



Team Representative Council Meeting Minutes

St. Louis, MO

April 27, 2016

Present:

USADB Board & Staff (non-voting)
Commissioner Christina Costello
Deputy Commissioner Benro Ogunyipe
Secretary James Powell
National Program Director Chuck Wallace

Executive Committee (non-voting)

Robert Love, CAAD President
Robert Lester, MAAD Representative
Nathan Boyes, NWADB Representative
Jose Amador, SWBAD Interim Commissioner

Team Representatives

Alexandria Pucciarelli, Eastern Storm (EAAD)
Sarah Faber, CPD – Lady Panthers (CAAD)
Danny Gabel, Showstoppers (EAAD)
James Ginis, Lexington Empire City (EAAD)
Shaquana McDonough, Lexington Lady Liberty (EAAD)
Roy Scherling, L.A.D. Lincoln, NE (MAAD)
John Perry, DMV Diplomats (EAAD)
Kevin Parham, AZ Desert Fire (LACD) (FAAD)
Shawn Self, SE Hoopstars, (SEAAD)
Jonathan Ramser, Louisville Hands (CAAD)
Alternate: Jordan Ramser, Louisville Hands (CAAD)
Leon Baker, St. Louis (MAAD)
Mathew Miller, Fanwood Athletic Association (EAAD)
Arturo Iniguez, Texas Outlaws (SWBAD)

Guests:

Pam Brannan, SWAAD Commissioner

Commissioner Costello called the meeting to order at 1:04pm

Commissioner Costello reviewed the House Rules. Meeting format changed. This meeting covers tournament itself (brackets, rules, etc). It is almost like the former Coaches Meeting that was held after the House of Delegates meeting. Any motions regarding USADB bylaws made here will be referred to the Executive Committee which meets after this.

Commissioner Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance

National Program Director (Tournament Director) Chuck Wallace thanked the teams for coming and identified the teams playing in the tournament. Sixteen men's teams and five women's teams are playing in this tournament. When the men's bracket was announced, there were 17 teams on it but one men's team dropped out recently. The bracket may change depending on the wishes of the teams during this meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Benro Ogunyipe reviewed the tournament rules and areas of concern the teams need to consider and address. All motions made in this meeting will be reviewed by the Executive Committee which meets after this meeting.

Benro reviewed the meeting concept from House of Delegates (HoD) to Team Representative Council (TRC). TRC focuses on the tournament itself; like rules, brackets, etc.

We will first clarify the how many players to add to a team after the deadline but before the final "cut off" deadline.

We will review and select the final bracket for the men's division due to a team dropping out a few days prior to the tournament.

Add/Replace Players:

Suppose we have a team with 5 players and 2 FAs is coming. The team is allowed to add 3 more players (at \$25/player) to the roster but not more FAs.

The deadline to add/replace players on a roster is 2 weeks before the tournament to give us time to get the program book ready and to prepare statistical charts and scoresheets for the tournament.

Brackets

Team representatives desire to have the final bracket 2 weeks prior to the tournament.

Having an odd number of teams in a bracket makes it complicated and difficult to schedule. We strive to guarantee at least 3 games per team. In this case, changing from a 17 team to 16 team bracket will guarantee teams at least 4 games.

