

HS Coaches Council Agenda – January 24, 2007

Important Dates - Kelly

- Handbook Addendum is due today
- Background form is due on February 26th
- First Day of practice is February 26th
- League and Official's Dues are due to Jessanne Allen no later than March 9th. If this does not happen, games will be forfeited until received by treasurer.
- Official Rosters must be posted by March 12th on sportability and submitted to Jessanne with league dues – Failure to meet this will result in games being forfeited until rosters are received by the league.
- State Finals are May 19th
 - **Please help us fill the a Volunteer Coordinator and Event Chair position if interested, contact Kelly**
- Next Meeting is June 5th at TOPS

Invoices – Jesanne

- Each program received and invoice for league dues – they are due March 9th
- They are set for 14 games (varsity) and 12 games (JV) so if your schedule doesn't reflect that, change it on the invoice.

Coaches Clinic – Kelly

- The rules interpretation will be Sunday
- Please register and send your information to Gail Shelton

National Convention – Lena

- Joint HS/College meeting
 - www.iwlca.org website is a great resources for recruiting
 - D-I coaches can now attend the National Tournament on Saturday
 - Creating a senior division so HS seniors can participate
 - Lena will send out information for coaches who are interested in more information from the convention – if you are interested, contact her.

Regional Team – Jan

- Tryouts will be in Oregon on Sunday, April 22nd.
- A concern for coaches is that the costs are becoming prohibitive and girls weren't participating because of this – the mandatory rules are going to be relaxed with how much time girls and coaches will have to put into practices and additional games.
- Oregon has a coach that is interested in coaching. Washington is looking for someone who has more head coaching experience or who will be a good co-coach.
- The tournament is Memorial Weekend (flying out on Thursday, returning Monday – May 24th – May 28th) in Pennsylvania.

Scheduling – Sue

- The A schedule will shift because of Bellevue's stadium – if you play at Bellevue, most likely that will shift.
- The B schedule looks good!
- We have more JV programs this year than ever, but we don't have enough coaches. There are at least 7 programs without coaches and this is complicating the schedule. Because there has been so much movement, the old JV schedule will be thrown out and a new one will be created.
- Sue MUST know any changes or issues ASAP! Especially regarding JV programs.

Game Changes – Kelly

- Any change to the schedule after they have been posted must be agreed upon by the coaches of both teams involved and the Exec. Board.
- Any change must be reported 48 hours prior to the originally scheduled day and time. It is the responsibility of the home team to contact Jan Hill. **Jan will contact the referee assignor.**
- Coaches should NOT be contacting referees – all changes go through JAN
- Failure to comply with procedures will result in forfeiture of the referee fees for that game.

Players Clinic – Craig

- February 24th at Eastlake HS
- 5ht – 8th (MS) is 9:30 – 11:30
- 9th – 12th (HS) is 12:30 – 2:30 (focusing on the basics – send beginners)
- ****We need coaches and volunteers to help with the clinic.****
- Registration will be on the website – have players sign up online!

Referees – Kelly

- Website: www.wwlua.org – this has ALL information.
- Each program needs to provide a referee or pay \$100.00 towards growing the referee pool
- USL membership – you must meet the requirements for refereeing to get a “cross participant” or “referee” status
- Minors (14-17 years old) in Washington are eligible for employment. WWLUA would work with 16 years and up but will consider applicants as young as 14. We are trying to grow the ref pool and we want to make sure coaches, players and other fans are not ripping into them. This is very appropriate
- Complaints: complaints by coaches should go directly to Kelly and NOT the referee or Lori. Kelly will communicate any concerns directly to Lori.
- New Ref Clinic on February 3rd – Val has fliers and information.

- Junior/Youth ref clinic is on the eastside on February 11th.

Board Positions – Kelly

- We need a JV league representative immediately – NEVERMIND! Talia (Overlake) has volunteered and approved!

Website Updates – Jan

- Coach's phone numbers will not be posted on the website; however they can be accessed on sportability.
- Any questions you have about the website should go through Jan. Also, if you have something that you need posted should also go through Jan.
- New sportability passwords will be distributed soon. The old passwords will go to last years schedule. When you get this new password email – be sure to CHECK YOUR JUNK MAIL in your email because last year we had issues with this happening for some coaches.

Laxfest – Michelle

- Laxfest will be June 2nd at Mercer Island.
- Please make sure you include this date as part of your schedule so girls will participate.

Code of Conduct – Michelle

- Michelle has printed out various codes of conduct that they use for their program. Jessanne also is having her various codes of conduct that they have also used.
- Both of these programs recommend using these so coaches can have a way to deal with parents/guardians, players, fans, etc when some trouble spots may come up.

Handbook Changes – Kelly

- 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 were changed to clarify “grandfathering” rule.
- 4.0-5.1.1 were updated about league movement
- 9.3.0 (last line) was struck
- 11.4.3 was adjusted to clarify home and away jerseys
 - The Exec. Board will decide a consequence for teams that do not adhere to this policy

Forest Ridge Field Decision– Kelly

- The Exec. Board has decided that any teams that are scheduled to play at Forest Ridge have an option to move the game field. The optimal solution would be to have the game moved to the other team's field. If that is not an option, they will try and provide a field. In the event that a field is not available, Forest Ridge will have to forfeit.
- This only applies to Varsity A.

Post Season Awards – Kelly

- Jamie will run the 1st and 2nd team selections

- Jamie will also collect nominations for the Team Sportsmanship Award
- Jessanne will collect nominations for Coach of the Year for VA and VB
- Lena will collect Scholastic Award Information
- Tami will do All Americans and Academic All Americans

Closing – Kelly

- Please remember that game scores must be posted the night of the game
- Individual stats should be recorded by 2pm the next day
- Please check our website (www.wslax.org) and sportability for updates frequently
- Look for emails regarding state finals, end of season awards and laxfest!