, the first season, to get that and us if it passes just curious as to whether eliminating the postseason in the first season would be beneficial.

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02:18:55.500 --> 02:18:57.480

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: In character currently do an answer that you have any thoughts on that.

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02:19:01.620 --> 02:19:05.010

steve kearley tirr texans: I mean, could we word it in a way, if we're not able to find a.

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02:19:06.150 --> 02:19:10.710

steve kearley tirr texans: find a postseason host that's willing to take on that financial responsibility.

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02:19:12.750 --> 02:19:14.970

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I mean my recommendation is David, you can always.

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02:19:15.030 --> 02:19:15.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Have a tournament.

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02:19:16.230 --> 02:19:17.670

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: and call it the championships.

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02:19:18.120 --> 02:19:27.210

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Right right like it's not it doesn't actually have to be a and if we have extra funding, I mean i'm sure the League would be considered definitely consider a request for funding.

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02:19:27.690 --> 02:19:37.170

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: If if we have money um, but you can you can always have a low point championships during the year just wouldn't be necessarily us who you are celebrating national championship, we could.

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02:19:37.380 --> 02:19:37.650

steve kearley turr texans: write.

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02:19:37.710 --> 02:19:38.520

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: me recognize it.

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02:19:40.140 --> 02:19:47.850

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Later, if we wanted a mini also doesn't mean you don't have to not do totally your column, if you, if you like, to do it or not, Steve at your proposal.

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02:19:48.840 --> 02:20:05.610

bandits: Yet well and just to add to that, I mean so a championship we don't have to structure it the same way we structure our championship, you know where we have to have classification and all that, because all that is going to happen.

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02:20:06.960 --> 02:20:09.960

bandits: You know, in our postseason in our regular league.

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02:20:09.990 --> 02:20:18.690

bandits: So I mean we're more looking for yeah there's a tournament at the end of the year and it's going to be the championship.

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02:20:19.080 --> 02:20:30.210

bandits: So we don't have to do like you know and we don't have the whole board doesn't have to be there because there's not going to be a meeting or anything else it's just this is kinda.

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02:20:31.260 --> 02:20:36.420

bandits: it's gonna be a big thing but it's gonna be kind of a little bit more on the down low if that makes sense.

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02:20:39.120 --> 02:20:39.510

steve kearley tirr texans: yeah.

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02:20:40.080 --> 02:20:50.670

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I mean it's plausible that some people will just play this League and not the other, or vice versa right, and so it is possible that some players may not get classified during the during the traditional usw rightly.

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02:20:54.990 --> 02:20:57.930

steve kearley tirr texans: I think I mean that would be.

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02:20:59.550 --> 02:21:03.540

steve kearley tirr texans: It is plausible but not likely, and I think that they would need.

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02:21:04.830 --> 02:21:14.190

steve kearley tirr texans: To have, I think, is part of this proposal, they would need to be classified according point 5215 as their original class.

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02:21:15.780 --> 02:21:22.710

Justin Stark-WWAR: That it, but it amy there wouldn't be any cloud, I mean there would be no classification during the summer anyway because they're not playing an.

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02:21:23.220 --> 02:21:35.070

Justin Stark-WWAR: Official eight point games, I mean the point of this is to have a family to get players more playing time develop the low point division so let's not overthink and over regulate what we're trying to do, I mean.

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02:21:35.070 --> 02:21:47.730

steve kearley tirr texans: or keep this simple guys let's get this let's get this going, and then on down the road if we need to formalize it make more structural changes we do it, then, but for right now let's keep it simple.

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02:21:49.110 --> 02:21:58.410

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: that's where I don't know if the geographic limitations would hold back certain teams like if you're trying to just I mean I don't think our team would have a problem with it, or in the northeast but.

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02:21:58.830 --> 02:22:11.970

Rita Penniman- MedStar NRH: Are kind of mid Atlantic, but if the hope is just get as many teams as possible, does the two closest team rule like could that hold back people from getting folks together to compete.

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02:22:13.440 --> 02:22:25.620

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: It up cannot players petition the the Commissioner, if you can put that as a friendly amendment it players cannot play with two closest teams for for a reason they can petition, the Commissioner to then compete with the next closest team that's roster.

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02:22:25.770 --> 02:22:27.810

steve kearley tirr texans: and be good with it yeah.