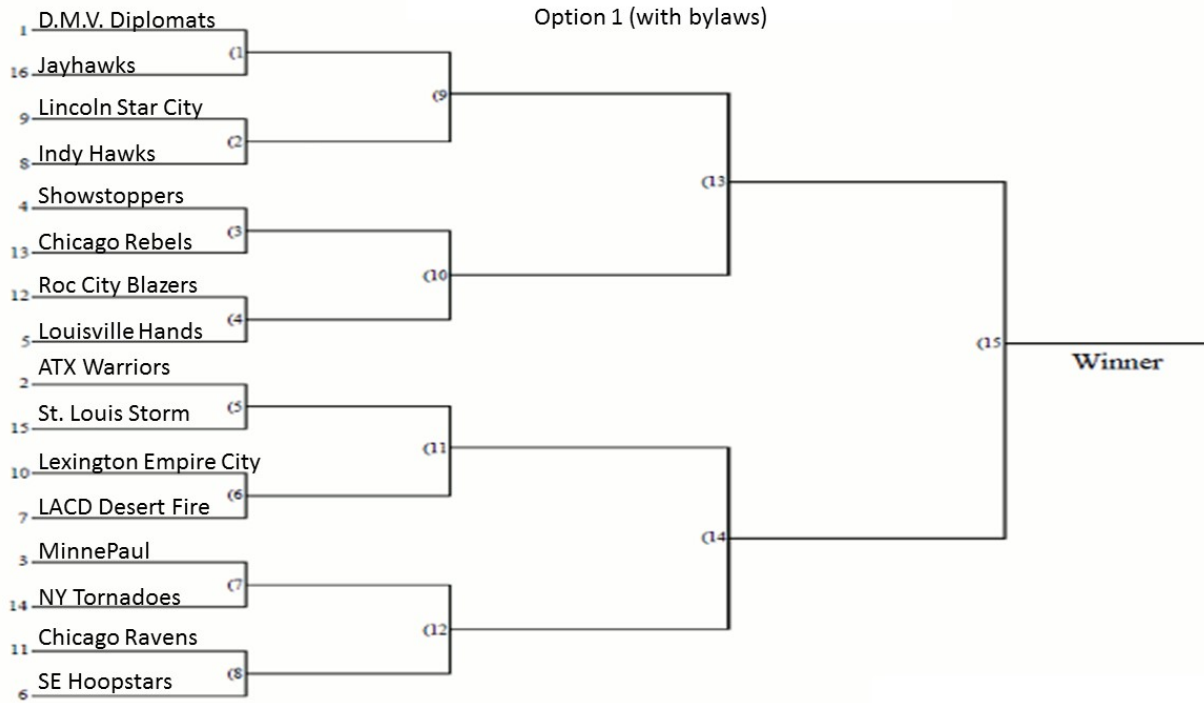
Chuck said that the women's bracket is final – there are only 5 teams and all 5 women's teams are coming.

The seeding committee created a 17 team bracket for the men's division. A few days before the tournament, a team dropped out which impacted the bracket and scheduling. USADB prepared 3 options and left the final decision to the men's teams.

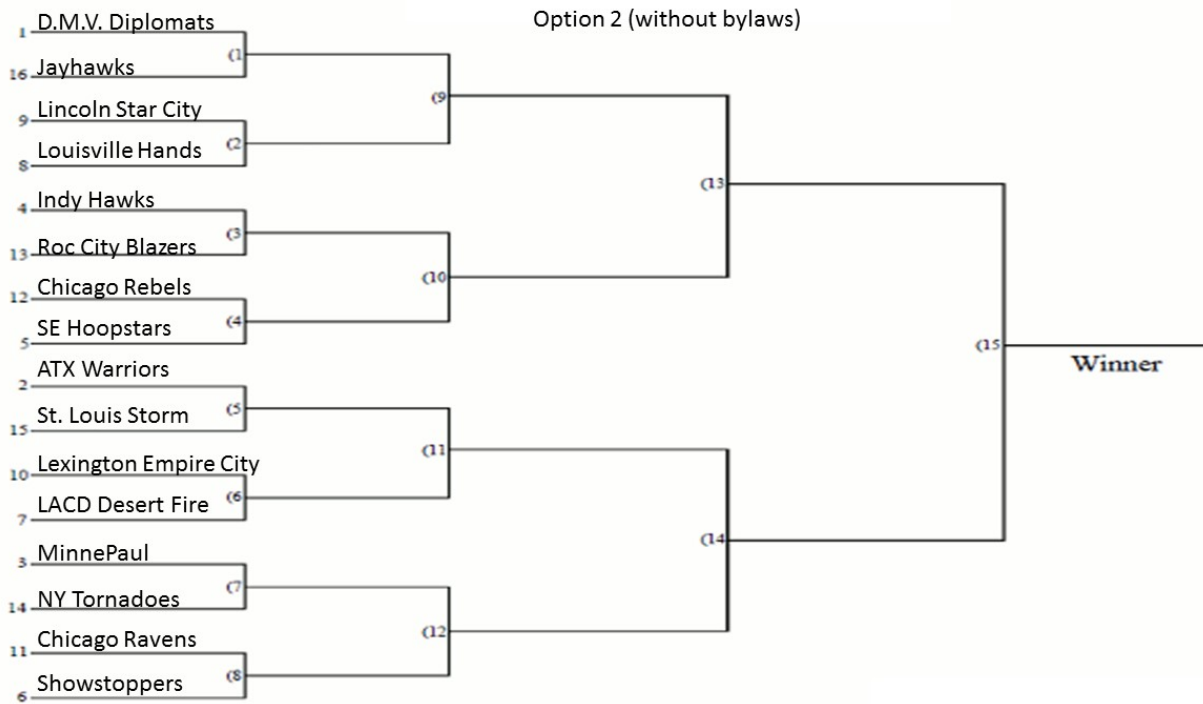
- Three options were presented to the team representatives
 - Option A: 16 team bracket, follows seeding rules
 - Option B: 16 team bracket, does not follow seeding rules
 - Option C: Seeding Committee recommendation

