



2009 Age Group Committee Report

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The Age Group Committee is currently challenged to find members who have an interest and the time to participate on the Committee in a meaningful way. As a result, we have set as our goal for 2009 to pursue the appointment by each Regional Board of one designated representative to the Age Group Committee. Nominations will be submitted to the National Board for approval and we are hopeful that this will result in an active group with very wide representation.

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The execution of a Town Hall Meeting in Tuscaloosa is on our agenda for discussion and planning. We are hopeful of finding a new format that will provide for a meaningful event during the National Championship weekend. Ideas discussed thus far are:

1. The AGC would be the host of this meeting and would present a report, however, the agenda would mostly be carried out by the Board President or designee.
2. The agenda, in addition to providing for Q & A, would include an "Annual Meeting" segment where a **brief** report would be given on the State of USAT, including a brief financial report.
3. The time frame we feel best for this meeting would be directly prior to the awards ceremony and banquet. It would serve as a kind of "happy hour" venue as a draw, hosted by the AGC. At this point in time, people will have had a break from the days activities, and will have been showered and changed, ready for the banquet.

We continue to discuss the Athletes of the Year process and awards presentation with an eye toward elevating the stature of the award by making the presentations at a visible, high profile event with the possibility of providing some limited travel subsidy for those being given an award. One idea was to include these presentations as part of the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, however, concern is for making an already lengthy program even longer.

Another area that we believe should be explored is our National Rankings, specifically how to promote this as a benefit of membership and have it become a more important element for our members. As a starting point, we intend to more heavily rely on the National Rankings in the selection of our Athletes of the Year.

Although the number of "active" members of the AGC is currently limited, those that do participate are committed to making a contribution and to increasing our numbers so that we have sufficient members to take on some of the agenda items that are described.

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