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02:22:31.230 --> 02:22:41.910

steve kearley tirr texans: So a few other things that are part of the prop Max three and a half points that's that's regular low point rugby extra half point four.

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02:22:42.600 --> 02:23:00.510

steve kearley tirr texans: per female player on the Court extra half point four player age 45 or older here's a little bit different Max of four and a half points with extra point allowances so that's something that is a little bit different.

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02:23:02.430 --> 02:23:14.280

steve kearley tirr texans: And then other differences is that we play by the regular us era rules so there's 12 second to get the ball your half court 42nd try o'clock.

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02:23:15.480 --> 02:23:27.150

steve kearley tirr texans: that's different from the way that we have typically played, but that would also help us more line with how international low point rugby is being played.

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02:23:31.920 --> 02:23:41.280

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And again just for everyone to understand the Nice benefits or formalize, this is it gives insurance coverage and it gives the ability to utilize referees more effectively, so it does.

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02:23:41.850 --> 02:23:50.940

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: give another words it's more for the formal and gives you more protection than just trying to do this independently right room and in transit within the legal structure.

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02:23:53.850 --> 02:23:56.220

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other questions went to discussion.

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02:23:57.780 --> 02:23:59.550

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: But it looks like by the bow you ever end up.

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02:24:02.670 --> 02:24:09.630

Bradley Boe - Vegas: I do yeah this was still just about postseason I don't i'm kind of thinking, this may not be a great question anymore, but would we even have to.

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02:24:10.680 --> 02:24:19.410

Bradley Boe - Vegas: change anything about it, if we decide, you know we can't do postseason for any reason is that even something that needs to be changed or discussed right now and that just be something that.

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02:24:20.880 --> 02:24:24.240

Bradley Boe - Vegas: You know, is hoping for interpretation later on.

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02:24:26.190 --> 02:24:28.740

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: At least on the Commissioner, but he seems like a pretty reasonable human.

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02:24:38.100 --> 02:24:38.820

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: what's up up.

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02:24:39.120 --> 02:24:40.230

Bob Lopez: The reason for the time.

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02:24:41.610 --> 02:24:42.750

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: TIM you had your hand up as well.

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02:24:43.560 --> 02:24:50.400

Tim Vixay- Oscar Mike Militia: yeah I mean, I would say just in the interest of keeping things simple and and making sure that this.

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02:24:51.630 --> 02:25:06.420

Tim Vixay- Oscar Mike Militia: Additional way takes off, I mean we get rid of the residency requirements and even allow an emperor player, because if we're the only like official low point league i'd say that it would be in our best interest be inclusive.

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02:25:07.890 --> 02:25:10.560

Tim Vixay- Oscar Mike Militia: And then we just regulated as we go, you know.

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02:25:11.610 --> 02:25:14.490

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I do believe that the UK it's a low point.

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02:25:19.380 --> 02:25:21.030

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Anyone able to hear you what was that.

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02:25:21.510 --> 02:25:22.440

steve kearley tirr texans: Yes, sorry.

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02:25:23.130 --> 02:25:28.980

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: Sorry guys, I do believe that the UK has a low point league or is working on trying to start that.

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02:25:33.480 --> 02:25:36.240

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Right, so it sounds like TIM is making a request to Steve to then.

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02:25:36.630 --> 02:25:40.560

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: not have any sort of residency structure and to.

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02:25:42.750 --> 02:25:43.650

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: To also.

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02:25:45.510 --> 02:25:49.170

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: have international players, so you get to decide which way you want to go to follow this.

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02:25:49.590 --> 02:25:50.850

steve kearley tirr texans: So I think.

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02:25:54.690 --> 02:26:05.490

steve kearley tirr texans: Sorry, Tim I think i'm gonna I would prefer again, this is about us a development developing our player so i'm good would be no international.

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02:26:09.090 --> 02:26:18.810

steve kearley tirr texans: I like the idea of going to the Commissioner if there's an outlier you're not able to play Bob smiling I think he would be supportive of things that.

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02:26:19.350 --> 02:26:33.870

steve kearley tirr texans: You know that kind of makes sense, just from a common sense i'd like to keep the let's try to keep it regional I and i'm trying to promote participation in this I don't want to discourage.

