Weather Concerns for January 24

With cold temperatures and windchills in the forecast, teams are concerned about the weather and how it will effect January 24 Great Northwest Basketball meets. Before emailing/calling Tracie or Terri with questions, please read carefully Paragraph C-10 of the League's rules which is printed below. This Paragraph explains in detail how fees and credits will be assessed if a team or host cancels a meet.

- It is unlikely that hosts will cancel meets because of the great deal of preparation that goes into hosting a meet. Hosts who cancel meets will contact every team on Friday and/or early Saturday morning. Be sure to contact the host with a cell number or number you can be reached at on Friday night/Saturday morning. Hosts should also provide visiting teams with a contact person so that they can check on the status of the meet.

- Host teams will want to consider delaying the start time of a meet by one or two hours to allow road crews to clear the roads, rather than canceling the meet altogether.

- Each visiting team's coach needs to use their own judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe to travel to a particular meet. If a visiting team feels they must cancel, please contact the host community.

Call Tracie or Terri only if you can't make contact with the host community.

Only coaches should email or call with questions, not individual parents.

HOST TEAMS: It is vital that you have a copy of "Attachment #4 – Reformatting League Meets when Vacancies Occur" with you at your meet. This can be found on the "RULES" tab on this website.

Paragraph C-10

Weather-Related Cancellations. Since most meets will be held during a time of the year when inclement weather is a distinct possibility, host teams must have one or more of its coaches/contacts available the night before the meet and early the morning of the meet for phone contact by other coaches. In most cases, meets should not be canceled, nor should traveling teams indicate an unwillingness to travel, prior to the night before the meet. Attendance should be based on ***actual*** weather conditions, not on a forecast. If poor road conditions exist in and around the host community the night before the meet, the meet host should contact all meet participants by telephone to discuss whether the host is going to cancel the meet or whether visiting teams intend to make the trip. Where appropriate, contact must also be made early the next morning for the same purposes.

Every season, someone ends up unhappy relative to financial considerations when a meet is cancelled. Visiting teams want fees waived, but hosts want to keep their hosting credits - - **we can't do both** - - it's one or the other. As a result, in the case of inclement weather, where a meet ends up being cancelled or re-formatted because some teams don't come, the financial issues will be resolved as follows (no discretion, no negotiation and no debate):

- If the host cancels the meet, even though three or more visiting teams were willing to attend, the host gets no hosting credit and all teams scheduled to play in that meet owe no meet fees for that meet.
- If the host is forced to cancel the meet because fewer than four teams plan to attend (the home team, plus three visiting teams), the teams who were unwilling to attend must pay their full $130 meet fee; the teams that were willing to attend are not required to pay their $130 meet fee; and the host team gets a pro-rated credit (e.g., if five of the other seven teams are assessed a full $130 fee for not coming, the host will get a $60 hosting credit for those five teams, but not for the other two who are not required to pay their meet fees for that event).

A meet will be held as long as at least four teams are willing to attend. If seven, six, five or four teams are in attendance, please see Attachment #4 for directions on how to reformat the pairings. A mini-meet can still be played if only three teams are available;

those teams will play each other in a round-robin for two games each.

If fewer than four teams attend a given meet (or three teams in a mini-meet) because of inclement weather, the meet will be canceled and will not be re-scheduled, unless the host can secure gym space and teams are available on the new date.