

10.03.2023 NEISA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Action Items & New Business

I. NEISA Specific Business

A. Discussion on Second Teams at NEISA A-Level Events

1. Discussion on the practice of having second teams at NEISA A level events.
2. Concerns were raised about the competitive advantage it gives to certain teams, especially those with the resources and location to add a second team late or host an event early in the season.
3. The conference is divided on this issue, with some members supporting the inclusion of second teams to fill event rosters and others opposing it for the sake of maintaining competitive balance.
4. Speakers' Opinions
 - a) Jeff: Emphasised the need for roster limits to maintain competitive balance.
 - b) Mike: Opposed the inclusion of second teams at A-level events.
 - c) John: Supported filling event rosters but was open to restrictions at higher-level events.
 - d) Justin: Highlighted the need for a clear process for adding second teams and suggested preserving single team participation at top-tier inter-conference events.
 - e) Caroline: Stressed the importance of a consistent rule for selecting second teams.

B. Umpire Surcharge for Championship Level Events

1. A \$400 surcharge was approved for all conference championships to pay for umpires.
2. A \$225 surcharge was approved for other significant events, including open and women singles and ACC first and second rounds hosted by NEISA.

3. The conference is working to improve the level of judging and umpiring, which requires additional funding.

C. Proposal to Include Umpires in Single-Handed Nationals

1. Issues of unpenalized fouls at the pin end during single-handed nationals were raised.
2. A proposal to include umpires or more active on-the-water judging was suggested to be forwarded to the competition committee for consideration.

D. Ethical Concerns in Sailing Conduct

1. Instances of unethical conduct and cheating were reported at various levels of competition.
2. Coaches are encouraged to instill ethical conduct in their teams and ensure that rules are followed.

II. Action Items

- A. For Second Teams Issue: Further discussions and potential voting in future meetings to reach a consensus.
- B. For Umpiring: Explore the feasibility of including umpires in more events, especially premier ones like the Danmark, and refine the process of umpire selection and payment.
 1. The conference will consider expanding the list of events with umpire surcharges and work on improving the process of selecting and hiring umpires.
- C. For Ethical Conduct: Coaches to reinforce the importance of ethical conduct and fair play among team members.

III. Closing

- A. If you need to speak with Frank, contact him for with a call or text
 1. Primarily Monday and Wednesday or in the morning for best results

Meeting Adjourned at _____