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steve kearley tirr texans: You know play and so i'd like to i'd like to go ahead and keep that.

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02:26:41.580 --> 02:26:43.650

steve kearley tirr texans: original denim on.

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02:26:44.730 --> 02:26:48.510

steve kearley tirr texans: your team, plus the two closest teams to roster a low point.

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02:26:50.700 --> 02:26:53.160

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: If they are there any more discussion, we have a motion to.

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02:26:54.690 --> 02:27:04.290

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: I got a question on the two closest teams thing um so say Watson doesn't mean like to have a team Chicago does.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: Ah, and like the for other teams around Chicago doesn't so we can kindness, will you have situation where like Chicago stalking a team Poland players from all the teams around them because they're not roster in teams.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: are wrong.

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02:27:18.990 --> 02:27:29.490

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: it's the two closest teams from your us who are a regular season location so whenever the two the two geographic closer to the Chicago would then be the two teams, they could pull from.

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02:27:30.270 --> 02:27:30.630

Okay.

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02:27:33.030 --> 02:27:33.360

steve kearley tirr texans: Great.

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02:27:39.870 --> 02:27:48.000

Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: Is there any way that we could go by, like fee actual geographic classifications that are in place now for the regular season.

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Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: That would open up a little bit larger player pool.

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02:27:53.850 --> 02:27:55.050

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Can you elaborate what you mean.

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02:27:55.650 --> 02:28:01.350

Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: So there's the Great Lakes division there's the west coast division that.

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Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: is based on the in the regular season so it's instead of just Chicago and Lhasa, and whatever that is grand rapids it would be everyone in that the four or five teams in that Great Lakes division.

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02:28:16.620 --> 02:28:20.280

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I mean I don't know if you have a formal division, they don't really have that I don't think.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: We actually we have seven racks that are in charge of seven divisions.

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02:28:26.250 --> 02:28:31.950

STEVE K Competition Committee: Other so, for example, you can have two teams per Rack, you know.

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02:28:31.980 --> 02:28:32.970

STEVE K Competition Committee: Two teams per.

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02:28:33.030 --> 02:28:43.830

STEVE K Competition Committee: division that just gives you a water pool and a maximum of 14 teams I just think that's what brad is thinking like by staying with our existing regions.

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02:28:44.220 --> 02:28:47.580

Brad Peterson - Chi Town Bears: yeah that's what I meant I apologize for the confusion okay.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So what would that so again confirm how many how many divisions, do we have.

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STEVE K Competition Committee: Seven okay.

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02:28:55.590 --> 02:28:57.300

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So Steve do you would you be.

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02:28:57.330 --> 02:28:59.580

steve kearley tirr texans: amenable to i'm good with that.

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02:28:59.850 --> 02:29:00.120

Okay.

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02:29:02.010 --> 02:29:02.430

steve kearley tirr texans: yeah okay.

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02:29:02.610 --> 02:29:11.910

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So then there's a request to say that, basically, you must compete within teams from your racket division or we'll get those posted online for players that are unfamiliar or coaches that are unfamiliar.

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02:29:12.900 --> 02:29:19.590

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So, in essence, you and you could have multiple teams most most can play with players within your rack division.

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02:29:23.520 --> 02:29:24.930

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: that's that's a friendly amendment.

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02:29:26.220 --> 02:29:27.450

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have a motion to vote.

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02:29:28.350 --> 02:29:29.070

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Big emotion.

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02:29:31.020 --> 02:29:33.720

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: Can I can I say one thing, before we vote.

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02:29:35.400 --> 02:29:41.100

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: So this is christy van hagar from grand rapids slender um I should put my video on maybe.

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02:29:42.180 --> 02:29:42.540

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: i'm.

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02:29:44.790 --> 02:29:45.060

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: Okay.

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02:29:46.590 --> 02:29:47.250

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: So.

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02:29:48.270 --> 02:29:58.290

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: This what this reminds me of is the nw BA, and this is i'm not saying that low pointers are women i'm i'm just drawing a parallel here, so, in the end wpa.

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02:29:58.500 --> 02:30:07.440

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: Within the basketball season there, there are rostered coed teams that have men and women, and there are women's team.

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02:30:08.580 --> 02:30:15.120

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: And so there are women that play on both teams and it happens within the same basketball season so.

