



ACHA Division 3 Breakout Minutes

2009 Annual Meeting Agenda

Men's Division 3 Session

April 26, 2009

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, Naples, FL

Call to Order at 8:02 am

Report of the Referee-in-Chief: Shane Hanlon

- Explanation of ACHA Referee program
- Participating Referee's received a ACHA rules test and NCAA Referee DVD
- Asked the membership to insist on local referee's to participate in program

Presentation and Discussion of Proposals

- 1) Payment of Dues - \$1,150. \$200 of dues paid by each team will be earmarked for regional and national tournament costs. \$100 of the dues earmarked for the ACHA D3 Select Team. Dues must be paid to the ACHA Treasurer by September 30.
 - Chris Van Timmeren (Hope) /Scott Solomon (Albany)
 - Motion by Richmond, Second by Old Dominion
 - **PASSED** (36-0)
- 2) Funds from the \$200 supplemental dues paid by Men's Division 3 teams shall be used primarily for offsetting the cost of Regional Tournaments. Each Region shall be allocated no less than 20% of the total sum collected (\$200 X # of M3 teams) to be used to offset costs associated with Regional Tournaments, and/or to reduce the cost for participating teams, including but not limited to facility rental fees (ice), official's fees, tournament staff fees, awards, lodging, or other tournament costs as designated by the Regional coordinator and approved by the Division Commissioner. Each Men's Division 3 Region shall be allocated these funds regardless of whether any regional tournament or other associated costs have been paid for or offset by a municipality, host, or other sponsor. The remaining funds not used toward Regional Tournaments shall be used as needed for the Men's Division 3 National Tournament, or held in escrow for use towards future Men's Division 3 Regional or National Tournaments.
 - John Hoos (Georgia)
 - Motion by Albany, Second by Hope
 - **Failed** (14-22)
- 3) Any team found by the ACHA to have used ineligible players and that has not self reported the use of ineligible players by November 15th will automatically be removed from the rankings for the rest of that season (and therefore will not be eligible for the Regional or National tournament). If a team does self-report or has other extenuating circumstances, it will be up to the Commissioner to decide their eligibility for rankings, Regional and National Tournament.
 - Chris Van Timmeren (Hope)
 - Motion by Albany, Second by Davenport
 - **PASSED** (34-2)
- 4) For schools that solely grant two year degrees, a player shall not be able to participate in athletics (hockey) more than six (6) semesters. A season of eligibility is defined in (Section II, B, 6).
 - Brian Charito (Fresno State)
 - Motion by Albany, Second by Saginaw Valley State
 - **Failed** (15-21)
- 5) Men's Division 3 student athletes shall be limited to ten (10) semesters of eligibility. If, however, the student athlete was on an NCAA or Canadian University (CIAU) roster at any level, at anytime, or an ACHA Men's Division 1 or 2 roster at any time, the student athlete is restricted to the following number

of semesters of ACHA Men's Division 3 play, minus his time with the prior NCAA, Canadian University (CIAU) or ACHA program. Players are limited to 5 post-seasons of play.

- NCAA/CIAU - eight (8) semesters
 - ACHA Division 1 - eight (8) semesters
 - ACHA Division 2 - ten (10) semesters.
 - Chris Van Timmeren (Hope) /Scott Solomon (Albany)
 - Motion by Davenport, Second by Central Florida
 - **PASSED** (34-2)
- 6) To the proposed rule change: 3. In order for a Men's Division 3 player to be eligible for Regional and National play, the student athlete must have played in a minimum of 3 regular season games prior to Final Ranking.
- Explanation: This proposal, if passed, would help ensure that players on a team are actually regular players on a team and are not added right before the Regional and National tournaments. The rule as it stands now, states that a player must be on the roster by Jan. 31. Technically a player could have not played one game all season and if their team was given an automatic bid to the national tournament would be eligible for national (or regional) play.
 - Six games is a reasonable amount of games to ask that a player be dressed and on the ice. A requirement of more than 6 and it would be difficult for a player to get the necessary amount of games in if they were to transfer or start playing in the Winter/Spring semester. Also, if a player is injured in the first half of the season, it gives the player enough time to heal and get the remaining number of games in by January 31.
 - In the 2008-09 season, Men's Division 3 teams needed to play in 16 games in order to be eligible for rankings. If the requirement for a minimum number of games was less than 6 games, that would allow a player to play in less than 38% of the games in that season.
 - JP Gale (CSU Northridge)
 - Motion by Georgia, Second by Hope
 - **Failed** (2-34)
- 7) Prior to October 31st, a rostered D3 player is allowed to play a limited number of games [up to 3] with an ACHA non-D3 team. Once that player has played 4 games with an ACHA non-D3 team, they will not be eligible to return to the D3 team. The D3 team is limited to receiving a maximum of 3 players per semester. Players that are moved must be in their 1st semester at their school to be moved.
- For new players player to the ACHA that are starting in January, are also allowed up to 3 games at a higher level, but the cutoff date will be January 31.
 - To move a player across Divisions, the team must notify the appropriate ACHA commissioner in writing prior to the player participating with the new team.
 - Bob Brinkworth (FGCU)
 - Motion by Saginaw Valley State, Second by Albany
 - **PASSED** (33-2-1)
- 8) The Men's Division 3 National Tournament format shall consist of a single tournament involving sixteen (16) teams and will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The sixteen (16) team field shall consist of the top four (4) ranked teams from each of the final pre-tournament rankings of the four (4) geographic regions. National Championship will be March 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2010.
- Chris Van Timmeren (Hope)
 - Motion by Dordt, Second by Georgia
 - **PASSED** (35-0-1)
- 9) National Tournament Format (See Addendum #1)
- Chris Van Timmeren (Hope) /Scott Solomon (Albany)
 - Motion by Grand Valley State, Second by Davenport
 - **PASSED** (33-2-1)
- 10) Regional Tournament Format:

- In case of a tie games at the end of regulation time, the game will be played to conclusion. There will be a resurface after the 3rd period and each of the overtimes. Goalies will switch ends starting in the second overtime.
- Consolation games are not required and will be up to the Commissioner, Vice President and Regional Coordinators based on Tournament locations for each individual Region. If there are consolation games, regular season tie game protocol will be used.
- Overtime play will be 5-on-5 format.
- Chris Van Timmeren (Hope)
- Motion by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Second by Loyola College
- **PASSED** (34-1-1)

11) Housekeeping Items

- Teams participating at the Men’s Division 3 Regional and National Tournaments may dress nineteen (19) skaters and three (3) goaltenders, or, twenty (20) skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
 - Motion by Northwood, Second by Calvin
- Division 3 Coach of the Year, travel expense to participate at the Naples. This will include Airfare, Lodging and reasonable car rental. This will be paid out of the Division 3 post-season fund. The Division 3 Commissioner will arrange travel.
 - Motion by Hope, Second by South Carolina
- Remove: Regional Tournaments - G. Should there be a National Tournament Host team, that team shall receive either one of TWO Nationals/Regional automatic byes. Team Ranked second in this Region will move into third slot for Regional Playoffs.
 - Motion by Old Dominion, Second by Georgia Tech
- Regional Playoffs will be held Feb 19 and 20, 2010.
 - Motion by Salisbury, Second by Richard Stockton
- Final Regular Season Ranking will be games through Feb. 7, 2010.
 - Motion by Florida Atlantic University, Second by Georgia Tech

Report of the Division 3 Vice President: Sam Kelly

National Championship Recognition:

Saginaw Valley State (Champion) – Florida Gulf Coast (Runner-up)

National Tournament Recap: Rick Kaminski

National Tournament Site for 2009-2010

Florida Gulf Coast University

Fort Meyers, Florida

Championship will be March 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2010.

National Tournament Pool Selection:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Atlantic #1	Pacific #1	North #1	South #1
South #2	North #2	Pacific #2	Atlantic #2
Pacific #3	Atlantic #3	South #3	North #3
North #4	South #4	Atlantic #4	Pacific #4

Division 3 Vice-President Vote: Sam Kelly/Scott Solomon

Sam Kelly was re-elected as the Division 3 VP

Meeting dismissed at 12:20pm.

Addendum #1

National Tournament:

1. Pool play will be used in the National Tournament. The 4 days will be as follows:
 - a. Wednesday - Seeds (#1 vs. #4) & (#2 vs. #3) in each pool
 - b. Thursday - Seeds (#1 vs. #3) & (#2 vs. #4) in each pool
 - c. Friday - Seeds (#1 vs. #2) & (#3 vs. #4) in each pool
 - d. Saturday - Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner and Pool C vs. Pool D winner in the morning (time to be determined by host).

The must be 7 hours off between the end of the semi final and the start of the championship game. The championship game will be the two winners playing in the evening.

Also on Saturday afternoon, will be an All Star game. Pool A All Stars vs. Pool B All Stars and Pool C All Stars vs. Pool D All Stars. 3 forward, 2 defensemen and 1 goalie from each team. The 4 semi final teams are ineligible for this event.

2. In case of a tie games at the end of regulation time, a ten-minute overtime shall be played in all preliminary games (Wed-Fri) and will be 5 on 5. Semi final and Championship games will be 20-minute periods until a winner is determined. There will be a resurface after the 3rd period and each of the overtimes. Goalies will switch ends starting in the second overtime.

3. In the event of ties in records in tournament competition, the higher standings will be determined by

- a. head to head competition
- b. number of wins
- c. Fewest goals against in all tournament games
- d. Goal differential in all tournament games.
- e. Fewest penalty minutes.
- f. Most periods won in Pool play, determined by plus minus in goals.
- g. Quickest goal recorded on score sheet in Pool play.
- h. Coin flip by the Commissioner.