

SafeSport – On Ice

- Requires a change in the culture. Removal of the intimidation and/or punishment hitting.
- Proposed playing rule changes. Progressive suspension for multiple majors during the season. Addition of a misconduct to minor penalties for boarding, head contact and charging infractions.
- Release of a comprehensive set of training videos for officials.
- Concussion management
 - New diagnostic tools are being released. Child SCAT 3 for children 12 and younger. Pocket SCAT 3 for parents.
 - Impact baseline testing may no longer be required as nominal baselines have been established.
 - There is no clinical evidence that helmets or mouth guards can prevent concussions.
 - There is some evidence that neck strength can reduce the risk of sustaining a concussion.
- HUDD video was released along with a 30 sec. PSA

Growth

- Player count down because of the impact of the NHL lockout.
- Affiliate Growth Coordinator Meeting in Chicago – March 15-16
- 2 and 2 Challenge for 2013-14
 - August – “Ice Breaker” kick-off events
 - September – Welcome back week
 - October – Girls’ Hockey Weekend (IIHF)
 - November – Try Hockey For Free – Nov. 2nd
 - March – Post Olympic THFF – March 1st
 - Free registration for 1st. year players coming out of THFF events on Nov. 2nd.
 - Retention rate of programs adopting ADM is twice that of programs that don’t.

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- Delay in release of USOC training. Current schedule is late February 2013
- Affiliate SafeSport Coordinator training, March 2013
- Issues raised to date
 - Summary suspension per USA Hockey Bylaw Article 10
 - Importance of locker room monitoring
 - Co-ed locker room policies
 - Incorporating into Coaching and Officiating training
 - Looking beyond screening
 - Some complaints will never be satisfied
 - Retribution complaints
 - Suspension of players for parents bad behaviors

- Does program increase complaints
- SafeSport Website, poster, sample policies
- CA has preso that they went out to their clubs with.

Finance

- USA Hockey FY 2012
 - Revenue \$35,563,149
 - Expenses \$36,038,877
 - Net Income (\$475,728)
 - Net income 2011 (\$375,000)
- Membership fees make up 56% of revenue
- Officiating Fees Policy – Affiliate officials fees collected through USA Hockey registration process will only be disbursed through the affiliate RIC budget.
- Committee examining changes to fee structure
 - Cost of no fee for 7 and 8 - \$1,060K
 - Cost of no fee for first year 7 and 8 year olds - \$612K
 - Cost of \$100 max per household - \$254K
 - Recommendation was to defer any recommendation until registration data was available for 12-13 season

Playing Rule Changes (Recommended for approval)

- Players may not wear helmet that does not have a valid and current certification sticker
- Game misconduct to be assessed to a player in lieu of a second misconduct
- Progressive suspension for players who receive three or more major penalties for dangerous actions in the same season
- Penalty options for boarding, head contact or charging are minor plus misconduct, major plus game misconduct or match penalty. (Same as current CFB)
- Requires officials to wear half-shields

ADM

- Many affiliates are using hard cross ice dividers. Affiliate programs to subsidies purchased of dividers funded from increase in block grant.
- Four model ADM programs operating, 1 in Michigan, 2 in Colorado and 1(?) in New York.
- I participated on the committee reviewing exceptions to the cross/half ice requirement for Mites. Five exceptions requests reviewed, two forwarded to the Player Development Committee with the recommendation to approve, three were returned to the requester. Ten affiliates indicated that they will not be requesting an exception.

Respectfully Submitted,

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