



BARS Committee Meeting Agenda 1 May 2019

Attendance:

Board members: Alex Yee, Andrew Vurlumis, Brent Roach, Dalton Richardson, Dennis Trammell, Michael Wellbrock, Rolando "Juni" Mercado, Sal Scrimenti, Stephen Edwards, Tim Brown

Committee members: Curtis Harding, Jeff Gordon, Joel Penvose, Jonathan Mushock, Joshua Thai, Kevin Kirby, Michael Conway, Michael Mirpuri, Zach Cheaney, Zaid Tanvir

Mission Statement: Big Apple Recreational Sports is New York City's non-profit, community-minded co-ed sports league for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and LGBTQI-friendly New Yorkers who want to play competitive sports in an athletic environment free of harassment, discrimination and drama. Our leagues are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all participants.

1. Open Discussion from the Committee

- a. Want something discussed at the meeting? Think there is a problem? Have a good idea and want to get more involved? Toss it in the mix for discussion!
 - i. Nothing mentioned.

2. Updates from the Executive Board

- a. Proposals passed between sessions
 - i. Open-play for kickball on Sundays at the East River Park fields
- (Yea 13, Nay 0, Abstain 0)
 - ii. Kickball draft league on Sundays at the East River Park fields
- (Yea 6, Nay 4, Abstain 3)
 - iii. Demand for repayment letters to Scott Brimmer, Twan Claiborne, and Chris Myron - (Yea 10, Nay 1, Abstain 0)
- b. Executive Board Election Results 2019-2020 Term
 - **Commissioner:** Tim Brown
 - **Vice Commissioner:** Rolando (Juni) Mercado
 - **Director of Operations:** Michael Wellbrock
 - **Secretary:** Dennis Trammell
 - **Treasurer:** Stephen Edwards
- c. Outgoing Executive Board 2018-2019 Term
 - **Commissioner:** [acting] Rolando (Juni) Mercado
 - **Vice Commissioner:** Rolando (Juni) Mercado
 - **Director of Operations:** Andrew Vurlumis
 - **Secretary:** Dennis Trammell
 - **Treasurer:** [acting] Rolando (Juni) Mercado

Note: departing board members to update banking financials with incoming Executive Board Members
- d. Signatory Updates for Big Apple Dodgeball Checking Account, Bank of America
 - Removal: Stephen Moreau, Eric James, Joshua Wolfrum
 - Addition: Timothy Brown, Stephen Edwards, Rolando (Juni) Mercado, Dennis Trammell, Michael Wellbrock
- e. General Board Election Nominations 2019-2020 Term
Process of instant runoff is explained
Each candidate is given 60 seconds to speak to why they are a good fit for their desired role.

- Director of Dodgeball: Alex Yee
- Dodgeball Operations Manager: Josh Thai, Dom Pucella, Zach Chaney
- Director of Tuesday Kickball: Dalton Richardson
- Tuesday Kickball Operations Manager: Julian Dilorio
- Director of Bowling: Sal Scrimenti
- Bowling Operations Manager: Joel Penvose
- Director of Weekend Kickball: Michael Mirpuri
- Weekend Kickball Operations Manager: Kevin Kirby, Dom Pucella
- Philanthropy Chair: Brent Roach
- Public Relations & Marketing Chair: Curtis Harding

3. Proposals + Sport Discussions

- a. Bowling Rules—See Appendix A (SS)
 - i. Not previously existed on website.
 - ii. Idea to remove 1b, 1c as it may change in the future if for example if sponsorships change
 1. 1b removed
 - iii. First “League” needs to become “Team” in 1.a.i
 - iv. Motioned by JM, seconded MW (Yea 10, Nay 0, Abstain 0)
 - b. (Official) Revert to 4 Dodgeball refs per court for the remainder of the spring 2019 season(AV)
 - i. Exists in practice, but not codified, having 4 refs have proven more effective in quality of arbitration
 - ii. Goal with more refs is to bring in new referees is also for more referee outreach/onboarding of new refs.
 - iii. A challenge to maintain 4 at all times when refs are low in supply.
 - iv. Rule would not be a minimum, it would be a maximum.
 - v. Originally was a cost cutting mechanism, but is the \$1000 difference by having a marginal increase in quality could be relayed as perhaps 2 more pizza nights
 - vi. There is a lot of dishonesty this season: Having a yellow/red card mechanism to combat dishonesty without needing a 4th ref.
 - vii. From a ref point a view, having a 4th ref makes the job a lot easier on the ref themselves. The strain of 3 vs 4 refs is enough to be a deterrent for ref retention
 - viii. 4 refs means more visual coverage
 - ix. This impacts the remainder of the season, “for the remainder of the season” was added to the proposal.
 - x. Motioned: AV, seconded: AY (Yea 8, Nay 0, Abstain 3)
 - c. Proposed repayment plan to replace funds
 - i. Repayment: 1 year maximum
 - ii. Motioned by JM: Yea 11, Nay 0, Abstain 0
 - d. The rest of points have been tabled for later meetings/slack
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Proposals passed between sessions

