

USAFL Call 6-23-22

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Revolution

Revolution Team is set for 49th Parallel Cup with 24 listed. Requirement to enter Canada to be confirmed.

Despite disappointment of the IC being cancelled, Year to date is positive with a camp in Houston, a game in Austin (vs Austin Crows) and a game vs Canada.

Noted that trip to Canada is very expensive for most players, flights, travel costs.

Preparing for 25th anniversary.

Due to travel costs and other challenges, USAFL media will not be able to attend. Media to check with AFL Canada.

Freedom (Via Email)

Difficult decision to cancel 2022 training camp due to rising costs and options for the camp

In terms of 2022, coaches will continue to scout for players through Nationals.

In terms of 2023, opening the training camp to a larger group of women to get more interest and involvement in the program. Our plan is to host a camp in early April (mandatory attendance for team selection) to select the team that will compete in the tournament in August.

Umpire Association

UA is reviewing the game NY vs DC W with Field Umpires. DC has filed several requests to review the game, two incidents in particular.

UA need a few more field umpires for Western Regional. Still short to cover all games with 2 Field Umpires.

Planning for huddle before all game for emphasis on Safety and review sling tackles

Board requested for Caution/Ejection report to be sent to the Board.

Website/IT

Some initial challenges with Season Pass and Tournament fee transactions. However, with early review of score sheets, most were corrected prior to start of the tournaments. Eastern challenges were mostly corrected for Central.

Started to work on improvements for next year.

Working on items for 25th Anniversary and Gala.

Will start working on Mobile Friendly app for USAFL Web Site.

Media

- Eastern
 - Some challenges with the video coverage
 - No volunteers from Clubs for most of the day
 - Considered as part of the Umpiring Duties, no show
- Central
 - Scaffolding was not big enough for 2 and was placed in the Sun
 - Volunteers ok, all the games were supported
 - Commentaries on one game only; Board agreed to post footage only with no commentaries
 - 30 minutes breaks in between game very helpful
- Western
 - Will be attending Western Regional
 - Reviewing/preparing for Video coverage
 - USAFL to remind Clubs to provide video support
- 25th Anniversary
 - Work in progress
 - Documentary in progress looks great
 - Gala

Women Association

- Competition was good
- Great feedback with all-comers game
- Would like same model for next year
- Western could be open to outside players
- Questions about Freedom program
- Social Media, working with Brian

Financials Update

Trend is positive. Regionals and Memberships are flowing in well. Several sponsorships already collected.

SBA Loan payment deferred to December 2022. No exposure currently. Board agreed to retain the loan until after Nationals to have comprehensive financials picture of 2022 leading into 2023.

Operations

Submitted proposal for Nationals 2023 – USAFL Board to review – Board majority in favor. USAFL to engage portfolio prior to announcement.

Open

Constitution redraft is doing well. Draft is in good shape.

Potential overlap with Discipline framework submitted 5/4/2022. Must be incorporated and/or aligned with review of bylaws.

Engage Clubs to review flights, travel arrangements to Nationals. Board agrees and will communicate right after Western Regionals (7/16).

Request to develop transgender policy.

Clarification on updated steps for Covid19 infection.

Some concerns for Regionals with increased flight costs into Denver

Develop simple framework, policy for out of region players.

Expecting recap of Central Regionals.

Completion of the Disciplinary Framework.

Club Level/Matrix draft document to be submitted to the Board for review