

## **Coaches Meeting - Saturday, January 7th at 6:30pm.**

### **Josh Wilson introduced himself & the board**

- Josh - president, coach of 14u & 12u
- Mike - treasurer, long time board member & past Nats parent
- Creed - building maintenance & registration, long time board member & past Nats parent
- Kat - secretary & insurance, 11u parent
- Shawn - fundraising & building security, 8u coach + 11u parent
- Brad - background checks & building maintenance, 9u coach

### **Josh shared organization updates**

- Thanked the coaches for making time to come to the meeting & for the continued support for the organization.
- Thank you to everyone who submitted background check information to Brad Perva. This is part of the state law and is required by our insurance company. Brad will be reaching out over the next few weeks to touch base with anyone missing info. Please do your best to respond to Brad quickly so we are in compliance and make sure the organization is covered from a liability stand point.
- Raffle was well received and winners were from a variety of teams - will be doing a raffle next year.
- \$4,400 was raised in the organization wide sub sale. Three top winners received an Evo Shield Nationals sweatshirt.
- Our organization has coordinated with several local baseball & softball teams & organizations to offer rentals. This helps keep registration cost low and to make sure we can cover all costs moving forward.
- Recently re-did & added cages to better utilize the space now that we've been moved in for a year.

### **Josh shared a facility update + general rules for the facility.**

- Don't move equipment around from the area they're stationed in.
- Pick up balls when you're finished with them. All balls should be back in buckets when you leave an area, please.
- Siblings and other non-participants need to stay in the parent lounge (safety & liability issue). They should not be on the turf unless traveling to and from the bathrooms.
- Children should not be left unattended at any time.
- Turf shoes or sneakers are required on the turf. Please do not wear cleats, this chews up the turf and will lead to rips. We invested \$100k into the turf when we moved in last year and would like to keep the turf nice.
- Helmet & cup are required in cages for baseball players, helmets are required for softball players.
- Parents must stay in the parent lounge unless requested to help by a coach & must have background checks on file if they're going to leave the parent area to help out. There is no limit to how many background checks a team can have on file with the organization. Any parent who may help should have background checks on file, emailed to Brad Perva,

[perva13@gmail.com](mailto:perva13@gmail.com). This applies both to helping in the facility as well as in the dugout and during practice/games.

- Park only in our parking lot. Please do not park along the storage facility building or in the parking lots or grass near Rite Aid or the storage building next door. Coaches should be parking on the east entrance (beside storage facility) with families parking on the west side (Rite Aid side).
- Be hospitable to renters & help if they have questions. These renters are helping to ensure we can keep the membership costs as low as possible for our families.

### **Creed shared a facility update with recent updates & upgrades**

- Please don't prop the door open. Each team has a door code for the coaches & families to use. Propping the door open is a security issue, allows rodents to enter and ruin the turf, raises our utility costs, etc.
- Update on door codes
  - The doors to the facility will be re-cored so physical keys no longer work for the facility so those with old keys no longer have access.
  - Through March, from Monday - Friday - as soon as someone opens the parent door with a door code the door will stay unlocked through 8pm. When the door goes back to being locked after every use the update will be sent ahead of time to families as well as the date when this changes.
  - Code is for your team only, please do not share with other teams or those not affiliated with your team.
- When entering cages 7 or 8. Everyone should now enter from the turf end. Because we have added a new cage 9, they should no longer enter from the locker end.
- Coaches and players assisting coaches with equipment are the only people that should be near the locker area.
- Coaches should refer to the schedule on ESoft to determine when they have turf time and when they have cage time.
- If there is a scheduling conflict with another team, every effort should be made to work out the conflict with the other team's coaches immediately.
- If you are the last team in the facility at the end of the evening, please make sure all doors are pulled tight, the heaters are off in the bathrooms and all lights are off in the facility.
- Our dumpster is located on the East side of our facility near the coaches entrance. Please empty any trash cans that are full as you are leaving the facility. Extra trash bags, toilet paper and paper towels are in the supply closet next to the water fountains.
- We will have renters in the facility now through the spring. Please be cordial to our renters and go out your way to help them if they need assistance with anything related to our facility.
- RAK's cage (CAGE #9) and the equipment in the cage are off limits.
- Cameras - coming soon! The board is looking at different options for cameras for the facility and will be installing those shortly.

### **Kat shared an update for spring insurance.**

- If a team has picked up a new player for spring that new player needs to be added to [the roster](#) for insurance. The cost for that is covered by the organization. All players currently registered and insured through AAU are noted on the roster.

- Tournament insurance requests are due by February 12th to the [tournament sheet](#). We pay \$35 to AAU every time we file for tournament or field insurance whether we ask for one single COI (Certificate of Insurance) or 50 COI so we try to bundle all requests together to keep our costs down. Please add any tournament you think you may play (even if it's not confirmed or still a maybe) so we can ask for the COI in the bundle. It doesn't hurt anything to ask for a COI for a tournament that you end up not using.
- To use any of our COI you can download it from the Coaches Corner on our website to send to a tournament.
- We recently found out from AAU that we are not in compliance with our insurance requirements and need to get into compliance quickly or we risk losing our non-profit status and all insurance. All coaches will need to log into AAU and submit their info for a background check, pay \$16-\$18 and turn in proof to the organization. The results can take up to 2 weeks to come back. Because the background check requires social security numbers and other personal information the organization will not be able to file on behalf of coaches, everyone will need to do so on their own.
- We need to do both the background check via AAU + keep all three clearance documents on file. The AAU background check is not enough to meet state guidelines so we will continue to collect all background checks through Brad Perva ([perva13@yahoo.com](mailto:perva13@yahoo.com)).
- Thanks for your help in completing this asap!

**Josh opened the floor to questions.**

- Josh shared an update that the board is looking to get an AED for the facility. One of our admins offered to work with the board to help get an AED. Once we have more information about the AED and/or it's ready in the facility we will share the update.
- A coach asked if anyone has a lead on where to find ump's. If anyone has a contact they're willing to share please email [keystonenationals18@gmail.com](mailto:keystonenationals18@gmail.com) so it can be passed along, please.

**Josh closed the meeting thanking everyone for making time to join the meeting and for the continued commitment to their team(s) and to our organization.**

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