i. Spring Kickball Open Play

Summary for Open Play:

- Offer a casual environment of friendly competition, with game scores but no standings
- Designed for individual registration and participation
- Teams are assigned randomly by the organizers running the event, with the aim of distributing skill sets as evenly as possible across all teams
- Great opportunity for people who just want to come by to play some kickball with others in a relaxed environment

Location: East Side River Park

Dates/Time: 5-week test run, followed by a gap for the draft-season mini tournament for 8 weeks. Following the tournament, open play will resume for the remainder of the time we have the permit.

Week 1	Sunday April 7	1 – 3pm
Week 2	Sunday April 14	1 – 3 pm
	Sunday April 21	Holiday weekend
Week 3	Sunday April 28	1 – 3 pm
Week 4	Sunday May 5	1 – 3 pm
Week 5	Sunday May 12	1 – 3 pm
Week 6	Sunday, August 4th	1 – 3 pm
Week 7	Sunday, August 11th	1 – 3 pm
Week 8	Sunday, August 18th	1 – 3 pm
Week 9	Sunday, August 25th	1 – 3 pm

Eligibility:

- Open to all individuals in the current season of play and individuals outside of the organization
- If someone registers for an open play and they are not eligible, their registration will be cancelled and refunded

Registration for Open Play and Key Information:

- Registration begins each Wednesday at 12:00 noon preceding the Sunday of open play
- Fee to register is \$10, payable on the Big Apple Website
- Registration remains open until the event sells out
- Equipment to be provided by Big Apple for play, equipment/space for practice is at the discretion of registrants

Format:

- Open Plays are formatted as round-robin pool play at ~30/35min in length
- Max of 4 teams of 10 people per team
- 2 fields in play, each team will play all of the other teams once
- There is no break between games – one game begins after the previous game so teams should be ready to take the field after conclusion of the previous game
- Teams are assigned randomly in advance with the aim of distributing skill sets as evenly as possible across all teams
- Rules will follow Season Play
- If there are not enough players present to form teams, players are welcome to use the space for simple skills workshops (Kicking, fielding practice, etc.).

Field 1(If applicable)	Field 2	
Team 1 vs Team 2	Team 3 vs Team 4	1:00 – 1:35
Team 1 vs Team 3	Team 2 vs Team 4	1:40 – 2:15
Team 1 vs Team 4	Team 2 vs Team 3	2:20 – 2:55

Procedures:

- Cancellations and Refunds – if one cannot attend, they must notify by Noon on the previous day (Saturday), then a refund will be provided. Their spot will go to the next person on the waiting list
- Waitlist – If the event is sold out, individuals can fill a waitlist form and they will be added to the waitlist in order of requests received



Cost/Expense:

- Fee \$10 to secure your spot
- Funds will primarily be used to cover expenses (e.g., permits, equipment, and occasional onsite refreshments)

Alternative Options:

- Add another player to each team to make 11 per team (however, not ideal to have one sit out per inning)

**ii. Kickball draft league on Sundays at the East River Park fields
Mini Tournament Registration Dates, Logistics, & Key Information**

Location: East Side River Park

Format:

- Dates: May 19th – July 28th, Skipping May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend), June 30th (Pride Weekend), and July 7th (4th of July Weekend)
- Women and Gender Minorities: Monday, April 22nd, 2019: 1pm-9pm
- Open Registration: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019: 1:00pm
- Draft Season Format: When signing up, players can select an interest to captain. Captain applicants will be contacted following registration and asked to submit a statement on their interest—this must be submitted by Friday, April 26.
- Captain selection will take place on Monday, April 29. Captains notified this day; actual draft to take place the week of April 29, no later than May 5 (Shirt deadline for Andrew).

