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1. i think the bay area deserves a nationally recognised tournament..with the right dedication we can do it
2. Sorry for the late response. The Golden Gate tournament used to be much larger, I can remember traveling to play in it when I was a member of US-U21. It seems if we advertised at Cal Cup and other tournaments we might be able to raise a few funds and bring in quality hockey. Overall I am pleased being a part of the league, I have played Hockey almost twenty five years and have hope the league will grow. Improved officiating would help.
3. Umpiring is timid and extremely inconsistent. I'm from Perth, Western Australia and this is my first year playing here. The most obvious difference is the level of umpiring. There are two teams in the league that are extremely rough and intimidating to umpires and therefore the play gets out of hand. Umpires make mistakes but if they blow the whistle with confidence then everybody knows who's in charge.
4. - Rough play, bad sportsmanship and abuse of umpires is ruining the league. we need some strong discipline for offenders (ie. kick repeat offenders out) - BAFHA cup needs a rethink. I think it should be a finals series.The current round-robin setup does not get me enthused ie 1 vs. 8, then 2 full games on the same day as a final - I dont think this produces the best hockey. Also, the dates have always been changed, therefore players cannot plan. - PLayering is summer is too darn hot. Stanford at 12.30 does not produce the greatest hockey. IS it possible to start the league earlier - say Jan.
5. Perhaps the league could be more focused by having a single round of XI a side games in the spring followed by the Cup. Then the end of season apathy/lack of players that is leading to all the forfeits might decline. Perhaps after this there could be a 7 a side league (full field), or some one-day tournaments, since most clubs could definitely field that number.
6. - There were a number of forfeits this season, some with the forfeiting team not showing up. Team captains should be required to notify BAFHA and the other team of a forfeit 1 day ahead of time if the team will not show up. Otherwise they should arrange a social game instead, and, if necessary, fill up their team with players from other teams. The penalty for not showing up without notification and for not trying to put together a social game could be the loss of a point. Team captains and co-captains should exchange their contact information at the beginning of the season (e.g. through a post on a BAFHA webpage). - Physical and verbal excesses on the field must not be tolerated. Penalties for misconduct should be made clear to all players at the beginning of the season. - Regarding a tournament: It would be nice to invite teams from outside the Bay Area.
7. I believe that having consistent umpires each and every week for all of the games would be fantastic, even if that means hiring umpires as opposed to just having players/semi-trained umps from teams

umpiring. Then umps should be compensated a set amount per game, and given a bonus by their league evaluation. I also think the league needs to be much much more strict about fights/ill-play, espially as has been seen by Yuba, SC, etc. For example, recently a player from Yuba attaked Jason who was umpiring the game, this individual should be expelled for 2 seasons. This would better protect players, and the quality of league matches. Finally, I think the BAFHA website and playerregistration should be dramatically improved. For a good example of a league website, visit some of the soccer league's, like www.marinsoccer.com, and notice how each team is responsible for activating and printing out the active team roster each week, and presenting this to the umps before the match. The printouts also display all players with red cards or suspensions.

8. for expats like me who grew up playing hockey in very competitive environments, the BAFHA league is as close as we can probably get. Compared to what I personally have seen in other US cities, we are doing great (and big kudos to the BAFHA execs for making this happen!). There is talk about umpiring but that is not really the problem. As long as people play hockey, they will complain about umpiring. The only issues I see: 1) number of teams has decreased and number of forfeits increased. We have to think of how to fight that trend in order to keep the league interesting. 2) related to 1, I know our all-indian teams are somewhat challenging, yet we need them and it would be a shame to loose them. I wonder if through more social interactions we could take the anonymity out and thus increase discipline (both in showing up and behaving on the field). I don't know the answer but if we spent more time together off the field, that would help...
9. Relize I submitted comments from an ex-president watching the league from comments and emails I have heard from people. From what I see you guys have done better then I did and gotten a lot more participation, and it is good to see Andreas back! Chris Januszewski
10. The shortness of the season, coupled with breaks and changes in schedule, mean it is very difficult to create and maintain momentum as a team. // The end of the season "cup" is a major anti-climax, and needs rethinking. // Greater disciplinary measures need to be taken to curb bad behavior, which seems to be getting worse. // What about some indoor hockey during the winter?
11. Not sure what is meant by the 6 v 6 tourney.. Golden Gate?
12. The league should develop junior hockey players through a junior hockey league. The umpires need to be much stronger on the field to eliminate the nonsense that goes on. This hsoul be a men's league only. The league should be a split season in the Fall and spring/summer. The league should investigate the use of the new fields near the Pepsi plant in hayward (see Kashmir).
13. We need to do something about forfeits - add a security fee refundable at end of tournament if no advance warning of forfeit is provided. Stiffen up penalties for players/clubs that consistently argue/act violent.
14. Hockey is great and everyones hardwork is appreciated. A hockey social would be great, a sit-down meal in a hotel somewhere. with rooms for accomodation available if folk choose to stay. A formal presentation to winning teams etc and other contributing folk. A disco or band and a good knees-up.
15. The most frustrating factor is when an opposition/umpire fail to show up without warning. The league should take a bond at the beginning of the year and only return it to clubs who fulfill their umpiring and playing obligations.

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