



Welcome to the 2015 Annual General Meeting

November 22, 2015

Agenda



- Election of Officers – Bret Dangelmaier
- NYSWYSA Coach Training Update – Chris Hershey
- 2017 & 2018 US Soccer Rule Changes
- US Soccer 11/9/15 “Player Safety Campaign”
- 2015 Referee’s Report – DJ Maggio
- 2016 RDYSL Rule Changes
- 2016 New Member Club
- Model-Leadership-Probation Program Update and Awards
- Requests of Club Presidents

RDYSL – Officer Nominations

President – George Hebert

Boys VP – Brad Schreiber

Girls VP -- Beth Guzetta

VP Website – Mark VanDellon

VP Referees -- DJ Maggio

Secretary -- Janet Wright

Treasurer -- Sue Gurak



Nominations from the floor?

Current Slate of Division Coordinators

Age	Boys	Girls
U9-10	Paul Walters	Karen May
U11-12	Peppy Ehrlich	Brian Charles
U13-14	Donna Kephart	Andrew Knoblauch
U15-16	Mike Doyle	Mike Mallaber
U17-19	Marc Dall	Bret Dangelmaier

NYSWYSA Coach Training Update

Chris Hershey

NYSWYSA Director of Coaching Education

Scott Craig

NYSWYSA Assistant Technical Director

US Youth Soccer

Concussion Procedure and Protocol

- Posted August 29, 2015
- “Coaches” responsibility
- Training guide and information available at <http://nyswysa.org/home/543204.html>
- Form to be signed and provided to parent available at [http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/forms/US Youth Soccer Concussion Notification Form.docx](http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/forms/US_Youth_Soccer_Concussion_Notification_Form.docx)
- Player NOT to return to play until cleared by doctor

US Soccer Small Sided Game Changes

- All changes are mandatory for all US Soccer organizations
- 2018 Rule changes are not yet final
 - Field sizes being reevaluated
 - Everything being driven by trying to improve technical play
- Driven by Tab Ramos – US Youth Technical Director

2017 USYSL Rule Change

For RDYSL 2017 playing season

- Being done to align US age groups with FIFA worldwide standard
- Calendar year age groups effective for 2016-17 season (1/1/17)
 - August 1- December 31 players “move up” to older age (skipping a year)
 - January 1 – July 31 players “stay down” (normal age progression)
 - Player play ups are still allowed
 - As always, players may NOT play down to a younger age
 - Being implemented nationwide simultaneously

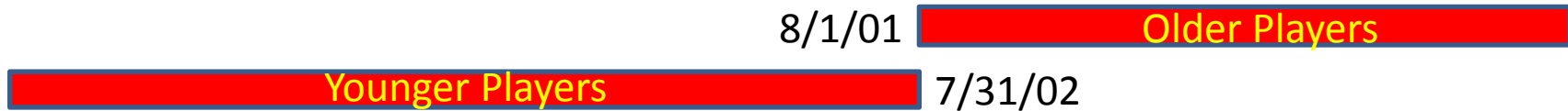
Calendar Year Example

- Calendar year birth dates still do NOT align with NY State school grade years (December 1- November 30)
- Year season ends – birth year = Age Group
2017-2018 – 2003 = U15

Example

- Current formed 2015-16 U14 team (all age appropriate)
 - Players born from August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002
- For 2016-17 season as announced
 - Players born in 2001 will play U16 (move up)
 - Players born in 2002 will play U15 (stay down)

U14 Team in 2016



U15 Team in 2017



U16 Team in 2017



- Note that “Older Players” skip an age
- Do you split up your teams or allow massive play ups?
 - If yes, competitiveness issues?
- Do you end up with two coaches/managers on one team and none on another?
- How are you going to handle parent complaints?

Calendar Year Options for 2017 Rosters

Specific implementation – “an individual club decision”

- RDYSL will give you as much flexibility as we possibly can
- RDYSL recommends at a minimum all new young teams be formed using calendar year basis for 2017
- May have club specific roster rules for 2017 season and beyond
- Infinite options using play up rule
 - ❑ Competitiveness issues, parental issues, coach issues and more
 - ❑ Grandfather existing teams? -- Players born 8/1/02 to 7/31/03 play U15
 - ❑ Team goes to school year? – Players born 12/1/02 to 12/31/03 play U15
- Simplest and likely best approach is to “bite the bullet” and make the dramatic change one time
 - ❑ Only time you can blame this on someone else

