

Competition Committee Agenda

September 2020

- 1. For the 2020-2021 season, all Playoff Tie Breaker Sets described in the Championship Manual will be eliminated for all National Qualifiers and Boy's Bid events. All other PROCEDURES FOR BREAKING TIES TO DETERMINE POOL FINISH will be applicable.**

RATIONALE: This was voted on and subsequently approved by USAV for last season's events after COVID issues were considered so it would be a continuation of an already approved concept. As a health and safety issue, this prevents teams from having to stay in the facility longer than their scheduled pool play in order to participate in another match, or worse case two matches. It also eliminates the additional time in the gym for a subsequent pool that is delayed a start time because tiebreakers have to be played on that court. With the most recent tie-breaking rule changes we have already eliminated the need for a large number of previously played tie-break sets.

- 2. For the 2020-2021 season, it will be allowable for a team or athlete to play on more than 1 weekend of a multi-weekend Girl's National Qualifier. A team or athlete can still only play in 1 division on a particular weekend. All other established USAV roster rules apply.**

RATIONALE: Currently a "single qualifier" is defined as an event that operate under a single Q license, even if held on multiple weekends. A player can only participate on one roster during a **single event** and teams can only participate in one division of a **single event**.

This rule was made when most all Qs operated on one weekend. If we want to allow the most participation in this current COVID climate we need to change how this applies to multi-weekend events. It doesn't make sense to not allow a 14's team from Indianapolis to play weekend 1 of MidEast in 14 Open and then play weekend 2 in 15 USA, but rather require them to travel to Chicago or Atlanta to play in another competitive event. In past there was a concern about clubs "stacking" teams in order to acquire more bids. This has been eliminated with the frozen player rule. But this would allow clubs to manage their rosters as they see best and have more regional play opportunities.

- 3. Eliminate age waivers for boy's divisions under "14 & Under" ages.** RATIONALE: With the new July 1 cutoff date, does that fix the issues of 8th graders that had to play in 15 & Under on a higher net? BEC does not support this motion.
- 4. Change date of 18's JNC.** Is there a preference for keeping the April date, or pushing the date to late May? BEC supports keeping the dates the same based on the survey that was sent to clubs. (Attached)
- 5. Alternate Match Formats for Championship Events.** BEC has provided some match formats that will help with density. They will seek approval of these formats from USAV. (Attached)

6. Other items from the BEC:

- a. **MOTION #6A:** For 2021, If the Girls' 18's JNC remains in the month of April and if a Girls 18's Bid Event has to move off of their originally schedule date due to current state or local health issues, the latest date allowed for reporting bid winners will be no later than 11 calendar days prior to the event start date.
- b. **MOTION #6B:** For 2021, If the Girls' 18's JNC is moved to the month of May and if a Girls 18's Bid Event has to move off of their originally schedule date due to current state or local health issues, the latest date allowed for reporting bid winners will be no later than 18 calendar days prior to the event start date.
- c. **MOTION #7:** For 2021, if a Girls 11-17's Bid Event has to move off of their originally schedule date due to current state or local health issues, the latest date allowed for reporting bid winners will be no later than May 31st.
- d. **MOTION #8:** For 2021, any unused bids resulting from the cancellation of a bid event should be reallocated to the existing qualifier system rather than through an at-large process.

7. Location of GJNC 2021. – Asking for an announcement, if possible.

8. Format Change for GJNC. – No changes for 2021