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02:30:15.780 --> 02:30:27.210

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: I guess i'm drawing a parallel here because i'm struggling as a coordinator, who coordinates a lot of different teams throughout the year, and now there's a potential of adding a low point team.

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Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: During what we would be rugby offseason.

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Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: And I don't know as a coordinator, if I have the budget for that, and I can add that, to my plate, and all of that, but i'm i'm in supportive of doing having low pointers and have having low pointers developed and playing time and all that we're proposing so.

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02:30:48.870 --> 02:30:59.490

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: And this just complicates things, but my thought is does it make more sense to have it happen during the same season as rugby's December to April.

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02:31:00.660 --> 02:31:13.800

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: And and have it just be similar to what the end wpa does in that you could actually be dual rostered you could be rostered on a coed rugby team, you have to be rostered on a low point team.

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02:31:14.430 --> 02:31:14.910

Christy VanHaver-Grand Rapids Thunder: Does that make sense.

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02:31:15.540 --> 02:31:22.830

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: yeah there's the first time i'll say an opinion on this and get corrected wrong anybody, I do think that rug and have a better basketball background as well.

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02:31:23.130 --> 02:31:35.880

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: I do think that the reading copulation different traveling is more intensive like a basketball team redstone vehicles, they they they travel they sometimes need like one or two ideas tops right sometimes no ABS often.

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02:31:37.260 --> 02:31:45.810

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And, most of the competition, unless you have that elite, the one team can be done in driving distance for a lot of teams, I think, with rugby need to fly more tournaments.

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02:31:46.710 --> 02:32:01.110

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: compressing all this in a shorter time window might be, and I do think also like the strain of like we have way if you referees would be a real strain I would I would assume if it were in the same window of time, but, but any of our REPS or secretly can comment on that.

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02:32:02.280 --> 02:32:10.230

Joe Bongiovanni - Referee: I was gonna say the same thing, like logistically right now, it may be difficult to properly staffed those tournaments with officials.

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02:32:13.110 --> 02:32:18.090

steve kearley tirr texans: yeah Mike that that was my concern my having it overlap with the regular season.

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02:32:20.640 --> 02:32:25.080

steve kearley tirr texans: So that's why I kind of had like a condensed season, made a September so.

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02:32:28.530 --> 02:32:30.840

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: sounds like you would not you would not accept that for a minute.

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02:32:31.350 --> 02:32:37.020

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Correct okay and lori I saw your hand up real quick before we have emotional vote or did you put that down.

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02:32:37.890 --> 02:32:48.870

Lori Patria- Maryland Mayhem: And I did, but I was kind of along the lines of what Christie was saying that conceptually I like this idea, I really do and for all the reasons that everyone have shared.

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02:32:49.290 --> 02:33:06.660

Lori Patria- Maryland Mayhem: Logistically funding volunteers thinking about coordinating a second tournament those type of things in the moment is a bit overwhelming I like the idea of take you know, focusing on the Games and the playing versus the postseason part of it.

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Lori Patria- Maryland Mayhem: Because it gets that what it sounds like is the gist of what you're trying to get right play time exposure things like that, without this becoming a financial burden to anyone.

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02:33:23.040 --> 02:33:34.830

Lori Patria- Maryland Mayhem: So, and I don't know what the interest is of teams and what their funding sources are to support it so conceptually i'm i'm on board it's the details that i'm struggling with.

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steve kearley tirr texans: It simple guys.

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02:33:39.210 --> 02:33:41.370

steve kearley tirr texans: I mean Look, we can.

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02:33:42.390 --> 02:34:00.390

steve kearley tirr texans: If the proposal passes if we see that there are and i'm sure there will be challenges and things that come up, but I also see that from from my opinion again the whole purpose is development getting more low pointers on the Court.

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02:34:01.590 --> 02:34:20.850

steve kearley tirr texans: More active healthier so forth, and so on, I just don't want to overthink it I get it from like a coordinator standpoint, I guess, understand that those are challenges that happened during the regular season anyway, so you know we'll just have to work through those.

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02:34:22.260 --> 02:34:24.090

steve kearley tirr texans: As as we see fit so.

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02:34:26.010 --> 02:34:26.940

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We have emotion about.

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02:34:27.660 --> 02:34:28.320

Justin Stark-WWAR: I like muscle.