Potential 2018 USYSL Rule Changes

For 2017-18 Season

- Return to 9 v 9 including goalies for U11 & U12, roster size 18
- Currently announced Maximum field sizes
 - ❑ U9-10 – 47x30 (was 60x40)
 - ❑ U11-12 – 75x47 (was 80x50)
 - ❑ U13 – 112x75 (was 100x60)
- Currently announced Maximum goal size – U9-12, 6.5' x 18.5' (RDYSL/NYSWYSA coordinate mass purchase?)
- Half times
 - ❑ U9-12 Ten minutes
 - ❑ U13+ Fifteen minutes
- No punting for U9-10 goalies, special restraining line for retreat

US Soccer Player Safety Campaign

11/9/15 Announcement

- Preliminary press release, final recommendation to be finalized by 12/31/15 (or 30 days)
- Improve concussion awareness for coaches
- Implement consistent return to play protocol
- Eliminate heading for all U9-10 activities
- Heading only allowed in games for U11-13
- May be other components announced



2015 Referee's Report

DJ Maggio

VP Referees and Discipline

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2015 Season Observations

- Spectator misbehavior spiked
- Coach misbehavior declined
- Fewer qualified referees assigned to matches
 - ❑ “June monsoon” reschedules
 - ❑ Loaded July game schedules beyond normal expectations

2015 Game Feedback Reports

- 2015 – 2,426 reports submitted (up 6% from 2014)
- 494 officials had reports submitted, 4% decrease
 - ❑ 167 officials had 6 or more reports, 2% increase
- Overall average eval 4.301 (statistically significant change)
 - ❑ 2014 avg 4.284
 - ❑ 2013 avg 4.290
 - ❑ 2012 avg 4.146
 - ❑ 2011 avg 4.087
- Overall average eval for refs with 6 or more games 4.302 (statistically insignificant change)
 - ❑ 2014 avg 4.300
 - ❑ 2013 avg 4.300
 - ❑ 2012 avg. 4.274
 - ❑ For 2015 these refs did 37% of the evaluated matches
 - ❑ For both 2012 & 2013 these refs did 62% of the evaluated matches, 61% in 2014

Poorly Performing Officials

➤ 2015 Game Feedback Reports

- 29 lowest scoring referees were “evaluated” and appropriate actions being taken
 - 18 – no action required
 - 6 – mentoring required
 - 2 – age restricted
 - 3 – item specific counseling, pending results 2 may be barred
- Still far too many coordinated responses on single matches
- Several poorly performing officials from 2014 did NOT referee in 2015

2015 VPR Goals

- Continue training of RRU/BRU on OGRS
- Ref units train on how refs submit OGRS
- Provide input on RDYSL specific items for RRU/BRU training
- Increase use of metrics by RRU/BRU
- Handout for coaches on referees at March meeting

Renewed Assignor Service Contract

- Executed 11/6/15 for 2016-2020 seasons
- No meaningful change in terms of service
- 20 cents per game increase in center referee assigning fee for 2018 season
- 5 cents per game increase for each AR assigning fee for 2019 season

Questions?

2016 RDYSL Rule Changes

- Moving U12 to 8v8 including goalies for 2016 with 16 maximum roster size
 - ❑ Mandated by NYSWYSA to go 8v8
 - ❑ Option to request roster variance
- Goalie punts disallowed for U9-10 matches
 - ❑ Early implementation of US Soccer mandated rule change for 2017-18 (which will include U11-12)
 - ❑ 2015 rule requiring retreat to mid-field seen as very effective and positive
 - ❑ Opponents must immediately retreat to midfield when goalie has control of the ball
 - ❑ Goalie must distribute ball to someone in defensive half
 - ❑ Goalie violation results in indirect free kick from top of penalty box or spot of violation if further from goal
 - ❑ Provides focus on improving foot skills and developing attack out of the back

2016 RDYSL Rule Changes

- RDYSL version of club passes
- NO change to previous secondary player rules
- Call up rule implemented for U13-19 teams
 - Maximum number of call up players per match – 3
 - Maximum 2 age group call up difference, e.g. U19 call up U16-17
 - Player must be age appropriate for lowest applicable age group by 7/31
 - Player must be on at least a U13 roster
 - Roster must be entered in system
 - Maximum number of call ups for an individual player – 4 across all teams in club, CLUB RESPONSIBILITY WITH FORFEIT DECLARED IF VIOLATED
 - Individual must be on roster of a lower division or lower age team
 - Completely filled out call up form must be submitted to referee prior to match and player name written on game day roster
 - Player sanctions apply as if player is on the older roster
 - Called up secondary player counts toward 3 secondary player limit

