



THE 2016 NATIONAL GAMES
Back to the Polo Fields

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1. Lesson Goal:
To gain a better understanding of what is involved in deciding to enter the lottery, accept a National Games invite, to develop a plan and to attend the National Games (NG)
2. Class Length:
1 hour and 15 minutes
3. Instructor Requirements:
Advanced Instructor (any discipline) with knowledge and/or experience in the process of the NG. It is recommended that the instructor be a NTAC member who has attended at least one or more NG
4. Learning Objectives:
All attendees will understand the process, guidelines and rules of accepting, planning and participating in the NG
5. Student Skills Acquired:
A desire to attend the next National Games. The knowledge to have a great National Games experience
6. Prerequisites:
None, except a desire to get an invite to the National Games and a desire to have fun at the NG
7. Materials:
Power Point Presentation which is preloaded onto conference laptop and also available on www.ayso.org along with lesson plan
8. Equipment:
LCD Projector and Screen
Flip Chart and Markers upon request
9. Special Instructors Notes:
Show plenty of excitement about the 2016 NG and have fun.

10. Body - Read all slides as presented. Lead questions and answers, responses and discussions as instructed.

Slide 1 - “The 2016 National Games” Back to the Polo Fields
An Exploration of the National Games Experience

Introduce yourself, co-instructors and any guests. *Describe* the purpose of the workshop, its anticipated length, that questions are encouraged during the presentation and that there will also be a question and answer session at the end of the workshop. *Using the flip chart*, have a scribe list a few comments that the group has about the NG and a few questions they have about the 2016 games.

Slide 2 - Explain how a Great NG experience starts with communication.

Slide 3 – Explain how all parents, spectators, volunteers, and players are customers of AYSO National Games.

Slide 4 – Answer any questions generated by the slide.

Slide 5 – All must communicate with the customers of AYSO National Games. We all are Ambassadors for AYSO National games.

Slide 6 – Using photos from past NG to show what to expect at the 2016 NG.

Slide 7 – If the presenter or someone in the group knows Mr. Michalski, then a personal story would add to the slide.

Slide 8 – Read slide. 2016 National Games are in West Palm Beach. Answer any questions.

Slide 9 - This slide is a picture representation of the AYSO team discussed in Safe Haven. If instructor is aware of the physical example of AYSO team, this is a good place to insert it. If not, then point out that when the adults on the team work together, the players win. One possible demonstration is to bring one coach, one referee, a parent and a player (role play if needed) to front of the room. Have the three adults join hands in a circle with the player in the middle. Reiterate: When the team works together, the player wins.

Slide 10 - This is the first step to attending 2016 games. Emphasize best chance to be in the games is to enter the LOTTERY.

Slide 11 – Emphasize the need to ask these questions before the RC enters the Lottery.

Slides 12, 13 - Players eligibility needs to be overemphasized and then talked about again. P.E. is the cornerstone of building a legal roster. Exceptions are rare.

Slide 14 - Regional Commissioners are responsible for signing the roster and guaranteeing players are legal participants. The AD is responsible if the roster represents an Area team.

Slide 15 – Coaches must be properly trained. Coaches may only coach one team. U-10 coaches must have completed the AYSO field session if they took the online U-10 course.

Slide 16 – National Office verifies all players and coaches eligibility. Need to check earlier than later. There are always coaches/players who are informed at the games that they are ineligible.

Slide 17 - Coaches/parent leaders should have a Team Notebook (2 copies) with all paper work included.

Slides 18, 19 – The **National Games are NOT a National Championship**. Sportsmanship is the #1 reason for the games, so there are many sportsmanship traditions.

Slide 20 – Banners - Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 21 – Pins/Coins –Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 22 – Uniforms- Remind them that two sets of jerseys of contrasting colors are required, must have AYSO logo, and NO individual team member names on the jerseys.

Slide 23 – T-shirts - Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 24, 25 – Team Check-in - Bring all paper work. Arrive early and have two sets of notebooks: one with the coach the other with the team leader. Overemphasize using eAYSO; it will make your life easier!!

Slides 26, 27, 28, 29 – Opening Ceremony – Shows order of march-inside/outside. Ask for input on any or all slides.

Slide 30- All meetings/dinners are very important. Confirm times and locations in Coach/Referee packets. At least one team representative should be at every meeting listed.

Slide 31 - Soccerfest meeting - location/time (if you know it).

Slide 32 – Coaches meeting/dinner - location and time. Ask for input.

Slide 33 - Referees meeting/dinner - location and time. Ask for input.

Slides 34, 35, 36 - Soccerfest is for the siblings as well as all the players, unless the rostered player is injured. Soccerfest is the cornerstone of the National Games experience. Again, if someone has a personal story, great!

Slides 37, 38 - NTAC, BOD, NO and the Venue Staff are very proud and excited that there will be a full VIP division. Show this excitement!! Good time for a story.

Slides 39, 40 – Youth Event – Times and location. Good time for a story, if someone has one!!

Slide 41– Volunteer Dinner - Times and locations.

Slide 42 – U-10 - U-14 PBC 7 games; U-16 - U-19 Pool Play 5 games, Medal Round 3 games for teams qualifying for quarterfinals.

Slide 43 - Pool Play is the same for U-16 and U-19. U-10 - U-14 Progressive Balanced Competition (PBC).

Slide 44 - Read slide if you have an understanding of PBC. Answer questions. If you are not familiar with PBC, let slide speak for itself and direct questions to members of NTAC (Randy and Steve).

Slide 45 - Qualifiers for the quarterfinals are posted as soon as possible. When you make your travel plans to go home, you should assume your team will be in the quarterfinals. Teams should participate through the end of the games.

Slides 46, 47 - All teams who qualify for the quarterfinals will have 2 more games

after their quarterfinal game.

Slide 48 – Awards – Each division has one sportsmanship award winner. Medal winners are top 4 places in each bracket. Michalski Sportsmanship Cup

Slide 49 – Sportsmanship Division Winners - time and location.

Slide 50 – Place Medal Winners - time and location.

Slides 51, 52 – AYSO Michalski Sportsmanship Cup - time and location.

Slide 53 - Wrap up is very important as it puts closure and cements lifetime memories.

Slides 54 and 55 - All are good resources.

Slide 56 – Great Ambassadors equals a Great National Games experience.

Slide 57 - Q and A if time permits.

11. Conclusion (Closure):

Thank you to co-instructors guests and attendees

12. Bridge (Transition)

None