2019 MCAC Volleyball

Coaches' Preseason Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: ARCC, Century, CLC, FDL, HCC, ICC, MRC, MSFF, RRCC, RC, RCTC, SCTCC, VCC.

Guests: **Major Murray**, USMC; HUDL Volleyball Rep; **Bill Moore**, Nicklasson Athletics Company

USMC: The MCAC and USMC will continue to partner in 2019-20. The goal of the USMC is to produce Marines who will win our nations battles and return as good citizens. Student-athletes often make great Marines and the USMC offers a great career path for those interested. The USMC recruiting office at Fort Snelling is seeking to improve awareness of the USMC as an option; there are very few Marine bases in the Midwest, so it is important to the USMC to be seen in public, working with young people and sport organizations. There are several free resources for athletic departments from the USMC, including the Educators Workshop (flyer attached) and Leadership Cohesion Exercise. These are free and a great resources for staff and student-athlete development.

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HUDL Volleyball: Hudl currently works with several MCAC programs. Hudl offers a specialized stats tracker platform in volleyball through a recent acquisition. Programs that used Krossover previously should know Hudl will honor those services through the end of this season; Krossover services will be sun-setted at the end of this year. Conference office noted it is in the best interest of coaches to speak with their admins to explore cost-effective ways to bundle Hudl services to include volleyball; currently the MCAC has mandatory film exchange in football and M/W basketball. Casey Northcraft, HUDL: casey.northcraft@hudl.com

Nicklasson Athletics Company: Bill Moore will be the primary point of contact for Nicklasson and Adidas for MCAC programs. Teams/programs which sign with Nicklasson in the future can accumulate promotional dollars for products for staff and team, and use team store platforms as fundraising mechanism. It is Bill's goal to be on campus 3X a year for MCAC programs; with the NJCAA – Adidas agreement, MCAC schools can significantly elevate their recruiting and community presence with Adidas products. Bill Moore: bill@nacnorth.com

Agenda Items:

'19 Crossover Tournament @ SCTCC: Heidi Smith noted that a new schedule has been produced as some teams have had to drop out of the tournament. Concerns noted that NCTC may not be able to field a team this fall; the Conference office will be circulating a communication regarding team viability to all programs later this week. Also noted that if participating colleges have students, managers, etc. that are on Federal Work Study, they can work the tournament and be paid for their time. Please let Coach Smith know ASAP so that the tournament can be fully staff and your students can take advantage of this opportunity. Reported by the Conference office that the USMC will be on site with representatives; please take time to introduce coaches and team leaders to the USMC reps.

'19 NJCAA Score & Result Reporting: A reminder to all coaches and admin that programs need to record results and upload box scores as soon as possible after a match. The NJCAA Presto portal feeds the Conference website in terms of updated scores, standings, etc. Coaches should text/email the Conference office if they observe a mistake or have questions. Also, if scores are reported, the Conference office will report them on social media feeds. Coaches new to the league should run a practice score reporting and box score upload to be familiar with the process.

MCAC / Nicklasson Athlete of the Week: This year, Nicklasson Athletic & Adidas will be the sponsor of the Athlete of the Week and Coach of the Year awards. T-shirts (athletes) and sweatshirts (coaches) will be awarded in selected sports and these items will be available for purchase for all who earn these awards. In selected situations, the USMC will deliver the shirts and certificates on campus; please make sure to have the campus take pictures and share this info with the Conference office. Please note that the award has been moved from "Player" of the Week to 'Athlete of the Week' in all sports in the MCAC.

NJCAA Region XIII: A heads up that Region XIII is under new leadership; Dan Mertens, AD and WBB coach at Lake Region State is the new Director. Rosalie Hayenga (MnWest) remains as the Assistant Director. As MCAC competition moves towards post-season, a reminder that playoffs are Region competitions, rather than Conference play. Please be on the lookout for and responsive to communication from Dan and/or Rosalie. A reminder that Abby Crowser, HC at MSFF, serves as the Volleyball Coaches president.

MCAC Fall Meetings: The MCAC and Region XIII fall meetings are on Tuesday, Sept. 17; they will be a hybrid Zoom-in person format, with the in-person meetings hosted in Blaine, MN. Be sure to communicate with your AD/AC or Admin Rep on items or issues in your sport that would you like to see on the agenda.

MCAC Website/Sport Code/Icons: With the addition of Century College and Alex Tech, Presto is working on some glitches in the website. Currently, the college icons are not correct, the sport code link reflects last year's code and there are some other small issues. Presto hopes to have this resolved this week.

'20 MCAC Schedule: A reminder that in Fall '20, Century will be a full member of the MCAC in volleyball and will be built into the MCAC Southern Division Schedule. Additionally, if dates in your '19 schedule open up, please consider adding Century if they are available.

Other Items As Presented:

Mel Millerbernd (Rainy River) discussed the possibility of providing DVD's of matches. The Northern Division coaches will communicate via email on this topic. Noted by Jane Peterson (CLC) that a Hudl Conference exchange would allow for better and quicker film exchange.

A reminder to complete the '19 MCAC Volleyball Preview and Coaches Poll.

Thanks to all and congratulations to the new coaches in the MCAC. Best of luck to all as the season gets underway soon.

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