

MAY 31st. 1997.

RE PRE-PLAYOFF MEETING AND PLAYOFF RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MAY 17th.
DIVISION / CITIES IN ATTENDANCE: PHILADELPHIA, CENTRAL, NEW ENGLAND, ATLANTA, DENVER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CLEVELAND, SEATTLE AND WESTERN.

Prior to the start of the meeting a tour of The Polo Fields was given by the Western Division. All were in agreement that this was a fine facility for the games. The Western Division stated that they had the field for only Friday and Saturday of the playoffs and that the Sunday games would be played at Balboa. Later in the course of the meeting the visiting Divisions recommended to the Western Division that they try to secure The Polo Field for the Sunday games. In the event that the Sunday games cannot be played at the Polo Fields, then it will be necessary to play certain finals on Saturday.

PLAYOFF-REGULATIONS

1. It is necessary for the host city to have at least 2 adjacent fields and that if needed 2 finals could be played at the one time. Teams must also be prepared to play if necessary on Monday.
2. With regards to the number of teams competing over the weekend there were two lines of thought:
 - a. To keep the playoff weekend limited to just semi-final and final games with any quarter finals being played prior to the playoff weekend.
 - B. That the weekend accommodate all Divisional winners and the weekend be expanded if needed to accommodate the number of games.
3. Host Divisions to have 10 rooms reserved for each travelling team. One month prior to the Playoffs these rooms must be secured by the Divisional Boards.
 - a. Copy of Hotel contracts to be shown at previous convention.
4. That all players pay in to all games and that there be no money reimbursed but be used by the host city to offset the transportation costs.
5. Banquet tickets to be purchased in advance by the Divisional Boards at least 2 weeks prior to the playoffs. Divisions must purchase 10 per travelling team.
6. The \$10,000 fee remains and still is divided among the travelling teams.

Please note that some of these recommendations are already in place but all are up for discussion at this year's convention and any new playoff regulations will not be in effect until 1999 playoffs.

GUINNESS SPONSORSHIP.

Chairman Pat Uniacke outlined a proposed plan for Guinness to sponsor both the Football and Hurling championship in the following 4 cities: Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and San Francisco. Basically the selected cities would select a player of the week. This Guinness player of the week would receive an award and would be eligible to be selected for player of the Championship. This player would receive 2 round trip tickets to Ireland for the All Ireland Final of their choice with 2 tickets to the game. The Divisional Board if they so wish may give one round trip to a Hurler and one to a Football player. The selection of these players will be done by a committee appointed by the Divisional Board. Guinness will require these cities to display a Guinness banner and where the Divisions are in charge of pouring rights, Guinness products must be served. The NACB will provide \$2,000,000 of liability insurance for each of the 4 selected cities. Total value per Division involved is \$3500. 10,000 will be added to the NACB treasurer for Convention to decide what to do with it. Please note that only base players are eligible to be selected. It is hoped that if this proves successful, it could be expanded to cover all NACB cities.

T.V. COVERAGE OF PLAYOFFS.

Pat Uniacke then outlined the possibility of getting a 2-hr program of the playoffs made which would be shown on the International Channel which would be accessible in about 10 million homes. The cost would be about \$15,000 which could be paid for by advertisements during the program. There was a "Weasel Clause" in the contract which would enable the NACB to withdraw from the contract in the event that sufficient funding could not be obtained or something arise that was not to the liking of the NACB. All agreed that this should be pursued.

Mike Moriarity and Bernie Malone then gave the following concerning the playoff weekend:

HOTELS: The hotels are located about 2 miles from the airport and clubs will be responsible to get their own transportation between the airport and the hotels.

FIELD: Friday and Saturday the field will be at the Polo Grounds and due to the response from the other Divisions, Mike Moriarity said that the local Board would attempt to obtain the Polo Fields for Sunday. It was noted that showers might be a problem at the Polo Fields but all agreed that the size of the pitches and the playing surface was worth the sacrifice. Alternate field for Sunday would

be Balboa Stadium. Travel time from hotels to fields about 15 minutes. Transportation will be provided from the Hotel to the fields and from the Hotel to the Banquet.

HOTELS: Bernie Malone will be in charge of hotels and will be contacting each Division with the details. Room rate will be from \$72-\$90 per night for up to 4 people in a room. Rooms must be held with a credit card. Hotel are requesting rooming lists 3 weeks in advance and Divisions are requested to secure rooms for their clubs 4 weeks in advance.

BANQUET: Banquet will be held in The Irish Cultural Center. Dinner and 4 hour open bar. Divisions will be required to purchase 10 tickets per traveling team at least 2 weeks in advance. \$50 per ticket.

John O'Flynn added that in the event of a Division sending an under 14, under 16 or Minor girls, that arrangements could be made to provide accommodations for these players in homes.

