

Minutes of NVASA Captains Meeting 6/26/05

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commencing approx. 3:15pm

Agenda Distributed

Roll Call

Introductions

Exec. Committee Information:

Nabeel - recommended avoiding outside (legal) council if possible

Lou - [handed out constitutions to captains]
Commented - constitutions good; league should be specific with actions
focused on Article V, s. 2 & 4

Nabeel- captains need to read constitution and items outlines in agenda
*disciplinary panel (DP) will list infraction and state decisions only;
avoid lengthy explanations
*particulars (rulings) of incident will be on a case-by-case basis

League Actions:

Focus on: Team Offenses/Offenses Addressed
* 3 yellow cards - automatic suspensions (Art. XIV, s. 1 & 2)
*offenses listed by severity (read aloud)
*swearing - not tolerated/ or dependent on situation?
[discussion opens to room]

1. Foul and Abusive Language

- A. Eric - it *will* be refs' decisions, but tell them to be lenient
- B. Lou - Spanish cursing becomes an issue
- C. Nabeel - players should control; watch at whom it's directed;
players should be made aware of refs' tolerance levels
- D. (red shirt) - decision made by captains won't change refs/not cut & dry
- E. Rick,Zan,Phil - warning is good/set minimums lower for cursing/
Let DP make decisions
- F. Lou- concurs - trust DP
- G. Nabeel- we can tell refs what contexts to allow
- H. Len - "foul & abusive" is context/attitude, not words; let panel decide
- I. Nabeel - so, league will not instruct refs
- J. (navy blue)- refs should give warning; let players know
- K. Len & Nab.-backgrounds affect tolerance, so let refs decide
- L. Eric - refs need to document context, otherwise, trouble for panel
leave penalty at one game for a red card

Vote (Foul & Abusive Lang.)

Passed - reduced penalty minimum to one game

2. Serious Foul Play

- A. Zanna - What is...?
(responses - slide tackles, clip from behind)
- B. Eric - if foul causes injury - kick out for the season
- C. no - ex. Nabeel (leg) - not a foul play
- D. "violent conduct" is different from "foul play"
- E. Len - slower player sweeping leg is a foul (ball is not in play)
- F. Zanna - harsh penalty could hurt nice players; let panel decide
- G. Blunt - concurs with Zanna
- H. (red shirt)- violent... [lost comment]
- I. Nabeel - how many games to penalize for "serious foul play"?
- J. (orange shirt) - "Will the panel's decisions be overturned again?"
- K. Nabeel - "No."
captains should set guidelines for DP - "they're your players"
- L. one game minimum for all red cards - then DP decides
could there be e-mail discussions for DP?
- M. what is the process for reports going to DP? (8 on DP)
(response: reports go to Len, who reviews, then they go to DP)
(8 on DP; panel changes each season with exceptions for conflict)
- N. Nabeel - if minimums left off, should we leave on severities?
- O. (orange shirt) - setting severities could bump up subsequent punishments
- P. Nabeel - inform players
(captain concurs)

Vote (all Team Offenses)

Passed - in constitution, list the offenses that DP addresses, but list no penalties beyond a one game suspension (for a red card)

Other Business:

DP Chief - Lou stands down; new Chief needed

- Chief's role: 1. Get accounts together 2. No vote on DP, unless breaking tie
- Chief does not need to be a captain
- **interested parties should contact Nabeel;**
position to be filled pending official resignation of Lou
 1. Lou suggests Rob Robertson (Hidden Dragons)
 2. Zanna (Green Watch) volunteers

Forfeits

- **Captains note: 3 forfeits - team could be fined**
 1. Len - this avoids "halftime walk-outs"

Constitution Changes (Lou)

Article XIII, s. 11 & 13

Vote (s. 11 - minimum number of players to start)

Passed - keep at 7 players

Vote (s.13 - grace period before game)

Passed - change to 15 minutes (from 10 min.)

Happy Hours

- **Reminder to league - every Tuesday at Kilroy's** ("the more we spend, the more we get")
- **Any HH receipts (Tuesday or otherwise) - give receipts to captains to be turned in**

Financial (Phil)

- **Fees from:**
 1. **Cysive United - need in full**
 2. **Desperados - need in full**
 3. **Yellow Snow - need half**
 4. **FC Dynamite - need 1/3**
- **ASAP!**

Miscellaneous (Lou)

- **Captains, be careful when turning in addresses, numbers, etc. - be accurate with information**

Meeting adjourned - 4:44pm