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02:34:29.250 --> 02:34:32.430

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: That gets like okay discussion let's vote.

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02:35:42.660 --> 02:35:43.770

Levi - Ability360: come up for me this time.

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02:35:54.780 --> 02:35:55.530

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Mike you.

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02:35:55.920 --> 02:35:57.870

Michael Klonowski: Are you having connectivity problems.

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02:36:00.540 --> 02:36:09.150

Michael Klonowski: Because that's, the only thing we've we've run into there's been one other person that had connectivity problems for a minute and then changed and was able to vote.

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02:36:09.990 --> 02:36:11.220

Levi - Ability360: No, I I.

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Levi - Ability360: don't have any connectivity issues so check my speed, the hundred Mbps.

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02:36:18.300 --> 02:36:19.920

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Michael Klowski: Are you on a computer on a phone.

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Computer.

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02:36:23.310 --> 02:36:26.160

Michael Klowski: Would it help you know that it wasn't close.

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02:36:30.180 --> 02:36:31.650

Levi - Ability360: Oh, all right.

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02:36:32.670 --> 02:36:33.180

Michael Klowski: There we go.

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02:36:35.970 --> 02:36:36.600

Michael Klowski: passes.

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02:36:39.000 --> 02:36:40.500

steve kearley tirr texans: Thanks everybody appreciate it.

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02:36:41.970 --> 02:36:42.180

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: hey.

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02:36:42.210 --> 02:36:51.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: let's let's scroll back to he hate to go backtrack, but we need to clarify this i'm Noah you here right.

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02:36:59.970 --> 02:37:00.900

Michael Klowski: you're on mute now.

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02:37:01.890 --> 02:37:04.260

Noah: Yes, and I read.

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02:37:05.070 --> 02:37:07.890

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Your you're breaking our time on proposal he.

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Noah: Even knows.

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02:37:10.170 --> 02:37:16.920

Noah: like this affects us probably the most as the host I think it's a great idea so.

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02:37:18.660 --> 02:37:23.700

Noah: With the two amendments to the amendment I boy yes.

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02:37:24.900 --> 02:37:26.250

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: And we have postseason realignment.

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02:37:27.690 --> 02:37:29.610

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Last blast proposal.

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02:37:30.630 --> 02:37:33.510

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Back to this is the playing game proposal.

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02:37:35.190 --> 02:37:35.940

Keith Newerla - Philly: Okay guys.

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02:37:37.020 --> 02:37:40.860

Keith Newerla - Philly: Last one i'll try to be quick, so the the current.

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02:37:42.630 --> 02:37:53.940

Keith Newerla - Philly: By law states that if the host team does not qualify, there is a play in game in which the 16th seed plays the host for a chance to.

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02:37:54.960 --> 02:38:03.480

Keith Newerla - Philly: participate in the national tournament miss was designed to encourage participation sorry to encourage more host to apply to.

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02:38:04.740 --> 02:38:05.550

Keith Newerla - Philly: host the event.

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02:38:07.530 --> 02:38:16.920

Keith Newerla - Philly: After seeing how it affected DAS a shepherd and after talking to many different people around the league.

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02:38:17.670 --> 02:38:26.700

Keith Newerla - Philly: trying to find a way where we don't have to play a play in game it's great in theory but financially, it is a tremendous undertaking so to.

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02:38:27.180 --> 02:38:35.490

Keith Newerla - Philly: to fly a team to a tournament you're looking at somewhere between 10 to \$15,000 all in on expenses and you know.

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02:38:36.330 --> 02:38:45.180

Keith Newerla - Philly: I give you a scenario is, and I think I put this in there San Diego is the 16th seed and nationals was hosted i'll say in Florida they got to go all the way across the country.

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02:38:45.570 --> 02:38:52.980

Keith Newerla - Philly: To potentially play one game, and if they happen to lose that game they are no longer in the tournament they've spent all that money to get there.

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02:38:53.460 --> 02:39:03.660

Keith Newerla - Philly: To subsequently stay in a hotel not participate, and you know we can't really be flexible and just pick a fight whenever we want after we lose our first game and go home so.

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02:39:04.830 --> 02:39:14.700

Keith Newerla - Philly: I know from working where I work, it would be a really hard conversation for me to have with my donors and supporters of our program to say.