PLAYOFF DRAWS

MINOR AND UNDER AGE:

The final draw for this will take place in July when Divisions are more certain of which age groups are traveling.,

LADIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

In this competition it was found that Southern California had not entered this competition and it was agreed that, in the event that no other Division submits a Girls Minor team, that the San Francisco Minor Girls make up the eighth team.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

With regard to this competition, it was agreed to divide it into 2 separate competitions on an experimental basis. It was noted that this could only be done for this year and that permanent changes in the structure of the Ladies Junior Competition would have to be made at Convention. It was noted that in order to accommodate the draw that Southern California would give up their "seeding rights".

SENIOR FOOTBALL:

It was agreed by the Senior Divisions that a select team from the locally defeated San Francisco clubs be selected to make up the 4th. senior team. Please note that no player who is on the San Francisco Intermediate or Junior Champions can play on this select team.

.SENIOR HURLING:

It was agreed by the Hurling Divisions that the San Francisco make up the 4th. team with the 2 teams being placed at opposite ends of the draw.

At the close of the meeting the drawing for the injured player fund was made. 1st prize THE ROONEYS, 2nd prize DANNY O'DONNELL, 3rd prize MIKE MURPHY, 4th prize LIAM McKENNA, 5th prize FERGAL CASSIDY.

CC: ALL NACB OFFICERS.

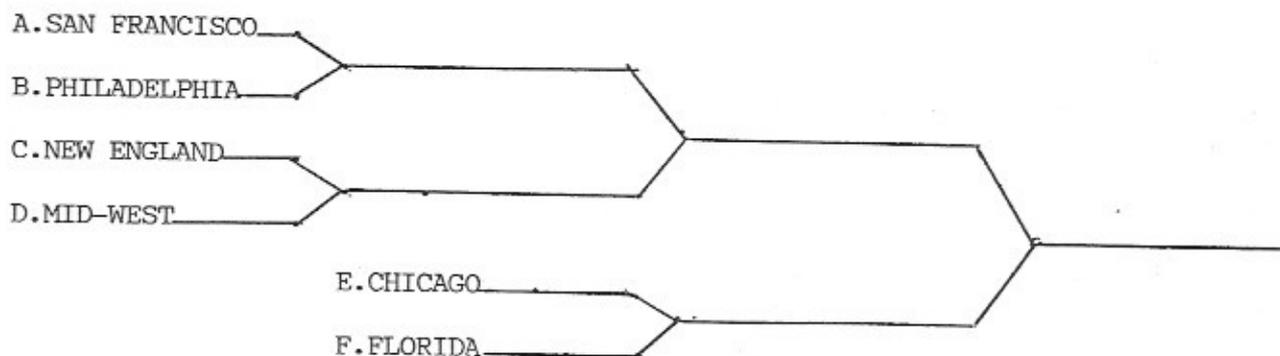
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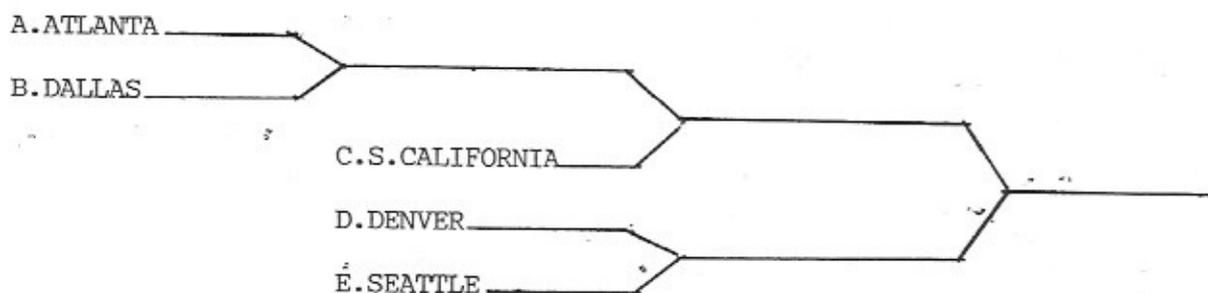
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JUNIOR FOOTBALL OPTION 2. JUNIOR A.

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**JUNIOR B.**

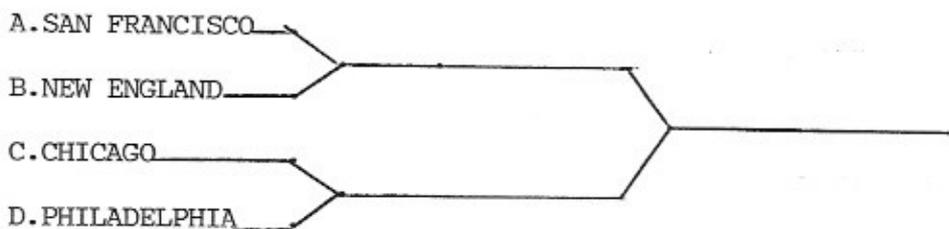
Atlanta, Denver, Seattle, S. California, Dallas.

**INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL.**

San Francisco, New England, Philadelphia, Florida, Southern California.

**SENIOR FOOTBALL**

New England, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco select.



