



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Sunday, June 22 2014
CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay– 11:00am

MINUTES

Present: Carl Niebel (UISA), Adrian Collery (HCFC), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA) via phone, Glen Murphy (GYSA), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Claudia Vachon (CVUSC)

Guest: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator),

Regrets: Sean Arbour (UISA), Tim Smith (Mid-Isle), Steve Rhodes (AVYSA) –due to miscommunication of meeting venue, Warren Cudney (OYSS), Allan Rimell (CRYSA)

Survey results – see Appendix 1:

5/7 clubs prefer having kids play Tier 3 and house – Discussion-Carl/Barrie – merits of participating in B cup and supporting development. B cup not as attractive to larger clubs, good mech. for smaller clubs, challenge not to have too many soccer events per week. Confirm club commitment to Tier 3 and including B cup if possible.

Preferred frequency of play varied by club and team.

U13 playing format – least consensus among all issues in the survey. There was not broad-based support for switching formats this year. Therefore the U13 division will proceed as 11 aside for 2014-15. There is interest, sometimes strong, sometimes mixed, in moving U13 to super 8 format in future years. The Tier 3 steering committee will move forward with this project and will set a target of having plans in place by the end of Feb 2014 for change in future seasons.

Tier 3 year end jamborees - supported by clubs

House interclub jamborees – supported by clubs, degree of interest varied across the district

Implementation of plans for 2014-15:

Playing house and Tier 3: will be optional for clubs in UISA district. CVUSC and HCFC are expected to have kids play Tier 3 only. All other clubs may have kids play house and Tier 3. UISA will submit a request for dispensation to BC soccer, to allow the practice at the smaller clubs throughout the district. **Discussion** –progress with BC soccer in considering dispensation for district to make Tier 3 teams from kids playing house eligible to form Tier 3 teams. Have also asked BC Soccer for change to youth registration process so that kids not linked to Team until cup declaration date in January.

Playing frequency: UISA will offer teams both weekly and biweekly playing options, and will schedule according to team preference.

U13 playing format: U13 will play 11 aside in 2014-15. **Discussion:** If Powell River or any other smaller clubs cannot gather a full roster, teams playing against them will adjust on game day by either a) playing a reduced number aside for that game or b) by loaning players.

UISA 8 aside development league (formerly U12 select): CVUSC sought and received support from those present (HCFC, Gabriola, PRYSA) to enter a weak U13B team in the UISA 8 aside development league, to allow for development of a bigger cohort of U13s. **Feedback from**

Christine: A reminder to all teams that those playing in the 8 aside league are not allowed to challenge for B cup. All teams in this league will be playing a regular rotation of games against each other – no age-specific streaming will be offered in 2014-15. **Discussion:** Christine asked CVUSC to consider spreading the U13s across all their 8 aside squads – Tony/Mark indicated this may not be possible due to coach limitations/preferences.

Tier 3 year-end jamborees: will be programmed for all age groups

House interclub jamborees: will be tried as a pilot program in 2014-15. One day events, with 2 games/team (or 3 short games/team) will be scheduled. Jamborees will likely be held on Sunday, as most house soccer is played on Saturday. Christine to review age groupings for house across the district, and come up with jamboree options for three age groups (one jamboree each), then contact clubs who expressed an interest in hosting. Jamboree dates may be spread throughout the season, but should not overlap with Mini World Cup.

Summary: Current planning for 2014-15

- 8 aside development - UISA Super 8 select league – open to U12 teams, plus one weak U13 team who will play against U12s, as accepted by steering committee.
- U13-18: 11 aside teams will play in the UISA league, with the option of playing weekly or biweekly.
- Tier 3 will play on Sundays.
- Tier 3 players will play house as well if the club desires.
- No standings will be kept.
- Fair play guidelines will be introduced.
- Schedule for developmental stage, not just age level: In late August teams will be scheduled for the first 3-4 weeks of play only. The schedule for the remainder of the year will mix teams with developmentally-matched competition as much as possible. Scheduling will be done separately for Oct-Dec and Jan-Mar, to allow matchups to be adjusted as the season progresses.
- Introduce house interclub jamborees for U9-12. Seek BC soccer support for field and ref costs.

Planning issues to consider for future years

Need to recruit 30 players at U12.

Need to keep bigger cohort at U13.

Change in U13 format to 8 aside.

Accommodate U11 and U8 games at all age groups (play alternate weeks in each format?).

Island Invitational Cup: Discussion – Last season, the Island Invitational tournament used a single game elimination system for qualifying teams, based on regularly scheduled league games. UISA would like your feedback on whether to continue this practice. Tier 3 reps and clubs are asked to consider their preferred format for Island Invitational playdowns (single game elimination spread throughout the season or a round robin qualifying tournament). Clubs and reps are also asked to consider how the competition could be improved, whether the finals could be better held at a different time of the season and whether the competition is suitable for all ages of youth Tier 3 players.

