



December 2018 Newsletter

In this newsletter, we would like to inform our community about new updates regarding the club and would like to do it as often as possible. Among the things we want to communicate here are decisions made by the Board during meetings and other doings, new programs starting or looking for help, events, tournaments, volunteer opportunities, as well as anything else the community asks us to include.

You can find information about the [Board](#) and our current [Committees](#) on our website.

Board

A regular Board meeting was held on December 18th, and these were the most salient topics:

- The Board is working on a 5-year plan to define the club's main priorities, goals, and long-term vision. We will share this with all of you when completed (Spring 2019).
- The Board purchased a Championships Banner to be displayed at the Centerville Jr. High School Gym. The banner will feature all the US Nationals titles and medals obtained by the club since its establishment. An unveiling ceremony is being planned during 2019 CalCup and we would like to invite all past club players to attend it.
- The Board has defined rules and guidelines for helping club members financially when they are selected to play with the US National Teams. These guidelines are as follows:
 - In the event an athlete (adult or youth) or staff member is selected to compete at official games with the US National Team, and asks for financial assistance from the club to cover for its travel expenses (flight, lodging, etc.), SF Calheat will try, to the best of its financial capabilities, to help the selected athlete or staff member. The amount remains at the discretion of the board of directors and might be subject to a vote
 - If financial help is available and granted, SF Calheat will set up a fundraising campaign for part of the amount and eventually match the balance to complete the required financial need. The fundraising campaign will be promoted across channels by the PR committee
 - To be considered for financial support, athletes and staff members will need to comply with the rules and principles of good operation set by the club, in particular:
 - Payment of the registration fee (or payment plan in place/approved by the Treasurer)



- Completion or planned volunteering hours in favor of the club
- In addition, we expect those athletes to be available as a spokesperson for National Team programs in the Bay Area and supporters for the development of the sport. In the event an athlete does not comply with all these requirements, the club reserves the right to refuse, or ask for partial or full reimbursement of the financial support
- We are looking for options to host US Nationals in 2020, Soeren is scouting sites for it. Please let any of the board members know if you want to help with this effort.
- Alexandre El-Assad is now the Chair of the Sponsoring Committee. Thanks, Alexandre! This is a very important part of growing the club and we are currently working towards setting up this committee for success (see details below).
- USATH has asked for proposals to develop College Team Handball and we have submitted our plan. We will keep you updated as we receive more information.
- There have been discussions around directed donations and the criteria for awarding financial help to players. The board decided that those donations directed to specific individuals will not be accepted and will be returned. Instead, we ask donors to direct their donations to specific programs or causes (eg. team travel, coaching, youth, etc.). Also, the direct beneficiaries of those donations will need to comply with the volunteering requirements set forth by the club at the beginning of the season.
- We encourage every player to approach us if you are having problems fulfilling your volunteering hours or affording your fees. We'll help you find a way to comply with those, but please try to be in good standing and accountable for all your responsibilities.
- Next Board Meeting will be on January 30th.

Events

The club will stage two (2) demonstration games, men and women, at the Silver Creek Sportsplex in San Jose (www.gotoplex.com) on Saturday, January 12th from 12 pm until 3 pm to promote the upcoming California Cup and Team Handball in general in the Bay Area.

CalHeat will hold a promotional event at the Decathlon store in Downtown San Francisco on January 19th. The Sponsoring Committee is looking for volunteers to help set up and conduct the event.



Youth Committee

Our Third Season of Youth Handball came to an end on Saturday, December 9th and we had new champions on both categories. Bret Harte Middle School won the regular season and the U14 California Cup, while Lycée Francais obtained the Youth California Cup based on their regular season performance. Although we were impacted by the fires during this Fall and had to reschedule our tournament, our regular season was the best yet counting more than 30 games throughout the Bay Area. We couldn't have done this without the help from the volunteers that decided to referee the games and help out with the tournament. THANK YOU!

We have big plans for the rest of the season to keep developing our youth players across the Bay Area. We will try to stage an all-girls camp to promote the creation next season of girls only teams and a tournament. We will again be running tryouts and trying to organize a team to compete at the Canadian Youth Nationals, and we will run our first Summer Camp on June 24-28 with Danish coaches from the ISI Academy (www.isi.dk).

And of course, we will keep running our Youth CalHeat and the Centerville Kids practices. All of these are great ways to help develop Team Handball in the Bay Area and for you to fulfill your volunteer hours, so come on down and participate.

If you want to be more involved with the Youth Committee and its activities please send an email to youth@calheat.com

California Cup 2019

On January 25-27 we will be hosting the 13th edition of the California Cup! This year we will have the presence of teams from New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Air Force, and West Point, plus two women and two men teams from SF CalHeat.

This is our largest event of the season and for it, we need everyone's help! Please get in contact with the CalCup committee at calcup@calheat.com to offer your help.

Sponsoring Committee

The sponsoring committee has a new chair in Alexandre El-Assad. The club's priority is to have a task force, as well as a thorough action plan, ready during the second half of this season.



We are in full swing with our Decathlon partnership and have secured the renewal of the RockTape sponsorship (details to be confirmed later)! Alexandre, Jean-Marc, and Thomas are currently working towards renewing deals with Dish Dash and Blue Mango.

Please, everyone, make sure to help them as much as you can.

Referee Committee

We plan to have more referee classes and certifications this season, if you are interested in becoming a USATH Certified Referee, please get in contact with Christoph at referee@calheat.com.

Miscellaneous

Next season will be a very busy one for Beach Handball in the US and we are preparing to be very involved with 4-6 events planned over the course of the summer including the World Beach Games in San Diego.

Kathrine Agger will be leading the organization of CalHeat Europe. She will identify the tournament in which we will participate and organize the teams. Please get in contact with her or us if you want to be a part of the team.

Happy Holidays!

If you have any questions or suggestions for how to improve this newsletter, please send us an email to contact@calheat.com

Thanks and keep making SF CalHeat the best Team Handball Club in the US!