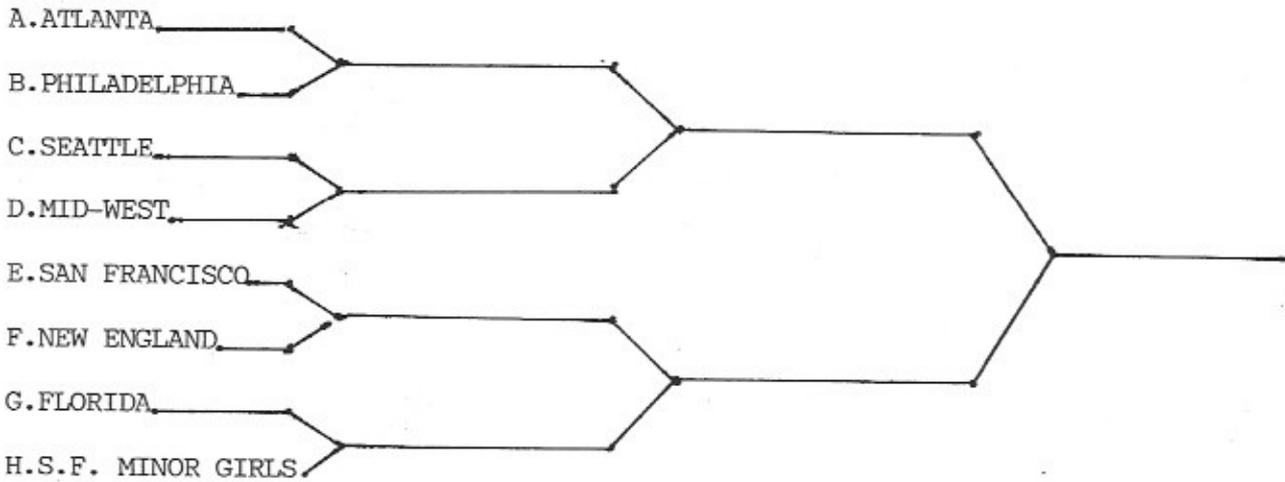
MINOR FOOTBALL

NEW ENGLAND, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO. Games will be set up so that each team plays each other, with the best 2 teams meeting in the final.

There is a possibility that Philadelphia may enter a under 14 or under 16 team to play teams from San Francisco.

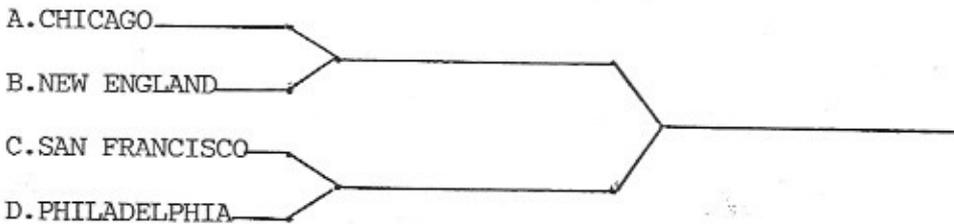
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LADIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL

San Francisco Seattle, Atlanta, Philadelphia, New England, Mid-west, florida, San Francisco Minor Girls.



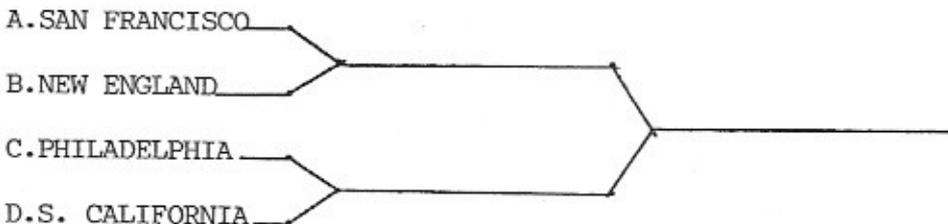
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San Francisco, Philadelphia, Chicago, New England.



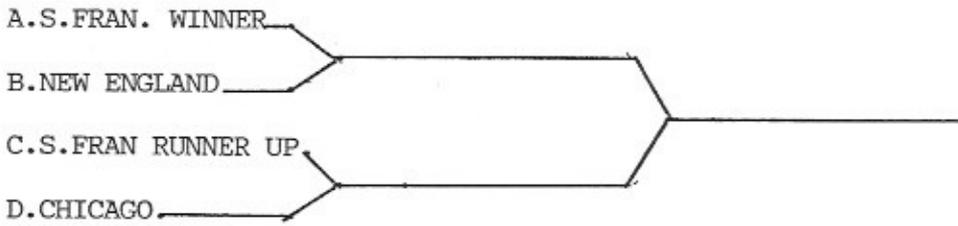
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JUNIOR HURLING

S. California, San Francisco, New England, Philadelphia.



SENIOR HURLING.

New England, Chicago, San Francisco, winner , San Francisco runner up.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINAL TIMES OF THE GAMES WILL BE SENT OUT BY AUGUST 1st. CLUBS ARE REMINDED TO BOOK THEIR RETURN FLIGHTS SO THAT A REPLAY CAN IF NEEDED BE PLAYED ON MONDAY.