“THE 2016 NATIONAL GAMES”
Back to the Polo Club

1. Lesson Goal:
   To gain a better understanding of what is involved in forming a team, accepting a National Games invite, attending the 2016 National Games (NG) and the week at the games

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:
   The knowledge to have a great 2016 National Games experience

6. Prerequisites:
   Understanding that the National Games is a culture event NOT a National Championship

7. Materials:
   Power Point Presentation which is preloaded onto conference laptop and also available on [www.ayso.org](http://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 concept of NG. Emphasize how great it is to be going back to the Polo Club 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 Club
An Exploration of the week of the National games

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 - Photos of the Polo Club

Slide 3 - Explain how a Great NG experience starts with communication.

Slide 4 – 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.

Slide 6 – We all are Ambassadors for the 2016 Games

Slide 7 – Explain we will look at what will happen at the 2016 games using pass games as a model

Slide 8 – If the presenter or someone in the group knows Mr. Michalski, then a personal story would add to the slide.

Slide 9 – Read slide. 2016 National Game West Palm Beach. Answer any questions.

Slide 10 - 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 11 - This is the first step to attending 2016 games.

Slide 12 – Emphasize if they were in the lottery they have a better chance at being invited, but even if not in the lottery they could still have a chance, but the sooner they check the better.

Slides 13, 14 - 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 15 - 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 16 – Coaches must be properly trained. Coaches may only coach one team. U10 coaches must have completed the AYSO field course.

Slide 17 – 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 18 - Coaches/parent leaders should have a Team Notebook (2 copies) with all paper work included.

Slides 19, 20 – National Games is NOT a National Championship. Sportsmanship is the #1 reason for the games, so there are many sportsmanship traditions.

Slide 21 – Banners- Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 22 – Pins/Coins –Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 23 – 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 24 – T-shirts- Talk about possible kinds and uses. Ask for input.

Slide 25 – Fundraising - Start early keep good records Ask for input

Slide 26 – Media Campaign - Ask for more ideas and if anyone is a media specialist,
get them involved.

Slide 29- All meetings are very important. Confirm times and locations in Coach/Referee packets. At least one team representative should be at every meeting listed.

Slide 30 - Soccerfest meeting - Location /Time (if you know it)

Slide 31 – Coaches & referee meeting - location and time. MANDATORY

Slides 32 - 34 - 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!

Slide 35 - VIP division. Show excitement!! Good time for a story.

Slide 36 – Youth Event – RAPIDS WATER PARK. Good time for a story, if someone has one!!

Slide 37 – U10 PBC 7 games U12-U19 Pool Play 5 games Medal Round 3 games for teams qualifying for quarter finals

Slide 38 - 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 39 – U12 - U19 Pool Play

Slide 40 - Qualifiers for the quarter finals are posted as soon as possible. When you make your travel plans assume your team will be in the quarterfinals. Teams should participate through the end of place games

Slides 41, 42 - All teams who qualify for the quarterfinals will have 2 more games after their quarterfinal game. Winners or runner-ups

Slide 43 – Awards – Each division has one sportsmanship award winner. Medal winners are top 4 places in each bracket. Michalski Sportsmanship Cup

Slide 44 – Sportsmanship Division Winners - Time and location
Slide 45 – Place Medal Winners - Time and location

Slides 46, 47 – AYSO Michalski Sportsmanship Cup - Time and location

Slide 48- Wrap up is very important as it puts closure and cements lifetime memories.

Slides 49 - All are good resources.

Slide 50 – Great Ambassadors equals a Great National Games experience.

Slide 51 - Q and A if time permits.

11. Conclusion (Closure):
   Thank you to co-instructors guests and attendees
   Stay after to answer any additional individual questions

12. Bridge (Transition)
    None