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Single Deadline Date Simplifies, Streamlines Club Registration

BOULDER, Colo. – With the Club Series registration deadline just over two weeks away, teams should be becoming familiar with the new changes to the procedure. For the first time ever, the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) will have just one registration deadline for all Club Series teams. The move is a step forward for the Series and will allow for quicker bid determination while lessening the administrative burdens on sectional coordinators who then in turn will be able to host better events for the participants. The deadline is August 24, 2007 at 5:00pm MT.

Originally teams only needed to show up the day of Sectionals with their rosters in hand and a team to field. Then, in 2002, the UPA went with a two deadline format. Teams that registered before the early deadline counted towards bid allocations, while teams that registered after the early deadline, but before the late deadline did not count towards bid allocations and had to pay a late fee. Still, the late deadline was the Tuesday before Sectionals, not giving tournament directors adequate time to properly plan for their events.

This year the deadline is a full two weeks before the first Sectionals begin (September 8-9), giving the tournament directors more time to plan their events and teams not only know who they will be competing against, but how many bids are at stake ahead of time.

“For years players have been asking for more accurate information regarding their Series events. Now we can more quickly and definitively determine who is attending Sectionals,” explained Will Deaver, UPA championships director. “This helps teams because coordinators can now determine participation, bid allocations and formats for their events and, in turn, pass that information along to teams much earlier than they could in previous seasons.”

The new deadline will also help coordinators to determine field sites for the events. Previously they were forced to “guess” at the number of teams they expected to enter the tournament. There may only have been a few teams registered by the early registration date, but the coordinators knew to expect several more teams to compete. Site A might be good if only five additional teams entered, but if seven more teams showed up then site A might not have enough fields. Additionally, if the tournament director overestimated the number of teams coming to their event then they may have reserved a facility that was larger and more expensive than needed with the cost soaked up by the teams.

“Teams that submitted their rosters late – a significant number – kept things up in the air for too long,” explained Deaver. “Now field sites can be reserved earlier, a must with field space in such high demand, and more accurately. The benefits are obvious.”

Teams must also register their teams online this season. Online registration allows team organizers to be sure that the UPA has their teams’ information, and also allows the team organizer to see immediately if there are any registration issues with their players such as dues, waivers or division eligibility. It also allows tournament coordinators to view in real time who is officially signed up for their event, so that they can better plan for the event.

“Better planned events benefit the players,” said Deaver. “Changing to all online registration for club (last year) makes registration consistent and more efficient so that all the info, for players, team organizers, event coordinators, and HQ is in one place.”

The new procedures should help the registration process in several ways helping coordinators run better and more efficient tournaments. While change can sometimes seem difficult, the end result benefits the players and teams the most. Now just be sure to register your team before August 24 at 5:00pm MT!

Additional information on team registration including the number of players required to register, player additions and college team extensions can be found at: www.upa.org/club/2007_club/series_guidelines.

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