

## Lesson's Learned from 2022 US UWH Nationals

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### What went well:

The strong consensus was that Nationals was run well. Particular mentions were

- a) The food was good.
- b) The referee approach worked well, including
  - a. Payments to paid referees were balanced well to cover costs but keep expenses reasonable.
  - b. water-water-break-chief-chief-break rotation worked well.

### Problem/Solution Log:

## 1 Nationals Bidding

It is difficult to find many US teams willing to run a Nationals. Part of this problem may be a lack of communication on the benefits team of running a Nationals, and part may be concern about the difficulties and risks of running a Nationals.

### 1.1 Solutions

- USOA UWH Committee should consider an effort to reach out to more club leaders to let them know the advantages of hosting Nationals (including financial bonus).
- USOA UWH committee should work to make the process of validating USOA memberships easier. [The work the committee is doing with Atlantis should make this process much easier]
- USOA UWH committee should look into a more automated registration process for international players, including an online International Risk Waiver.
- USOA UWH bidding document should provide a better description of
  - what the facility requirements are
  - a description of how the bidding process works
  - where the bidding documents should be sent
  - where announcements for the Nationals should be sent.
  - What support the USOA UWH committee can provide, including
    - Medals
    - management support for clubs that are less experienced at running a tournament.

- Supporting documentation for running the tournament, such as Referee Info Document that Eric is currently working on.

## 2 Referee Naming

Some people feel that the term ‘volunteer ref’ was confusing, and would like a name that better describes a referee that is also a player at a tournament.

### 2.1 Solutions

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## 3 Tournament Referee

What should occur if the tournament referee becomes unable to perform their job due to illness, injury, or other reasons. The tournament referee has many specific required duties, and a sudden lack of a tournament referee can cause major problems for a tournament.

### 3.1 Solutions

- A person needs to be designated as the assistant tournament referee before the start of the tournament.
- That person would be the formal back up to the chief referee if something happens.
- That person would be aware of all the discussions, who the assigned referees are, who are the player-referees and on which club they play, etc.
- That person would only jump in if the chief is unable to fulfill duties or in case of a conflict of interest.
- The assistant tournament referee name should be provided to all team captains at the team captain meeting.

	Problem Identified	Potential Solutions
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