2019 MCAC M/W Soccer

Coaches' Preseason Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: ARCC, Lake Superior, Riverland, RCTC, MnWest

Guests: **Major Murray**, USMC; Casey Northcraft HUDL 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. Several football teams in the MCAC have had the USMC on their campus to run programs.

USMC Contacts: Capt. Reese & Sgt. Reif: brandon.reese2@marines.usmc.mil and Michelle.Reif@marines.usmc.mil

HUDL Football: Hudl offers a specialized stats tracker platform (Hudl Assist) in soccer through a recent acquisition. The 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 other sports to lower overall cost. Currently the MCAC only 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. Nicklasson has been a strong company in the 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:

NJCAA / NCAA Soccer Rules Differences: Many of our crews come from NCAA backgrounds. It is important to remind them of the NJCAA differences in terms of substitutions allowed in both halves, the NJCAA card accumulation roster and last 5 minutes of game clock management, among others.

Important: It is a best practice to have both the NCAA Soccer Rules book and the NJCAA Soccer Handbook pages available on sideline.

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.

Important: Historically in soccer in the MCAC, coaches have been slow to nominate athletes for these awards. Please help promote the sport by nominating and feel free to nominate using a narrative for players who do not have impressive stats, due to position (MF, DEF, etc.)

'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 contest. Home team is responsible for posting of stats; away team should communicate with home team and review box scores for errors. 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 via text, email, the Conference office will report them on social media feeds.

Important: Coaches new to the league should run a practice score reporting and box score upload to be familiar with the process.

Important: In some stat platforms, if a college edits their side of a box-score after it has been posted, it may pull-down the stats for their opponent. **It is the coaches responsibly to be sure box scores are visible and accurate after any edits.**

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.

MCAC Important Forms: A reminder that if an ejection occurs in a contest, BOTH colleges must complete the NJCAA Ejection Report. This is the case in all ejections. Ejected players must leave the facility and be out of sight and sound; for visiting team, this may be the team bus or other space. It is the duty of the team with ejected players to be escorted, even if it is a staff coach or other staff member. Schools which fail to follow ejection protocol may be subject to further fines or sanctions by the NJCAA.

Important: Coaches and colleges should have in place a plan for how to deal with ejections for both home and away contests. Be proactive in this process to avoid further issues this fall.

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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