

RDYSL Presidents' Meeting  
September 30, 2012, 7 to 9 PM  
Monroe Community College, Empire Room  
(Park in Lot M)

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, George Hebert, Lou Boyon, Neil Fisher, Karen May, Janet Wright.

Additional Attendee: Roger Best (NYS West), Canandaigua Area S.L., Chili S.C., Cobras F.C., Fairport S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Greece Buccaneers S.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Hawks S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., Rush Henrietta S.C., Spencerport S.C., Stormers S.C., Wayne Wings S.C., Webster S.A.

1—Upcoming changes

- Changes to registration procedure- a handout was presented to the Registrars, team managers, and tournament directors explaining changes.
- ARs to be added in 2013 for U15- Yes, it was well received by all clubs present at meeting.
- Should we add ARs for U13 and U14 in 2014? Yes.
- Fee to reset club login password- Yes. \$25. First reset is free.

2—Discussion topics—these are topics the board is talking about, but hasn't made a decision on. We would like to hear from you: your ideas, what you think of our ideas, impact on your clubs.

**a. Adult misconduct**

After decreasing the last few years, adult (coach and spectator) misconduct fines increased this year. This year spectator ejections went from 27 to 33; Coach Ejections went from 7 to 17; Minor coach ejections went from 16 to 38. What can/should we do to improve? Our ideas include:

- Addition of game observers/field marshals-suggestion was made to have volunteers, someone other than the coaching staff (ref to meet with these 2 people prior to start of game.). Do these people need a risk management pass? (Roger Best to check this out at the state level.)  
President feedback: Some felt parents would only do it at home games. Generally they were somewhat receptive to the idea/concept but clearly want more details.
- Marking and enforcement of the technical area-15 yards either side of midfield by using a cone, etc. President feedback: Neutral. Further discussion needed. Concern this might give the ref more ammunition for a fine.
- Give RDYSL board members the authority to report on adult conduct at games they attend-suggestion that board members call president rather

than email. Comment was made that DC might be put in awkward situation due to their connection to the league with the board member. President feedback: Clearly NOT in favor.

- Change the way penalty points are assessed (add points for coach misconduct/ejection)- Some suggestions from the club presidents included:
  1. If parent gets kicked out, so does the player.
  2. Don't think the league should stop being aggressive in trying to address adult misconduct.
  3. Have the parents sit on the opposite sidelines of the teams. –Most presidents did not like this idea since coach can't do much if parents on opposite side of field. Another club suggested it stay the same. It should come down to being on the coach's shoulders and the clubs supporting their coaches.
  4. Is there any way the referees can get the problem parent name(s) during a game? George felt this was a bad idea.
  5. All clubs to possibly have a code of conduct that is signed by parents?
  6. Roger Best was asked to check on other ideas out there in NYS.
  7. In favor of penalty points for player loss of control red cards and doubling these. Not in favor of penalty points for coach ejections as there are some refs that use the Zero Tolerance as a power trip against coaches.
  8. General discussion held on referees: Is there any analysis of referee vs coach ejection? Are there any repeat offenders? Some club presidents feel in RDYSL games that the refs are looking for something to fine a team for –nitpicking.

#### **b. Division placement**

We had more dissatisfaction with our division placement process this year than usual. How can we improve the process? Our ideas include:

- Provide training at the AGM on how to provide us with the best information on the team registration form-podcast on the website?
- Improve our communication process with coaches when placement has been determined-improve DC communication with teams. Ask specific questions on team information sheets for division placement. Send draft of division placements to teams and presidents before final date. DCs need to pay better attention to team information and division suggestion including non competitive scores. DC's should pay careful attention to reputable clubs for placement. Clubs will know the actual number of teams in a division for suggestion of division placement this year.

#### **c. Bounced checks**

Bounced checks are a big problem for referees, who have to pay bank fees and wait to be paid. Our ideas:

- Charge double the value of the check, plus the bank fees, back to the responsible club-No!
- Require cash only for referee fees (This is also a problem when your club checks for fines and fees bounce.) Yes!

#### **d. Fees and fines**

How should we deal with waiving fees or fines in extraordinary circumstances (e.g. illness or death)? No objections to waiving fees and fines. RDYSL to explain this as – tragic circumstances.

#### **e. Player jersey issues**

Reminder: a team should have one set of jersey numbers, which has to match the numbers in the Online Game Reporting System.

Should we enforce the jersey colors a team lists on their registration form (e.g. a fine for failure to wear the “right” color)? Agreed that teams should have two available “jerseys” (one could be a numbered t-shirt) both with the same number for a player that matches the roster. Callups should have number conflicts resolved with tape (preferably duct tape). Clubs reminded they can put things in for uniform color: Home: white and blue horizontal stripes, i.e. more than a single color.

#### **f. Callups**

How can we reduce the use of ineligible callup players? Change for this year-Must be 15 by the end of the season –July 31. Club presidents must have a process of tracking their callup players. No meaningful suggestions were presented by the Presidents.

### 3— Other discussion topics

- Please fill out and submit Voting Delegate form. Scholarship Nomination forms available- Scholarship is now one check of \$1000 for one female player and one male player.
- No transfer changes this year.
- NYS West- Roger Best reminded clubs to have anyone involved with their individual club to be listed on Roster Pro. No copies of Risk Management Passes should be issued or used as proof. They are not legal. NYS West is interested in advertising for club and league registration on their website to assist in growing the sport and requested clubs send their tryout dates.
- Many teams were fined for poorly marked fields which they felt were inappropriate. (9v9) Further discussion by the board to occur. Suggestion from board to work reimbursement terms into their contracts with places like TSE and G & T.

### 4--Reminder for RDYSL Annual General Meeting November 18, 7 PM

- a. Mandatory meeting
- b. State of the League
- c. Announcement of awards

d. Election of officers

Meeting adjourned 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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