Gameplay:

- Standard regular season rules.
- If any modifications would need to be made, discussion will be open.

Cost/Expense:

- Referees (3 Refs per field, two fields & two games= \$120 per week, x 8)= \$960 total
- Registration per player: \$100

Week (1)	Sunday May 19—Mini T Start	1 – 3 pm
	Sunday May 26	Holiday weekend
Week (2)	Sunday June 2—Mini T	1 – 3 pm
Week (3)	Sunday June 9—Mini T	1 – 3 pm
Week (4)	Sunday June 16—Mini T	1 – 3 pm
Week (5)	Sunday June 23	1 – 3 pm
	Sunday, June 30	Holiday weekend
	Sunday, July 7 th	Holiday weekend
Week (6)	Sunday, July 14 th - Mini T	1 – 3 pm
Week (7)	Sunday, July 21 st - Mini T	1 – 3 pm
Week (8)	Sunday, July 28 th - Mini T	1 – 3 pm

Proposals for vote

b. Revert to 4 Dodgeball refs per court:

Proposal: To officially use 4 refs per court (up from the previous 3).

Reasons: Added visibility/higher reffing quality.



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LOGISTICS

1. The Teams

- a. All teams will consist of seven (7) players, chosen at random.
 - i. League size may vary depending on season league size.
 - ii. Players may request to sign-up with one (1) "buddy" to be placed on the same team. This must be done at the time of the initial sign-up and both players must choose each other. All attempts will be made to match the two players on the same team.
- b. Teams will be assigned a team color represented by their team t-shirt provided by Big Apple Bowling.
- c. Teams have the opportunity to come up with a team name in the first few weeks of the season to be used throughout the remainder of the season. Team names may not be offensive or use any derogatory terms of any kind.

GAMEPLAY

1. Games

- a. Each team will play as many games as allowed in a 2-hour time frame.
- b. No other person may bowl for another person under any circumstances.
- c. No player may bowl under an absent bowler's name on their team or any other team.
- d. Bowl on your own lane.
- e. Lane assignments are posted every week on the BARS website and at the bowling alley prior to the start of play.
- f. Bowling balls of various weights and sizes will be provided by the bowling alley, but players may also bring their own ball.



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Bowling Rules & Procedures



- g. All players are required to wear proper bowling shoes. Bowlers may choose to bring and wear their own bowling shoes; however, shoes will be provided for players who do not have the proper footwear.

2. Scoring

- a. Any team with less than 7 players (or otherwise specified for the entire season) will add in an average score of 100 for each person absent that week.
- b. Any individual player whose score is lower than 100 must report the actual score received.
- c. The highest score from each individual player's games will be used as that player's **Best Score** for the week.
- d. Players found altering scores or using inaccurate scores will be warned, and if continued, possible suspension from the season may occur.
- e. Scores are posted every week on the BARS website.

3. Attendance

- a. Any individual who does not report to bowling for the first two weeks of the season and doesn't inform the Bowling Director and their team, will be given one opportunity to confirm they are still a player in the season. If there is no response, they will forfeit all monies paid and not be permitted to play for the remainder of the season. The next person on the waitlist will be invited to play the remainder of the season.
- b. No make-up days will be permitted for absent players.

4. Sportsmanship

- a. Big Apple Recreational Sports is New York City's non-profit, community-minded co-ed sports league for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and LGBTQI-friendly New Yorkers who want to play competitive sports in an athletic environment free of harassment, discrimination and drama. Our leagues are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all participants. To that end, all players are expected to conduct themselves with the highest level of sportsmanship.
- b. Sportsmanship is defined as: fairness and respect for one's opponents, teams, and referees, as well as exhibiting graciousness in winning and losing.
- c. Threatening language, verbal threats, or slurs against race, religion, ethnicity, sexuality, or gender will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- d. If any unacceptable behavior as outlined above is observed by any member of the BARS community and found to be true after an investigation by the Director of Bowling or Bowling Operations Manager, it may result in suspension and/or ejection from a game, season or league.