2016 RDYSL Rule Changes

- RDYSL Board Member/DC may file observation report and DC may fine for off field issues
- No fines for non-LOPC player dismissals
- Non-LOPC suspensions do not carry over into following season
- Removed fine for 3 cautions in season as long as none are LOPC
 - ❑ 1 game suspension remains as coach responsibility
- Eliminate fine for failure to have club rep sign game report
- Eliminate fine for poor field markings unless there are no markings
- Incorrect match report provided to referee – fine reduced from \$25 to \$10 (opponent's name added to game report)
- Removed penalty point for 2 non-LOPC cautions in same match
- Referee may choose to not allow re-entry for a player who sustains a head injury

2016 RDYSL Rule Changes

- Field size specifically called out as reason to have league declare field unplayable with special focus on U11-12
 - ❑ Often FAR too large especially for small sided play
 - ❑ Require appropriate sized field per RDYSL Rule 402
 - ❑ “If you can’t provide correct field size play all games away”
- Goals must be anchored in compliance with US Consumer Product Safety Commission standards (NY State Law)
- Any form of electronic player passes are invalid
- Failure to pay end of season bill on time results in 5% per month late fee
- For AGM, one person may only represent one club
- Club failure to adhere to mass game cancellation procedure – responsible for all referee fees that may be due

Requests of Club Presidents

- Ensure you put process in place for mass game cancellations
- We updated the “Duties of the Club President” document – strongly advise you review it
 - ❑ Many thanks to Tom O’Neil & John Prospero
- Match “score blowouts”
 - ❑ Ensure you have a good process to provide accurate, useful team registration information
 - ❑ League has reviewed its divisional assignment process

Requests of Club Presidents

- Ensure your winning and runner up teams order t-shirts in timely manner
- RDYSL Fines and Payments
 - Check the club control panel at least weekly so issues are addressed promptly
 - Ensure checks from club/team include game numbers where appropriate

RDYSL To Dos -- President's Meeting

- RDYSL will not release U9-10 division standings or team results to anyone
- Winning and runner-up team t-shirt order process will remain the same for 2016
- Still need 2-3 more new DC board members

2016 New Member Club

- FC Dynamo which will be hosting matches at RIT fields



2015 Model/Leadership Awards + Club Probationary Update for Annual General Meeting

George Hebert

President

November 22, 2015

Why Model/Leadership Awards?

- Program established in 2009
- Provide Clubs incentive to improve key aspects of the game **for the good of the players**
- Program goals
 - Reduce adult misbehavior
 - Reduce player misconduct
 - Reduce administrative burdens
 - Allow clubs to differentiate themselves
 - Do NOT change the way the game should be played!



Things Considered

- Minimize favoring large or small clubs ★
- No advantage for girls or boys teams ★
- Focus on readily measurable elements ★
- Ensure elements are easily understood and their reduction will impact program goals ★