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02:39:15.180 --> 02:39:26.280

Keith Newerla - Philly: We use your money to go all the way across the country to play one game, so the end for teams that are self funded to spend all that money is you know hard on that.

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02:39:27.060 --> 02:39:40.290

Keith Newerla - Philly: Individual that are that are paying their own way, so the solution we came up with was that the host team will automatically qualify and the fourth place finisher of each national semifinal.

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02:39:41.880 --> 02:39:44.940

Keith Newerla - Philly: One of them will go to nationals and that will be determined by the.

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02:39:46.260 --> 02:39:51.510

Keith Newerla - Philly: Is it the current from there, the ranking committee is that what their their believe is their title is that correct.

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02:39:52.740 --> 02:39:53.580

Keith Newerla - Philly: Competition committee.

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02:39:54.690 --> 02:39:55.170

Bob Lopez: Committee.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Thank you, so that is the the proposal.

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02:40:00.900 --> 02:40:12.180

Keith Newerla - Philly: And I know it's good in theory, but again financially it's not always a misuse of funds to go out there for one game so, especially when you look at the for the host program it's a home game for them.

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02:40:13.320 --> 02:40:21.240

Keith Newerla - Philly: they're playing for another another series and then that that same that that qualifies as the travel that far, and you know.

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02:40:22.590 --> 02:40:26.940

Keith Newerla - Philly: really has all the pressure on them so that's it in a nutshell, any questions.

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02:40:32.280 --> 02:40:43.230

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Again, the reason we initially put this forward was to, as he said was to was to incentivize hosts to us, we we had a run for a while, where we could not get those for nationals and.

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02:40:44.250 --> 02:40:51.660

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We really struggled kind of forcing people to be ghosts and we've had we've had more like recently, but it is really good for the League when when.

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02:40:54.030 --> 02:41:04.530

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: When a host is able to compete nationals, because we just get more spectatorship and more media attention and there's some real benefits there the downside of that, of course, is the team, who is potentially higher bring to them the host.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: would not qualify right so they're going to fit some limitations to this are fairly clear, but the way the rules currently stand.

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02:41:11.460 --> 02:41:20.310

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: The host gets a second shot anyway, so this just the cements them, but it does not count that so i'm open for discussion comments.

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02:41:20.850 --> 02:41:30.840

Keith Newerla - Philly: I guess, I should add, to now with postseason realignment you know they would the host would automatically fall into that division new division three category.

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02:41:32.400 --> 02:41:33.150

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Another spot.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: In another spot, so we take one of the last two qualifiers essentially that would have qualified for the tournament and the competition committee would select out of those two which one would go.

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02:41:48.750 --> 02:41:49.860

Noah: I just want to add.

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02:41:50.970 --> 02:41:59.790

Noah: You know, as far as the financial burden goes and who who ends up being out of pocket and where or from a sponsorship perspective.

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Noah: I think you know there's probably a good argument on both sides, because if somebody is spending 150 grand to host nationals and they don't get to play, and none of their partners that paid for that.

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02:42:11.850 --> 02:42:25.710

Noah: get to watch the team that they were supporting with nationals the much larger financial burden is on the host but I reading what you've written there, it really is a non issue I guess at that point, I just wanted to point that out.

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02:42:29.610 --> 02:42:30.300

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Other comments.

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02:42:32.130 --> 02:42:33.060

bandits: I have a comment.

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bandits: we've i've had to be that play in game under a totally different circumstance, but yeah it's awful having to travel, all the way to somewhere and thinking that you could.

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02:42:46.680 --> 02:43:00.390

bandits: possibly be going home after one game and we played a much closer game than the game that was played so yeah I totally understand, and I think this might be a better solution than playing.

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02:43:04.590 --> 02:43:05.490

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: I have a question with.

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02:43:06.750 --> 02:43:08.970

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: Our rankings come out pretty late.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: A semi finals are not on the same weekend you're that last place in your semi final.

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02:43:17.550 --> 02:43:25.080

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: Now you can book tickets, so you find out if you're actually in or if you're going to get bumped by, that being that 16 seen.

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02:43:28.860 --> 02:43:39.900

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Well, you do know before that nationals so before that semi final that you basically to guarantee you're making it, you need to finish three or higher and that's any final if you're going to.