Please bring your feedback on this competition to the UISA GM and Tier 3 steering committee meetings on August 23, so that suggestions can be implemented for next year.

Future meetings: The committee agreed to continue meeting and to move forward with Tier 3 planning throughout the upcoming season, with meetings scheduled (approximately) quarterly.
Next meeting: August 23, 2014, just before or after the UISA GM scheduled for 11 AM at the CVUSC clubhouse in Courtenay.

UISA Executive Meetings:

Monday August 18 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday September 8 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday October 6 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday November 3 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday Dec 1 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

UISA General Meeting dates:

Tier 3 Steering Committee June 22, 2014 at the CVUSC clubhouse – 11 AM
GM-Saturday August 23, 2014 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00 am
Tier 3 steering committee August 23, 2014 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay
GM-Saturday November 22, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 AM

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

April 2015

Appendix 1: UISA Tier 3 Planning Survey June 2014

Overall: 26 responses – 23 from clubs, 3 from UISA board. 4 responses incomplete.

1) Club summaries re playing format:

AVYSA: response from exec and 2 coaches

Play Tier 3 only – supported by one third

Play Tier 3 and house – supported by two thirds

Frequency – weekly

U13 format – split between moving to super 8 later and keeping 11- aside

CRYSA: response from exec and 2 coaches

Play Tier 3 only – supported by 17%

Play Tier 3 and house – supported by 83%

Frequency – weekly or biweekly for U12, weekly for u13-18

U13 format – split between all options. Exec supports moving to super 8 later, coaches split between options of super 8 or keeping 11 aside.

CVUSC: response from exec, who also coach

Play Tier 3 only – supported by 75%

Play Tier 3 and house – supported by 25%

Frequency – weekly

U13 format –support super 8 later, may be concerned about B cup status

HCFC: response from exec and 6 coaches

Play Tier 3 only – supported by 86%

Play Tier 3 and house – supported by 14%

Frequency – weekly for U12 supported by 75%, weekly for U13-18 supported by 83%

U13 format –moving to super 8 now supported by 90%

Mid-Isle: response from exec

Play Tier 3 and house – supported

Frequency – weekly for U12, 13, biweekly for older

U13 format – support for moving to super 8 later or keeping 11- aside

OYSS: response from exec who coach

Play Tier 3 and house – supported

Frequency – biweekly

U13 format –support moving to super 8 now

PRYSA: response from exec and 3 coaches

Play Tier 3 and house – supported

Frequency – weekly for U12, split 50/50 over frequency for older groups

U13 format – split between moving to super 8 later and keeping 11- aside

Club response comments re U13 format:

Depends on what format Lower Island and the Mainland are playing. Needs to be consistent. We wish to continue playing 11 a side for upcoming season since currently that is the format these areas use.

Yes we can do so later but would like to find a loop hole or create some manageable way of working within policy for BCup

I would like to see an expanded Super 8 format that is available for both U12 & U13 but also see 11 aside play for U13 this season

I would prefer super 8 but are unsure of our clubs direction.

Our understanding from Paul West's comments on the forum page is that they'd like to see a U13 11-aside team and then remaining players join a 8-aside U12's. This works well for those communities that have a lot of players and keeps kids interested and playing at a appropriate level. In our club U13 numbers 8v8 would work out ok, since we do not have enough U13 players to field a 11v11 team (unless we get some players from another club). However, we would not be in support of the 8v8 if our U13 players are mixed with the U12 players. We would be more supportive if there was a U13 8v8 rep league and a U12 8v8 development league. We will lose some of our skilled U13 players by mixing with the U12 development in our community (We know from our meetings with parents and players that they will feel this is a step backwards - more like playing in a house league). If the case is to combine the U12 and U13 at a development 8-aside game, then our preference would be for our U13 and U14 to combine and play the 11-aside at the U14 level. Some clubs may be able to field both a 11-aside team and a 8-aside team, while others may only be able to do 1 or the other. So it is really important everyone is on the same page to ensure there is enough teams at the appropriate skill level to play each other.

2) Jamboree question summaries:

Year end jamboree for Tier 3 supported by over 90% of respondents from all clubs except PR (67%)

House interclub jamborees supported by over 75% of respondent from all clubs except HCFC (50%) and PR (62%).

Possible hosts/dates/ages for house jamborees:

PR – Sept – U6-U12

CV – Oct/Mar/Apr – U10-13

AV- Mar – U9-14

CR – May – U9-12