

# Girls'/Women Section Report Summer 2022

## Developmental update

Big event was the Girls Spring Festival in Columbus in April. CBJ started off the weekend with a "Try for Free" event on Saturday morning with 100 girls then our event began with 250 girls ages 10-12. 16 teams (countries), 2 divisions, 8 games. OSU Women came by with trophy and allowed girls to hold and take pics/autographs. Jincy Dunne was our honored guest. Although we only contracted for 4 hours, Jincy was there all day!!! She didn't leave until she answered every girl's question, signed picture or whatever. Amazing! My only real disappointment was getting some press on the event.

We had Cleveland more involved with our pod events and got some buy in with CSHL. SW Ohio is blossoming with after 3 years, now having a 14U team declaring for nationals. Evansville wants to get into the pod activities so working with their program to get it moving forward. Still a struggle to get most of W PA on any type of program. Certain programs reach out and I assist.

Mid Am sponsored an all-female officials' clinic. We purchased the sweaters and whistles. It was a success and was discussed last USAH meeting since we now have a female RIC. Mid Am also sponsored the jerseys for PAHL jamboree.

## National Bound Update

We have a 20% increase on our National Bound teams. Next year as already mentioned, we will see the Cincinnati Lady Swords this season. This season will also be the first season for the 14U Columbus Blue Jackets. Our first addition at tier I since I have been involved. Exciting

Teams without developmental programs; we have a few programs that currently their only form of building a Tier II team is soliciting players from other teams. Rules are different for Tier II but need to understand what we can and can't do to eliminate some of this. Armstrong Arrows, Rebellion

Tier I 16U issue; 23-24 season we currently have enough females registered to add 1 more team. With CBJ having a 14U, the normal progression would be to have the 16U there-Culver have increased enrollment and development and wants 16U as well. Getting waiver in place for them.

Steel City won Gold and Silver and Nationals this year. Created 2 divisions for Tier II to be more competitive with smaller districts. Increasing Tier II Nationals by 4 more teams 23-24 season

Need to review and discuss hosts for Districts and associated costs.

## Financial Update

Having the block grant satisfies many needs. Having the Festival become a regular event and now having additional pod regions, would like to have budget of \$20,000 to use.