

**USA Badminton Board of Directors Meeting
Telephonic Meeting – 8:00am (Pacific Time)
August 9, 2017**

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Present

David Simon – Independent Director
Richard Wirthlin – Independent Director
Ray Ng – Technical Official Director
Carl Khor – Coaching Director
Daniel Mehr – At-Large Director
Phillip Chew – Athlete Director
Rena Wang – Athlete Director

Absent

Jon Schmieder – Independent Director

USAB Staff Present

Jeff Dyrek – CEO/Secretary General

The agenda for the call, which was duly called and noticed, was limited to the single issue of JAG's recommendations concerning the junior structure. The board originally planned to review the recommendations at the July 22 board meeting but the recommendations, contained in an email from Cora Tanuwidjaja (JAG Rep), were not received until August 2.

After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to the following responses to JAG's four recommendations:

JAG Recommendation #1--Make consolation rounds mandatory in time for the start of the 2017-18 season

USAB's response: We are open to reconsidering the decision to make consolation rounds optional, but it is too late for the start of the 2017-18 season.

Implementation of the current system began just this spring. Before modifying the changes we need to be confident that adequate notice is given to the USAB community, that our IT resources are up to the task and that consolation rounds, going forward, will be implemented in a fair and consistent manner (relates to the ranking points chart in #2 below).

JAG Recommendation #2--Implement new consolation ranking points structure, per the chart included in Cora's email

USAB's response: USAB is open to considering a new points structure for consolation rounds for the 2018-19 season. However, the chart as submitted needs work. To take just one example, if A defeats B in the first round in a draw of 64, and if A then loses in the second-round

while B goes on to be the consolation winner, the CRC portion of the proposed chart consistently awards more points to B than to A. We are concerned that this may not be a fair result and under some circumstances would create an incentive for someone to lose in the first round. Further dialogue is needed to come up with a structure.

JAG Recommendation #3--Allow regions to petition USAB to be able to hold up to 4 additional OLC's

USAB's response: Before we can take a position on this issue we need to understand the reason for requesting these additional tournaments. We also need to evaluate the burden additional tournaments would place on technical officials and whether there is a sufficient supply to meet the anticipated demand. For planning purposes we have to assume that if a region receives permission to hold additional tournaments, other regions will request the same treatment, thus two additional tournaments per region could mean up to 12 new tournaments in all.

JAG Recommendation #4--Create a new USAB Task Force to perform four designated tasks

USAB's response: We agree that regular review of the four items listed in Cora's email would be worthwhile. Rather than a new Task Force, we would ask JAG to conduct the review and USAB will encourage TAG, COAG and the AAC to name representatives to participate in the review process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40am (Pacific Time)