

3/30 League Committee Meeting

Attending: Andrew LeMaster, Eric Brach, Erica Kepski, Josie Ma, Meg McNamara, Joanna Whitney, Alison Yoho, Andrew Mcrae, Chelsea Baldemor, Drea Rosas, Colin Whitman, Derek Lay, Grant Boyd, Jackson Dolan, Lance Iliev, Remy Schor, Tahlia Hodes, Christi Betz

Agenda:

- Summer League updates
- Winter League survey results
- Spring Leagues potential rescheduling
- When to green-light returning to play

Summer League Updates

- Christi Betz & Joanna Whitney to run SL 2020
- Exact timing is still TBD due to COVID-19 shutdowns
- Typically try to schedule SL tournament around club tournament weekends so more players can attend. Will play this by ear depending on when we're able to get started and how club season works out.
- Need to create a theme
- General Fields update:
 - Since everything in LA is shut down, none of the field locations are accepting applications for permits. Once things get back up and running, we will look into getting fields scheduled.
 - General concern that there will be a high-demand for field spaces since so many events across LA had to be cancelled. If field space is unavailable, we may consider moving games to the beach.

Winter League Survey Results

- 87 responses out of ~350 participants
- Majority of responses from players aged 25-40
- More than 50% of responses from Club/National Beach players
- ~25% of responses from players in their first or second year of Winter League
- Glendale & Balboa fields had lowest rankings
- Need to work out some issues with sub pool process
- Need to further review open answer responses to sort through feedback
- Can we get field permits to 10:30pm so games aren't cut short
 - Likely not since most locations have light ordinances and need to shut off at 10pm.
- Looking into hiring a Field Attendant to ensure field space is cleared of other players by start of permit, set up fields, keep teams on time, and manage any safety/lighting issues so the players can focus on their games without added distractions.

- Hat League was new this year and has some kinks to work out
- Registration page called the league and Open league, but urged captains to match gender and play 4/3. Some players were disappointed that matching gender and 4/3 became more of hard rules when the league was called Open and forced womxn into more PT and restricted PT for men.
 - Too many men on each team
 - Issues with captains being able to track attendance and having hard time knowing who would actually attend causing more issues with sub pool requests
- Need to make sure expectations are met in future leagues and league structure is clearly stated and locked ahead of time.
- Option to cap number of sign ups and prioritize players who are not already registered for BYOT League to ensure fair playing time.

Rescheduling Leagues

- Spring Beach, Mini Turf, and Intro to Ultimate all had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Will prioritize flagship leagues over new leagues when looking to see what can be rescheduled for later this year.
- Intro league could become shorter series of clinics before Winter League starts.
- Mini league could go after Summer League (dates TBD) but may have drop-off with club players / overlapping club season
- Good to keep community in the loop of what we're trying to plan in advance, even if it falls through later. Shows transparency and gives heads up that leagues/events in the works.

LAOUT Flagship League Calendar

- Currently have two back-to-back BYOT leagues (Fall Beach and Winter League) which can have barrier to entry to players who don't have regular teams.
- Mini league could also go concurrent with Fall Beach to offer more playing opportunities for people who can't find teams since it's not BYOT
- Is there a way to make sure anyone who signs up for Beach league gets on a team?

Misc League Structure Notes

- Maybe make leagues shorter / smaller and push people to sign up early before capped
 - how would this affect memberships (star level pays in advance but can't get into leagues?)
 - can prioritize sign ups for people who volunteer for LAOUT / captain teams
 - restricted sign-ups could limit new players and cause barrier to entry
 - league games last 4 weeks and then new league with new registered players (who couldn't get in first round of registration) starts.

When is it okay to play again?

- General consensus is to follow CA / LA guidelines and will look to start scheduling as soon as restrictions are lifted and state/city says it's safe to play sports.

