

2017 PARA Coaches Report

The 2017 PARA season will be remembered for the difficulties across the state at the U16 and U19 age levels for the issues around compliance to the 2017 USSA equipment rules. Some Coaches/Officials and most importantly the Program Directors/Head Coaches involved failed to realize the impact of not following the established USSA rules and how damaging this was to the PARA community.

Thoughts:

In my 2015 report I noted the following

Area for Concern:

- *The pool of working coaches in PARA continues to decline.*
- *Limited availability of coaches who are willing to take post season assignments*
- *The state wide shortage of course setters*
- *A small pool of Coaches who carry a Referee License*

This season we saw the emergence of a number new coaches who got involved at the PA Cup level adding to the pool of active coaches for course setting and post season coaching. We need to keep encouraging former athletes to get involved as coaches.

Note to coaches:

Post season Coaches reports and reimbursement, we had a number of coaches who had delays getting reimbursed. To ensure the form is processed in a timely manner please keep it simple and email the completed form in a PDF or Excel document to both the Coaches Chair and Treasurer, also send a new email do not replay all to an existing string of emails.

Respectfully submitted by,

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