Minutes from LOTC Rules Committee Meeting 1/19/2016

Meeting held at Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Department 1500 Greentree Rd Lake Oswego,

Early off Agenda conversation topic:

1. Reviewed the City League rule regarding action to be taken when the phone rings during a match, given the phone is on the court. First ring, the player in violation gets a let and the point is replayed. Second violation by the same player is a loss of point.

Meeting Began at 2:35 pm

Attendees:

Rules Chair: Marianne Conroy

B: Linda Christeson

D: Maggie Whalen

E: Diane Hoffman (Took Minutes)

F: Dorothy Rodegerdts

G: Julie Matthews

H: Anna Salita

I: Karen Beshears

J: Michele Kreager

Topics discussed:

1. Change of wording of 50% rule for clarification: Reviewed suggested working change as written in Agenda: Proposed: LOTC City League players are expected to meet the “50% Availability Rule” – attending at least 50% of practices and being available for at least 50% of the matches. Voted 7 to 0 to approve.
2. Expanding injury absence to include general personal leave of absence. Reviewed suggested working change as written in Agenda: Voted 7 to 0 to approve.
3. Same issue as Agenda item 2, modifying second location where it’s reference in LOTC rules. Reviewed suggested working change as written in Agenda. Voted 7 to 0 to approve.
4. Clarification of Team fees: Reviewed suggested wording change as written in Agenda to clarify fees are required to be paid even if injured or on leave of absence. Voted 7 to 0 to approve. Discussion regarding adding special circumstances for financial consideration was had, but agreed Not to include.
5. Clarification regarding players who are removed from a team: Reviewed suggested wording change as written in Agenda. Voted 8 to 0 to approve.
6. Non-Agenda Item: Some side discussion regarding player stats and how players are evaluated and whether players are ever moved down. Marianne gave a summary and we reviewed the tables in the review process document. Rule 10 states captains are required to ‘provide stats to team members after the first half of the season and at the end of season.’ Proposal to change item #10 under captains to add the word ‘Team’ before stats. Voted 8 to 0 to approve.
7. Non-Agenda Item: Related to requiring players’ providing advance notice of availability. Add rule under Players section: “Communicate to captains player availability for each match at least 7 days prior to the match date.” Add as #2 to Players section. Voted 8 to 0 to approve.
8. Added Agenda topic, Not transferring players mid-season. Discussion over the city league rules vs. the LOTC rules. City League made a change to allow players moving into the area to be able to be added up until April 1. City league only allows registered mid-season player swaps or team level movement during the one week registration window. Currently there is Nothing in current LOTC rules regarding this. There’s an old rule that addressed this, but it’s not in current rules. Discussion was had over re-adding this rule. Marianne did some research and could find no notes indicating if rule was intentionally removed in the past. Because of the complexity of this issue we agreed to revisit it next rules committee meeting. It’s on the agenda for the next Board meeting.
9. No suggestions for changes for to the Review Process Document.

Meeting ended at 4:08 pm.