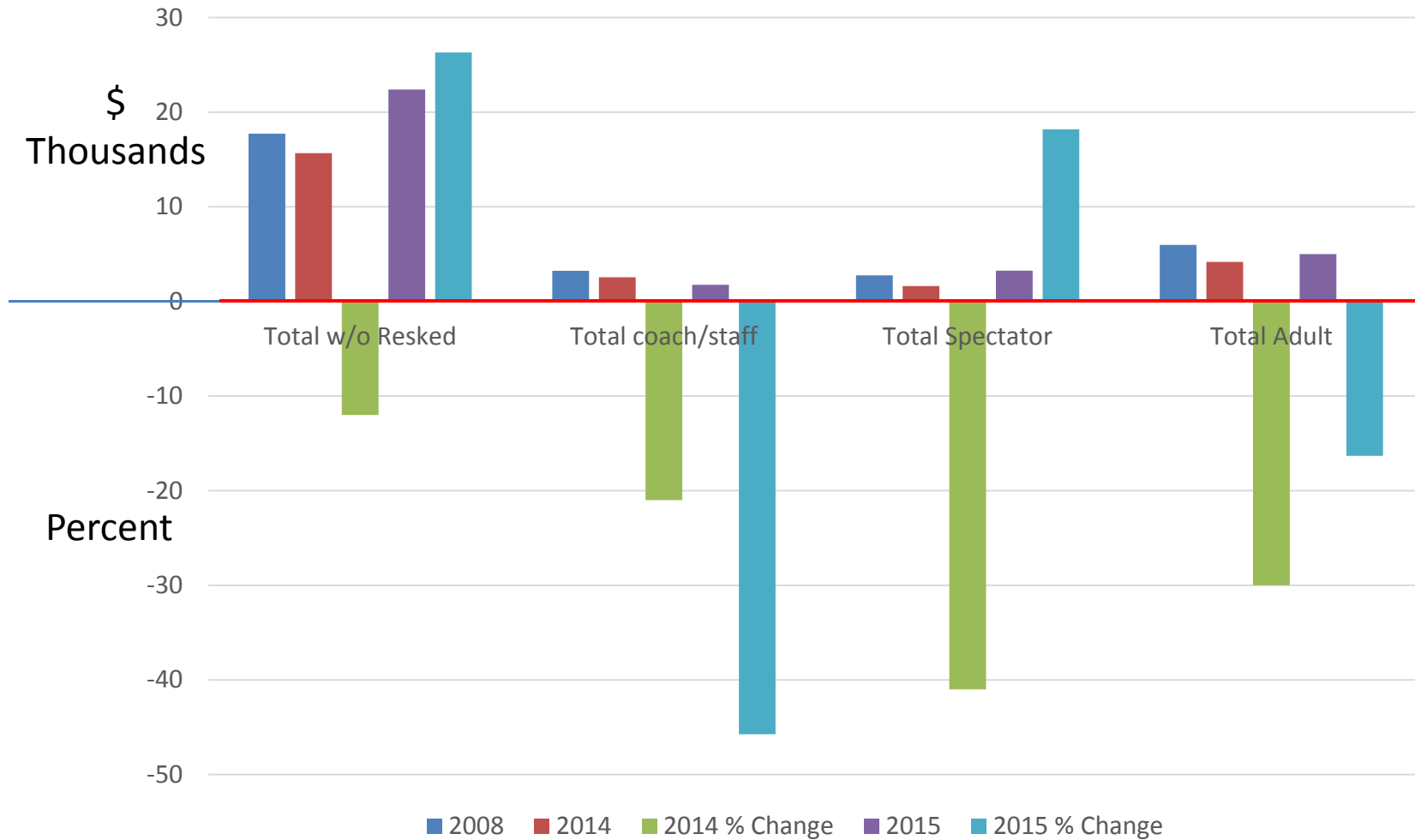


Program Assessment

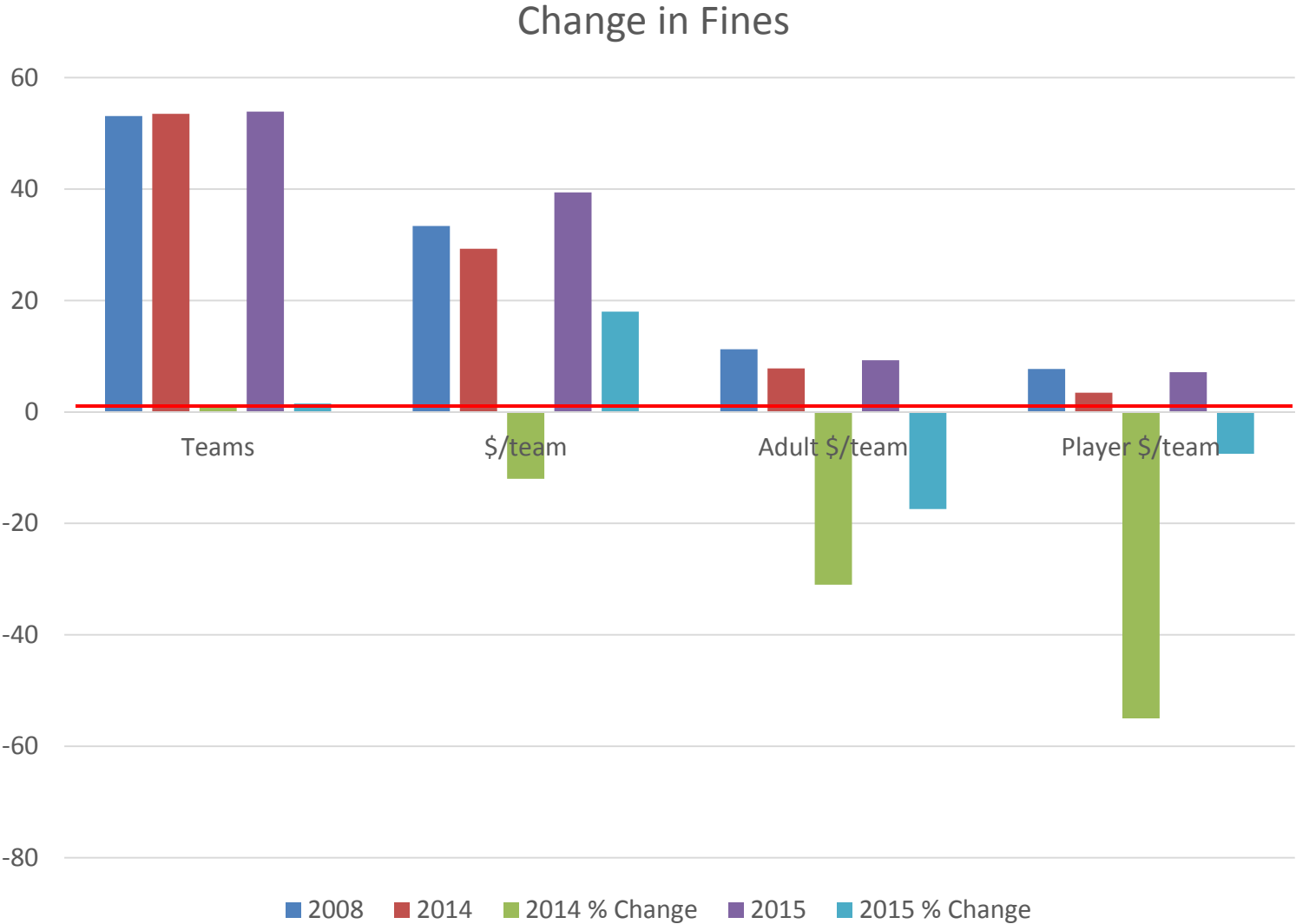
- Club Presidents want to keep the program
- Improved fairness between small and large clubs
- Improved clarity of program requirements
- RDYSL must try to provide recognition for winning clubs (Post Newspapers, D&C)
- **The program appears to be working!**

