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Bulls Calendar

02/03: HYSA President's Day Cup - Rosters Frozen 4:00 p.m.

02/07: Oahu League Board meeting, 7:15 p.m., Hale Akoakoa 107, Windward Community College

02/07 - 10: USSF Referee Entry Level Course, Aiea United Methodist Church Classroom

02/09: Deadline for U13 - U19 player/coach registrations due, 4:00 p.m., UPS Store

02/11: HYSA President's Day Cup - Check In, Waipio Soccer Complex - Ticket Booth, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

02/14: Valentines Day

02/14: HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 Fort Street Mall

02/17: - 19: HYSA President's Day Cup, Waipio Soccer Complex (U08 - U12)

02/19: Holiday - President's Day

02/24: Coach Pass & RM Badge Pickup (Oahu Coaches), Waipio Soccer Complex - Ticket Booth 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

02/25: Newsletter deadline for the March issue

Message from the President

The U8 to U11 season is in full swing and spring tournaments will soon be upon us to determine teams qualifying for summer travels. Planning for summer travel can be stressful and tedious, and many want to know what, if any, policies the Club has regarding teams traveling to compete.

The only policy pertains to travel subsidies for the coaching staff. If only one team is traveling, that team covers the cost of the coach or

coaches (airfare, hotel, car and per diem) and each player is responsible for his/her share of this cost in addition to the cost of team vans, gas, daily hotel room rate, meals and tournament entry fees. Mainland guest players typically pay nothing.

When multiple teams are going to the same tournament, EVERY player traveling shares the cost of ALL coaches assigned to the trip (determined by the DOC). The Club travels as a club, with all coaches contributing to the success of the tournament. The best airfares and vehicle fares possible are obtained; and coaches usually share hotel rooms to cut costs. Each coach also gets a per diem. The best estimate is obtained for the total cost and this value is divided by the total number of players traveling, resulting in the coach's subsidy. This subsidy is collected prior to travel and distributed to the coaches. Experience shows this amount to be approximately \$120; so this amount should be included in your teams budgeting process when starting to organize your trip.

Some trips get complicated when back to back tournaments are entered, as the coaching staff changes each tournament, if you have multiple guest players that do not pay and when coaching staff arrive and depart at different times. Creativity is key in these complex situations. Some teams also cover the cost of the manager, and occasionally chaperones, but at this point, these decisions are left up to each team.

Vans assigned to the team, and the drivers of those team vans, are completely at the disposal of the team. The team vans are critical in getting the players to and from matches, to transport coaches if

needed to other matches and to gather supplies. Parents wanting vehicles for other activities are expected to arrange (and pay for) their own transportation.

The coaching staff recommends some of the following as guidelines to maximize success when competing:

Seven-passenger vans are recommended for team travel; 15-passenger vans are discouraged, as they are less safe due to rollover risks. Ideally, each van should have 2 designated drivers who can be available at all times. For team vans, take ALL insurance coverage offered to protect the players, your drivers and the club from liability. This is expensive but vital.

Each standard hotel room can usually accommodate 4 players. When available, larger suites can often accommodate more players at a lower per player cost. Airbeds are easy to obtain and are of good quality now and can be very helpful if shared beds are not acceptable, or to increase room capacity (where allowed). The team coach and DOC are the final authority for room assignment and chaperone designation. Each team will have its own curfew, meal time, and wake up time. Depending on game times, players may be assigned early bed times; chaperones who are in player rooms (for younger players - U12 and younger) must also abide by the same schedule to avoid disturbing the players.

When a team coach is also a parent, his or her son or daughter will be expected to use the team accommodations (and pay their player's share). When a coach brings other non-player family members, the coach will be expected to cover the additional costs that



relate to their family travel, and will receive only the equivalent coach's subsidy as other coaches traveling alone. Occasionally the hotel may provide complimentary rooms and these will be managed in the most effective way to reduce costs for all traveling.

When the travel begins (or the player arrives to join the team), the team coach is responsible for all activities. Do not expect to take your child off for separate activities if that is not approved by the coach.

Meal arrangements and all entertainment will be under the coach's control. You may be surprised to know that even swimming in the hotel pool or playing games on the outside court will not be allowed without permission. Remember the objective here is the performance of the players on the field and the coach has a clear directive from the DOC to do everything possible to ensure the best environment and preparation for the players. If you have questions about whether an activity you are planning to include in the trip (such as a college campus visit, for example) make sure you inquire with the coach before making the arrangements.

We are all ambassadors of Hawaii and of the Club. Our every action is scrutinized. We have the reputation of having competitive players, well-coached teams, very supportive fans and the staff will not tolerate disruptive behavior. Please refer to the player and parent codes of conduct on your registration receipt.

Many teams have traveled extensively over the years and have a wealth of information that can be shared with anyone interested. If any individual team is interested in having such a discussion, please contact Ken Perske at kperske@hawaiiantel.net.

Last, but foremost, you are an HSC Bulls, an integral member of the most successful club from Hawaii in mainland/international tournaments and play in US soccer history. You are a Bull because you have chosen

to perform at the highest level and understand the sacrifices and efforts needed to achieve success. You, the player, are the most important ingredient in this success. You wear the Red and Black. We, the parents, the volunteers, the Board of Directors, the coaches, will do what we have to, to see you reach your fullest!

Have a winning trip!



Bulls come through again:

By Ken Perske

The Club recently hosted some visitors from Denmark, in preparation of the U13 boys and girls teams traveling to their country to participate in the prestigious Dana Cup. Sven and Marianne Jensen spent the past ten days meeting the team players and families, talking with the staff coaches about the upcoming HIC, and getting to know the soccer community in general. Sven and Marianne hosted Mike Guidry while he was in Denmark promoting the HIC, hopefully having convinced 3 teams to come to the 2007 tournament.

Mahalo to Karen and Peter Ehrhorn for hosting our Danish friends, allowing them to stay at their home while they were here. Thanks also to Tim Brubaker and Rick Chong for hosting them with golf. It sounds like they don't get many chances to golf back home, although they do play soccer on the snow and ice using orange golf balls!

Thanks again to all who helped make their stay here one to remember.

Team Fundraisers:

By Ken Perske

If you would like to publicize your team fundraisers in this newsletter, just drop me a note at kperske@hawaiiantel.net.

Trivia Question Winner:

By Ken Perske

What companies sponsor the following professional teams by matching the sponsor to the team?

Teams:

- Middlesborough FC
- Manchester United

Sponsors:

- We Win!
- Samsung
- Fly Emirates
- Pipex
- Northern Rock

Bonus question:

Who said, "I have good dribblers to get out of trouble. I need great dribblers to cause trouble!"

First correct e-mail to kperske@hawaiiantel.net will be the winner.

Correction for the trivia answer from last month, Lindsey Wilson was the NAIA women's champion, not Azusa Pacific.