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02:43:39.960 --> 02:43:50.220

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: Guarantee, but if you're the last one like this year, what would you have like a week before we actually got ranking though we only have two weeks between the semi finals and.

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02:43:51.360 --> 02:43:59.460

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: nationals and then it took almost a week to get the rankings out now you become extremely late flights pass away because you had to wait.

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02:44:01.200 --> 02:44:10.980

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So what would you feel better than if there was a friendly amendment that that within 24 hours, the competition Committee decided of the two, but if.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: If the nationals host is not qualify through traditional means that within 24 hours, the competition committee will decide which of the teams are finished fourth in their semifinal will get to the nationals would that make them more viable for you.

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02:44:26.760 --> 02:44:27.780

Bob Lopez: think you mean fifth.

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Bob Lopez: postseason realignment.

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02:44:33.690 --> 02:44:35.640

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay, there you go yeah yes.

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02:44:36.630 --> 02:44:46.050

CT JAMMERS: With the postseason realignment excuse me is this even a problem well the House team well Steve even be close to not making it.

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02:44:46.470 --> 02:44:51.360

Keith Newerla - Philly: plausibly and also blame we and we took that out in a friendly amendment of the last.

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02:44:52.950 --> 02:44:57.930

Keith Newerla - Philly: Of the last one We actually had that in there and removed it because we were going to discuss this now.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: Possibly it can happen, I mean I think it's 24 hour period for the Community to get together to discuss two teams and say which one goes the national I think is realistic.

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02:45:11.730 --> 02:45:20.910

Keith Newerla - Philly: And Ryan to your point, yes, you might need to wait for flights, but at least you know you're going to play six games when you get there, if you get there, so perhaps it's worth waiting.

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02:45:23.130 --> 02:45:33.240

Amy Bohn: But I think we had a discussion amongst in the leadership call that you know we can have the timeframe, we had this year to turn things around with only it being week just from logistics chance points on a lot of things.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: yeah.

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02:45:40.470 --> 02:45:49.620

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: it's cost either way, I think I would prefer the play and just to make sure the team that wins gets in also another point here on.

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02:45:50.850 --> 02:46:02.190

RYAN -WASA/CKRI: beings we just approved that other postseason does that removed we just remove that language i'm the host in our previous postseason done then we so no we got to actually add that back in first.

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Mike Cottingham -1st VP: So I mean it's the playing game is still in the bylaws it's just.

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RYAN -WASA/CKRI: Okay.

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02:46:07.470 --> 02:46:10.920

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: and be further down the further down the rankings now, but they still be a play a game.

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02:46:11.520 --> 02:46:11.820

Okay.

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02:46:15.660 --> 02:46:24.600

Keith Newerla - Philly: I just would hate to see a team spend that much money and only play one game, and I also understand from a tour to my perspective, if you're going to host a national event, you want to.

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02:46:25.170 --> 02:46:39.060

Keith Newerla - Philly: be seen to your sponsors and supporters, so this was a i'd say the best way we could come up with it where it made the most sense, where at least your costs were a little more predictable and.

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Keith Newerla - Philly: probably be the dad.

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02:46:44.250 --> 02:46:52.020

Amy Bohn: Well, I think, for us, from classification, it helps to really mess with our schedule having a playing game at the time to play in game had to be.

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Amy Bohn: And we also had to see athletes on team, then that didn't play the rest of nationals, which made it very difficult to have spots of other teams that need to be seen before they're playing games, the next morning.

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Noah: yeah i'll be honest real quick, I was kind of sick to my stomach knowing that.

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02:47:12.150 --> 02:47:21.810

Noah: beforehand, before I knew we were going to get smoked on the Court if we were to win that a team had to do that, so I wasn't feeling good about it.

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02:47:22.590 --> 02:47:36.090

Noah: You know at all, but then there was that other side, I was, like all right, the people that paid for this at least get to be there and see us play once so I was kind of torn between the two, you know I definitely didn't want.

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02:47:36.720 --> 02:47:44.190

Noah: A team to come out and only play one game and on the other hand, you know I felt like we almost had a responsibility to the people that pay for the term.

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Noah: just throwing that out there.

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02:47:48.540 --> 02:48:02.550

Keith Newerla - Philly: Right now, in the further elaborate, I think you know if you finish in that last part of your national semifinal you have an understanding that that is you, and one other team right now the way it's it's written that.