Program Effectiveness

Change in Fines

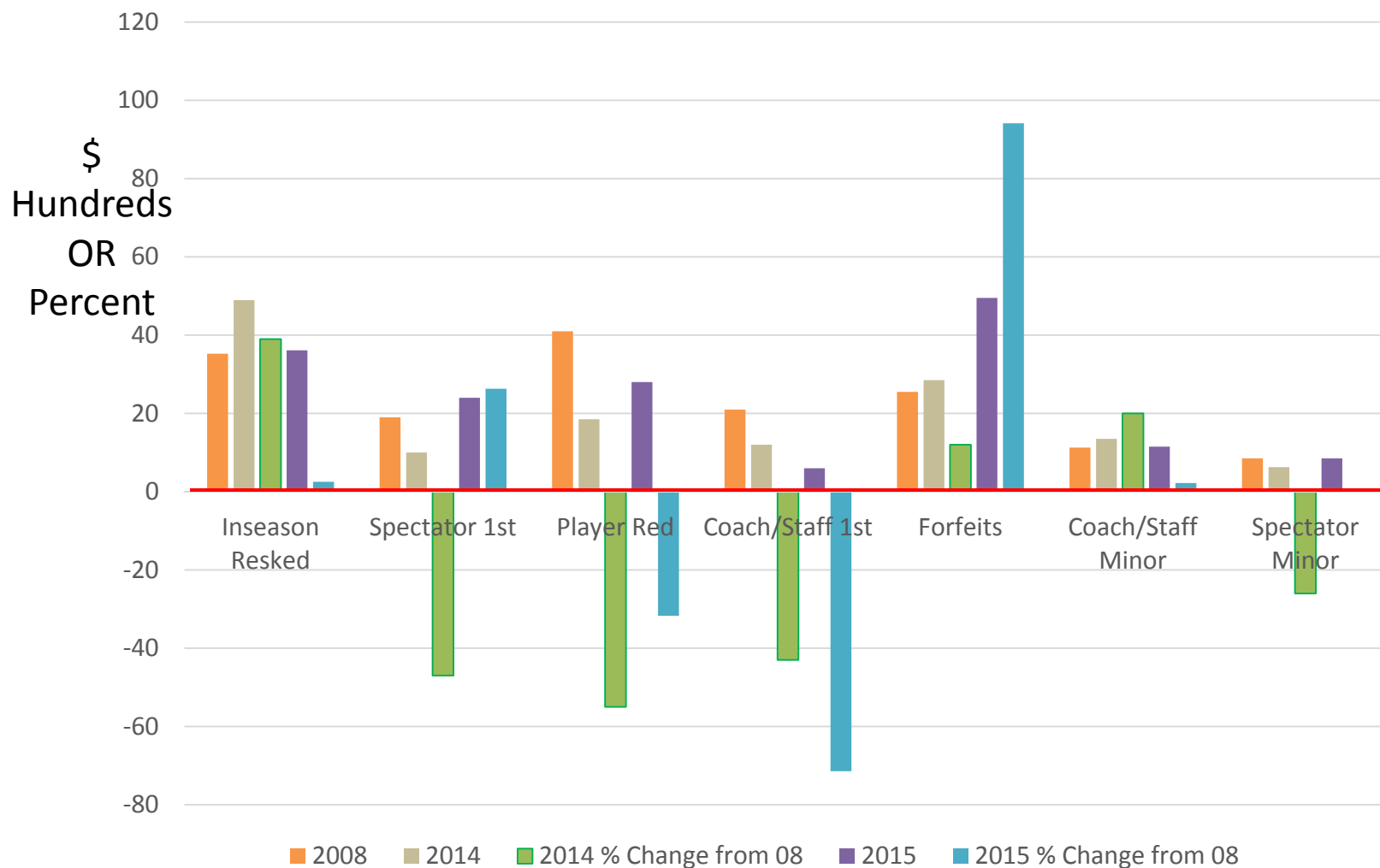


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Change in Fines



Where Did The Fines Come From?

- Forfeits -- \$4,950
- In season game date reskeds -- \$3,915
- Spectator incidents -- \$2,400
- Player red cards fighting (LOPC) -- \$1,800
- No club rep at AGM -- \$1,250
- Coach/staff minor -- \$1,150
- Player red card (non-LOPC) -- \$1,000

Money Available for Winners

- 509 teams X 6 games X \$2.40 X 0.9 = \$6,596.64
- \$6,596.64 * 0.50 = \$3,298.32 for Leadership
- \$6,596.64 * 0.40 = \$2,638.66 for Model
- MUST Receive PROOF of 501(c)3 status for clubs receiving awards

Leadership Award “Season Eligible” Clubs

- Lesser of pool/total number of teams or \$50 per team
 - $\$3,298.32 / 84 \text{ teams} = \39.27 per team
 - $\$50 * 84 \text{ teams} = \$4,200$
- Canandaigua – 17 teams
- Fairport – 27 teams
- Gananda – 10 teams
- Pittsford Hawks – 7 teams
- Victor – 23 teams
- Last date to pay annual bill was 10/10/15 so ALL are ineligible

Model Award Winners

- Lesser of pool/total # teams or \$150/team
 - \$150 * 19 teams = \$2,850; exceeds pool
 - \$2,638.66/19 teams = \$138.88 per team
- Both paid bill on time
- Byron-Bergen -- 5 teams, \$735.30
- Penfield Strikers -- 14 teams, \$2,058.84
- Proofs of 501(c)3 status already on file

2015 Model/Leadership Clubs

- Program will continue for 2016 season
 - Clubs must be in good standing including having a minimum of 4 registered teams

Club Probationary Program

- Why? Must all clubs tolerate persistent bad behavior from other clubs? Club Presidents said **NO!!!**
- Metric – Adult (Coach/parent/spectator) misbehavior
 - If a club’s actual sum of games with adult ejections and minor offenses is >3 times the “allowable minor offenses” or greater:
 - First year -- “warning issued” by certified letter
 - Second year -- club placed on probation & must place \$1,500 refundable deposit before registering teams
 - Third year – club removed from RDYSL
 - Clubs with zero allowable offenses must have 3 or more total offenses to be identified as a problem club.
 - A single year of meeting criteria places a club back in good standing
- Program re-initiated for 2016 season

2015 Probation Eligible Clubs

Based on 2015 metric FOUR clubs would have been on probation for 2016.

Had we NOT suspended program for 2015 ONE club would be facing expulsion.

Two more clubs would have been on the cusp of probation.