

## Ultimate NL Meeting

May 20, 2020

Zoom

Nick, Tori, Kurtis, Sully, Hilary, Sarah, Susan, Luke, Brandon, Rachael, Melissa

### COVID-19 Return to Sport Guidelines

- A few weeks ago, Sport NL sent out some information regarding returning to sport and they asked us to reach out to Ultimate Canada (National Sport Organization) for guidance. We got information sent to us from UC and we forwarded along to Sport NL for review.
- Nick and Melissa met with Sport NL today at lunchtime and when NL arrives at Alert Level 3 (June 8), we will only be able to offer practices/ skills and drills.
  - Leagues will be able to host skills and drills clinics, club teams and provincial teams will be able to train as long as Ultimate NL's guidelines of modification of game play are approved by Sport NL (which includes a plan to ensure physical distancing) and if there are less than 20 people in attendance.
- In terms of insurance, there is no pandemic coverage. While we are liable for any COVID-19 related suits, it seems unlikely we would be responsible unless there was gross negligence.
- Sport NL advised us that some sports/ PSOs are not even attempting to resume activities this summer due to COVID-19.
- From the call with Sport NL, we were given three levels of priority regarding Return to Sport:
  - Education - This is the top priority. It is essential that everyone involved in an organization is informed of what our guidelines are (when decided upon and approved) and adhere to them - players, volunteers, coaches, member leagues, club teams, etc.
  - Hygiene - We need to ensure physical distancing until we reach Alert Level 2. We need to also provide some information to Sport NL about our plan to keep equipment sanitized. Ultimate Canada had advised that each field provides a hand-washing station (we anticipate sanitizer will still be tough to procure by the time we hit the field).
  - Spectators - We need to ensure that we have a plan in place for spectators to remain physically distant. We don't have as big of a challenge managing spectators in the summer months (playing outdoors), but we will need a plan in place for once we get back indoors at the Techniplex.
- Hilary asked what happens if a member breaks policies. Nick suggested we suspend the membership. Hilary suggests we should put this in wording in our policy/ policies.
- Hilary suggests that when an injury occurs, it seems the best course of action would be to call someone in the injured player's bubble.

- Susan asks if we have been in contact with Storm parents and Luke mentions there was a town hall last Thursday and there had been a poll about who would feel comfortable returning to play whenever possible.
- Sully clarifies that we can only practice with 20 people maximum in Level 3 and is wondering how we will work this out with the Storm teams.
- Melissa states that at the end of the call with Sport NL, it was suggested that leagues and teams do not have to return to the field once we can. It is very much a voluntary decision.
- Mike Beck at the City of St. John's let Nick know that teams will not be penalized for unused space. The City does not want to be issuing refunds so parties will only be charged for what is used.
- We will be putting together a subcommittee ("Task Force") to develop the guidelines necessary for returning to the field safely. Sully, Rachael and Nick are interested. It is mentioned that it would be useful to have a representative from Storm.
- Nick asked the City when fields would be opened and there is no update/ timeline. Nick advocated on behalf of extending Kitty Gaul so that it would be more usable for ultimate.

#### Summer Youth Program Review

- Youth activities will be suspended for this summer.

#### Sport Development Update

- Sully has been coming up with revised dates for Women's Skills Series and Masters Skills Series. The two events will be run after each other instead of concurrently to ensure we don't burn out volunteers (6 weeks each starting mid-September).
- There are new courses for competitive coaches to complete in order to be a certified competitive coach. Sully will email the individuals that are impacted by this.

#### Organizational Update

##### **Policy Subcommittee Update**

- Susan created a Privacy Policy and Melissa created a Gender Equity Policy and Nick will put them on Slack to be voted on.
- Action item for Nick to set deadlines for remaining policies so we can hopefully get them done by the next meeting.
- Kurtis asked to add his volunteering screening to the Slack vote.

##### **Summer Student Update**

- Nick managed to get an application in for us to get a post-secondary summer student to do clinics and outreach. It will likely be difficult for us to use the student in the same way that we did last year but we will make something work.
- Nick asked Sport NL about housing the summer student but it seems unlikely they will be returning to the office before Alert Level 2.

### **Operational Budget**

- Ultimate NL Executive is working on submitting an operational grant to secure funding for the upcoming year.
- Regarding merch: Sarah would be open to the idea of a contactless pick-up if we do orders online. Typically we sell a ton of merch at the youth tournaments in May/ June but we didn't have the opportunity this year.

### **Art Hawkins**

- Nick thinks we should put together some teams for the scavenger hunt being organized by Ultimate Canada.

### **League Updates**

#### **MZU**

- MZU has sent out a team survey to gauge interest in playing in a summer season (if possible). So far 15 responses and so far all responses say there would be a full team available.
- MZU has an upcoming Board meeting next week to review responses.

#### **MAUL**

- Whatever league can be run will be run by MAUL. The plan is to run an 8-week league for however long it takes.
- MAUL is considering offering 'skills and drills' in some iteration.

#### **SWURL**

- Considering the possibility of running a 5 or 6 week summer season starting mid to late July if possible.
- AGM is still outstanding. The plan is to have an in-person gathering whenever possible.