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02:48:03.630 --> 02:48:20.250

Keith Newerla - Philly: That competition committee can essentially take a team that in theory finished third in their national semi final and still put them at the 16th even put them in that play in game, so it allows everybody else to purchase flight if they've finished higher than that before.

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02:48:21.300 --> 02:48:25.140

Keith Newerla - Philly: The competition committee comes out with all the direct so you're really only discussing two teams.

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02:48:28.950 --> 02:48:42.300

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Darren Templeton - NY: As jump in real quick, I wonder, because this actually happened to New York, a long time ago we had a play in game with brooks, this is probably like 10 years ago and louisville that that we lost him and.

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02:48:43.920 --> 02:48:49.170

Darren Templeton - NY: Maybe if there's a way to leave it up to the team that would play the plan GABE and and.

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02:48:50.250 --> 02:48:57.600

Darren Templeton - NY: say you know, knowing the risk or knowing the possibility of playing one game, maybe the lower ranked team could make a decision.

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02:48:59.430 --> 02:49:01.620

Darren Templeton - NY: To either get to a committee or.

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02:49:01.830 --> 02:49:02.670

Darren Templeton - NY: Take the risk because.

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02:49:04.290 --> 02:49:07.320

Darren Templeton - NY: If the team as well to them there's really no downside, if.

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02:49:08.460 --> 02:49:12.420

Darren Templeton - NY: You know, knowing that you know they might only play one game and then.

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02:49:13.440 --> 02:49:16.020

Darren Templeton - NY: set so maybe that's an option, I don't know.

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02:49:29.400 --> 02:49:31.740

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: We, we have a motion to vote.

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02:49:34.110 --> 02:49:35.910

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: i'll make one if it's not or second.

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02:49:37.230 --> 02:49:37.950

steve kearley turr texans: Second.

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02:49:38.910 --> 02:49:39.810

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Any further discussion.

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02:49:41.220 --> 02:49:42.360

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: All right, let's hope.

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02:50:38.070 --> 02:50:38.340

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Like.

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02:50:38.610 --> 02:50:45.000

Michael Klonowski: This I just keep messing that it's so loud over here, I apologize i'd like to keep myself on mute okay.

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02:50:45.720 --> 02:50:51.570

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Well, the good news is my job is done so I think i'm handing this back over to someone else as we finish up or kids.

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02:50:56.250 --> 02:50:57.960

Michael Klonowski: think this one goes back to number.

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02:50:58.800 --> 02:51:00.210

Noah: Do you want to well.

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02:51:01.440 --> 02:51:08.580

Noah: For the three positions that were up President first Vice President and Secretary there there weren't any.

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02:51:09.990 --> 02:51:13.200

Noah: anybody else, so the three of them are going to stay.

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02:51:14.550 --> 02:51:14.730

Noah: there.

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02:51:15.390 --> 02:51:22.740

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Just to confirm, you do have the option if anyone wants to nominate themselves at this time, you can do that consistent with our with our bylaws.

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02:51:28.080 --> 02:51:28.770

Noah: wait a moment.

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02:51:38.430 --> 02:51:41.340

Mike Cottingham -1st VP: Okay sounds like no one, no one else is interested in running at the same time.

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02:51:42.450 --> 02:51:53.400

Noah: And so, everybody knows if you hadn't seen the packet the financials are in there on the last few pages, so if anybody wants to take a look at that or like said it said if anybody has questions they can.

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02:51:54.090 --> 02:52:09.000

Noah: contact him directly but otherwise I just want to say thanks again it's been fairly smooth I think there were some great discussions and also i'm kind of excited to see all these new amendments put in a put an action.

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02:52:12.330 --> 02:52:16.650

Noah: So if there's nothing else, I guess, make a motion to adjourn.

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02:52:17.160 --> 02:52:18.090

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: make a motion.

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02:52:18.600 --> 02:52:19.260

steve kearley tirr texans: All right.

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02:52:23.850 --> 02:52:25.020

Noah: i'll Thank you everybody.

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02:52:25.950 --> 02:52:26.760

NEP Wildcats - BillyB: Thanks guys.

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02:52:26.940 --> 02:52:28.320

steve kearley tirr texans: hey Thank you very much guys.