

I would like to ensure that you are aware of our arrangements for the use of WAAS on Tuesday evenings, and of some issues around that use.

1. We do not have, (and have never had), exclusive use of the track or of any specific lanes. Similarly no other group has any exclusive arrangement. The only way to get exclusivity is to book the venue, and that costs around \$800 per session.
2. Our arrangement with VenuesWest is that they are happy for us to have our Tuesday sessions, and have actually encouraged other groups to use days other than Tuesdays.
3. However, for groups that do choose to come on Tuesdays, it is necessary for us to discuss and work with them and come to arrangements that work for everyone. We have done this successfully during the winter, but with the increasing numbers in summer it clearly gets more difficult. A large new group appeared last Tuesday. I have spoken to Barrie and he will talk to them next week.
4. It is quite possible that a group will on occasions book the venue, which means we will have to cancel our meeting that week. This could happen at very short notice, as happened once in the winter. In fact as I write this, an email has arrived from VenuesWest that the evenings of 6, 20 and 27 March are not available due to a prior booking.
5. Those doing the Patron's Trophy need to be aware that should this happen, and they have not done that event at ECAC the previous Thursday, then they will end up missing out on that particular event.
6. I have had a request to hold some of the postal relays at WAAS. Because of the above uncertainties, and also because of the closing time at WAAS, this is unfortunately not going to be possible.

I hope this clarifies the position. I do know how much the track athletes enjoy running at WAAS, and please be assured that Barrie, supported by the committee, will continue with his efforts to make it work.

Regards

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