

League Committee Meeting 12/9/19

Attending: Grant Boyd, Alison Yoho, Jackson Dolan, Thalia Hodes, Lance Iliev, Derek Lay, Andrew McRae, Chelsea Baldemor, Mark Baker, Drea Rosas, Christi Betz, Josh Saber, Brock Jensen

Spring Events & Prioritization

1) Spring Beach --

- Currently runs 6 wks (including tournament day) on Saturday mornings from mid March to early May
- Possible shift from Saturdays to Sundays
 - Would make it harder for players who attend church on Sundays.
 - Potential to shift Spring to Sundays and Fall Beach League to Saturdays (Question for FBL survey)
- Possible shift to start/end time listed below

2a) Mini League --

- Nice to have as a lead-in to Club season and attract more club players
 - Some club players may be worried about injury and not interested in playing just before season starts.
- Why will people sign up for league if they already have active mini pickup games for free?
 - Need to promote fun competition and league structure to entice players to join.
- Detailed Mini League structure listed below

2b) Introductory (Beginner) Ultimate League/Clinic Series --

- Good to have as lead in to Summer League
- Can be run alongside Mini league to share field space and allow newer players to watch higher-level ultimate.

3) Master's Tourney -- Can be relatively easily slot in on a weekend (either Saturday or Sunday opposite of Spring Beach League day once that's determined).

4) Core+Draft -- ideally in spring but may need to be pushed out due to other league/event priorities during this time.

**Santa Clarita currently working on city-run Spring League Thursday nights after Winter League ends. League will run for 10 weeks. Could conflict with regional Core+Draft leagues in area during same time.

Scheduling Suggestions

- Spring Beach league on Sundays in Month of April (\pm 1 week March/May)
 - Mini League + Concurrent Introductory (Beginner) League in Month of May (\pm 1 week April/June)
- OR swap months

@Alison Yoho to provide tentative dates for Spring Beach and Mini+Intro League with Beach League starting first.

@Jackson Dolan to provide tentative dates with Mini+Intro Leagues starting first

- Aiming to keep staggered with minimal overlap
- Reminders:
 - Beach Westerns March 28/29
 - Trouble in Vegas TBD March??
- @League Com to provide feedback on advantages/disadvantages for length of leagues, days of week, overlap, timing, etc.

Mini League Structure

- Previous events have been BYOT, 3v3 single gender, teams of 4-8, Two games/night, game to 10, 45 min max.
- Entice more club players with BYOT
 - Need free agent team?

Possible structure options

- BYOT
- Draft teams A and B divisions
- Hat teams
- Single gender 3v3
- Mixed gender 4v4

Motion to vote:

- Single Gender 3v3 (6 votes) vs Mixed Gender 4v4 (2 votes)
- Draft teams (3 votes) vs BYOT team (2 votes) -- 3 abstain

Recommendation to Board:

- Single Gender 3v3 league - either Draft or BYOT options available.
- Ask field director to start looking for field space in Spring

Fall Beach League Survey Questions

- Would you still play in FBL if moved from Saturday to Sunday?
 - Alt: which do you prefer: sat or sun?
- Ask which division did you played in? (mandatory)
- Changes to caps in A division
- Dynamic Scheduling (answer options Yes / No / Indifferent)
 - How teams felt about crossover games
 - Would you rather have a bye round or play a crossover game?
 - Would you prefer dynamic scheduling without crossover games?
- Should A and B finals happen at same time?
- Did you like the addition of water jugs? (Yes / No / Indifferent)

- Should we require at least one female captain per team? (Ask Equity Committee about question/phrasing)
- How strictly were the rules followed? Flexibility for newer players? Level of fun/seriousness/etc?
- Ask LAOUT Board for question(s) about AQI policy

**Note to make sure regulation field sizes are communicated to players/teams.

Winter League Structural Changes Discussion

- Post-Summer League survey sent to Mens league or only Mixed league?
 - Oversight to not get feedback from Mens league and other non SL players in community.
- Men's League was not a great experience
- Hard for players who are on the fringe of the Ultimate community to form teams with league required gender ratios.
- Need better structure for sharing updates with community
- Townhall meetings would help to discuss upcoming changes and get feedback

-- Possible experimental league with fixed 4/3 structure of 4 womxn/3 men to give more power to womxn on teams and on the field.