Five-minutes recess to allow representatives to discuss options

Option A



Option B



Option C

16 Team Single Elimination



MOTION: Remove option A. **CARRIED** 8-0

Voting on the remaining options:

Option B received 5 votes

Option C received 3 votes

So, the representatives selected **Option B**, the 16 team bracket that does not follow the seeding rules as the final men's bracket for the tournament.

Indy Hawks Free Agent Issue

MOTION: Showstoppers moved that Indy Hawks coach to pick 2 FAs out of the 5 on the roster prior to tournament play. **CARRIED** 7-1

ACTION: USADB will notify the Indy Hawks team coach of this motion so he is prepared.

NEW BUSINESS

Free Agent (FA) rules and regulations

We discussed the need for Free Agents – especially for women's teams. By general consensus, we will leave women FAs as is.

MOTION: Keep Free Agents (FA) (in Men's division) **CARRIED** 4-2

MOTION: Establish a task force to study the women's FA issue including teams having more than 2 Deaflympics players. **CARRIED** 4-2

Seeding Procedures

There has been much debate on social media about this. USADB proposed 4 options to select and based on the selected option, we will revise our seeding procedures.

Option 1: Blind Draw

Option 2: Group Draw

Option 3: Top 8 seeded Draw

Option 4: Power Seeding

The votes were tallied by a show of hands as follows:

Option 1: Blind Draw	0 votes
Option 2: Group Draw	9 votes
Option 3: Top 8 seeded Draw	8 votes
Option 4: Power Seeding	0 votes

Seeding by Group Draw wins

Free Agent Residency Rules

We presented a chart of what documents we will accept to validate the residency rules of players on rosters, if questioned.

MOTION: Remove #2 from the rules. **CARRIED**

Team Registration Rules

MOTION: Eastern Storm moved to accept the Team Registration Rules as presented.
CARRIED

Team Registration Rules #2 (Deadlines)

MOTION: Remove the last numbered item. **CARRIED**

Women Region Tournament

In an effort to get more women teams to compete/play, should USADB consider, in collaboration with regions:

Split women teams from 8 regions into 4 region tournaments:

Example:

North Region Tourney

 CAAD & MAAD Women Tournament

East Region Tourney

 EAAD & NEAAD Women Tournament

South Region Tourney

 SEAAD & SWBAD Women Tournament

West Region Tourney
 NWBAD & FAAD Women Tournament

Two years' trial for affiliated regions only.

It was decided the concept is not needed at this time.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNED at 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

James Powell
USADB Secretary