

NCJLA Virtual Summer Workshop

Girls Game Session

NCJLA Staff:

- Erin Kramer, Girls Director, presenter
- Laura Jennings, Executive Director, note taker

Invited Guests:

- Angela Cherry, NCWLO

Girls Game Session Meeting Notes

1. Officials Assigning and Certification / Training
 - a. Erin Kramer presented the standards for USL and how that correlates to the NCJLA rules of play.
 - b. There was an explanation on the age an official need to be in order to officiate specific rules of play.
 - i. Key take away- junior officials must be 2 years older than the team they are officiating.
 - ii. Each region will be losing junior officials who will be graduating. (32 juniors will be graduating)
 - iii. Many officials may be living in one area but officiating in another area. Clubs should be concerned about the future ability of games to be covered by officials from out of area.
 - c. Recruiting
 - i. NCWLO- there is a real concern that public health officials may limit officials from working youth sports games in multiple counties or officiating multiple teams in one day. Clubs should be concerned about finding a local official to work their games.
 1. Idea to consider if the club is low on volunteers is to approach local companies if they have an employee community service program. Their employees can become officials and give notoriety to the company for their contributions to the community. Similar to the sponsorship of little league teams, x dollars to the community, (bragging rights)
 - ii. Phil Mannoni (Walnut Creek) can we create a Try Officiating Clinic? No pressure, just ref a fall ball game or clinic alongside a seasoned official.
 1. Erin and Laura J. that is a good idea that could easily be implemented.
 - iii. Connie Cady (Folsom)- Need to create a club level position and description for a Officials Recruiter. Sole goal is to recruit adult officials for the club.
 1. Agreed: Colleen Niklaus (Santa Cruz), Phil M. (Walnut Creek)

2. Angela Cherry (NCWLO) start volunteers off with the 8U games.
2. 14A Rules for Checking
 - a. Still not enough officials to ref at the full checking level.
 - b. Connie Cady (Folsom) need those players at 14A to be able to have full checking.
 - i. Kim Pepper (Coyotes) and Hetty Dawson (Sac) agree with Connie.
 - ii. Erin- confirmed that the players and coaches were capable of playing by full checking. Issue is with staffing those games with officials that are properly trained and rated for that skill level.
3. Rookie Division for 12U and 14U
 - a. General support for 7 v 7 format
 - i. Kim Pepper- cones would be ok for 8 meter and center line
 - ii. Alameda supports this format
 - iii. Could lower costs for officials
 - iv. Some concern about changing up format mid-season, could cause confusion
 - v. Jim Lardy- Granite Bay- in favor of 12U but not really in favor for 14U.
 1. Kim Pepper- agree with the 12U
 2. Livermore, Berkeley and Menlo Atherton in favor of 12U.
 - vi. Would the team registration fee be lower? Connor H. Pleasant Grove.
 1. Laura J- yes the NCJLA Board would have a reason to lower the fees.
 - b. Folsom- all of our fields are lined for the full field format. It would be difficult for our program to do the small field logistically.
 - c. Laura Jennings emphasized that this option would only be for 12U ROOKIE. If clubs needed to have a full-size team they could register as B Veteran.
4. Girls 10U Rules:
 - a. Uncontested Draw- Why is the NCJLA rule different?
 - i. Erin Kramer explained the NCJLA diagram.
 - ii. Connie Cady (Folsom), Kasey Nissen (Pleasanton) and Colleen Niklaus (Santa Cruz)- supports the rule, worked well.
 - iii. Consensus was that the players on defense (not clearing) should be above the 8m and are not released until the ball crosses the 8meter line that extends to the sidelines OR possession is gained by the defense (clearing team).
 - iv. Need to better define possession in this rule instance. Could it be the same as the draw possession?
 - v. Laura Jennings- need to remember that this rule is to encourage and protect the young goalies. We want them to have a role in the game and feel successful.
 - vi. Kelly French-NCJLA/Pride- what about COVID19 and shared goalie equipment?
 1. Laura Jennings-working on the Return to Play protocols. Several equipment providers have asked about disinfecting standards. Those are in progress. There is also the option to have shooting nets allowed. Would be up to the rules committee and league reps to contribute ideas.
5. Education resources:
 - a. No input at this time
6. Equipment rules:

- a. SEI stamp- need to have for 2024, must be on the certified list for 2021
 - b. Goalie Chest Protector- new for 2021
 - i. Robin Goldstone, Livermore- we received an equipment grant, are those the certified chest protectors?
 - c. Helmets:
 - i. Kim Pepper (Coyotes)- choose to send a letter to parents about option to use helmets. Lots of support from parents, coaches were not in favor.
 - 1. Could this be a barrier to lacrosse? Cost of helmet? Fear of injury?
 - ii. Could the league put out an equipment fact sheet with required versus optional equipment standards for clubs to send to parents?
 - 1. Laura Jennings- yes this is a resource the league could create.
7. How to encourage more female coaches and officials?
- a. Erin Kramer shared suggestions from PCA (Positive Coaching Alliance) and other clubs who have successful alumni programs.
 - b. Kim Pepper, Coyotes- build relationships with the parents on the side line.
 - i. Incentives to provide- the schools have a bounty for recruiting new adult coaches. They get a \$100 finders fee.
 - c. Andrea Lin-Scorpions- mentorship is critical
 - i. Small sided team format could prevent them from having an experienced partner coach?
 - ii. Provide lots of parent education about how the game of lacrosse is played so they feel comfortable coaching.
8. COVID19 Rule Modifications
- a. Laura Jennings and Eric Vota- not in favor of changing the elements of the game, better to change the number of players.
 - b. Goalies:
 - i. Depends on how many games in a day? Is there enough time between games to disinfect? (Angela Cherry- NCWLO)
 - ii. KC Nissen- Pride- in favor of goalie nets, or grants for goalie equipment.
 - iii. There is also concern about goalie gloves.
 - iv. Laura to ask board about equipment grants for goalies considering the new rules and covid19

9. Open Forum:

Phil Mannoni- will NCJLA be putting together guidance regarding reopening post COVID19?

Laura Jennings- yes- submitted our plans to USL for review last week. Waiting on legal team to review and give feedback. Clubs can check out the COVID19 resource page on the NCJLA website for current resources. <http://www.ncjla.org/Page.asp?n=118959&org=NCJLA%2EORG>