

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

6:00-8:00 PM, August 30, 2017, JCC Conference Room

Notified absences: Beth Guzetta, John Prospero, Brad Schreiber, Janet Wright

Attendees: Mark Dall, Brett Dangelmeier, Michael Fridman, Susan Gurak, Shawn Hart, DJ Maggio, Mike Mallaber, Karen May, Ed Muoio, Tom O’Neil, Jeff Rothwell, Paul Stirrup, Peter Urban, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Gerry White

1. Board membership

- a. RDYSL welcomes several new Division Coordinators for the 2017-2018 season: Paul Stirrup (coach of Hilton soccer team), Shawn Hart (experience through Rush-Henrietta SC), Jeff Rothwell (experience through Wayne Wings SC), John Prospero (experience through Byron-Bergen SC).
- b. Due to several 2017 division coordinators stepping down after the 2017 season, and the insurgence of the new volunteers, a commitment for 2018 season for the incoming participants will happen by the next meeting. Decision on the coverage for RDYSL age groups will be done by the Board approximately January 2018. Brad Schreiber will step down as Boys VP but continue in the capacity of Registrar. Mike Mallaber will be the name RDYSL brings to the RDYSL AGM ballot.
- c. Membership expectation
 - i. Bylaws call for potential removal of member if they miss two consecutive board meetings. Executive board has determined the bylaws are a little harsh. Since the reexamination of RDYSL bylaws is in process, the committee will examine this sanction for the volunteers.
 - ii. The Executive board members should have (prefer) perfect attendance but will accept missing 2-3 meetings. Members who miss the mandatory training sessions need to make arrangements to make up those sessions.
 - iii. DCs MUST continue to understand what’s important for the players comes first and foremost to any decisions made, what’s important for the coaches is second. If RDYSL keeps these goals in mind the league will be successful.

2. Season overview

Every active member for the 2017 season contributed to the conversation regarding the 2017 season. Weather for some of the division coordinators truly effected the cancelation of games; teams, DC’s, refs, and assignors handled the quantity of cancelations to the best of their ability. Handling the game changes was a massive effort on everyone’s part and sincere congratulations to all. There is concern over some refs not handling their paper work correctly; not checking in players, misplacing call-up player forms. WEB VP appreciated most DC’s following our processes correctly. Ref VP highly involved in issues this year; from assaults on ref to helping new DC’s working through the rules. Ongoing concerns with U9-U10 issues of adults feeling the player’s are in the “World Cup” causing all to forget the player’s fun factor is more important. Issues with several teams and incorrect placement. Issues and concerns of teams getting the score run up to unprecedented levels. Making teams aware they can change start time of the game if they have longer to travel.

3. New Club Applications

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Caledonia Soccer Club, a recognized club by NYSWYSA, was approved for league play for 2017-2018.

4. Future meeting dates
The league needs to plan out meeting dates and request that all members bring problem dates at next meeting so the RDYSL calendar can be set for 2017-2018.
5. Secondary players
The league, per decision rendered and communicated to clubs for in early 2017, will reduce the quantity of secondary players for U16-U19 to a maximum of 3 for the 2018 season.
6. RDYSL scholarships were given to Kimberly Casaceli, Livonia and Nick Turnquist, Spencerport.
7. Referee/assignor update
No contracts, for refs or assignors, are required for 2018. The referee unit made it their priority to work getting 100% of the referee game reports submitted. RDYSL was truly appreciated the effort. Five refs were removed from games due to not submitting game reports in a timely fashion. The Batavia Ref Unit worked through some difficulties in assigning games. There were three ref suspensions, but after the refs went through a corrective action plan, were reinstated.

RDYSL is waiting for data on the mentor program. The Batavia Ref unit requested a grant from RDYSL of \$1325; tabled to discuss at a later meeting.

Game Feedback Reports are being compiled and summarized.

8. US Soccer mandated rule changes and player development philosophies
Rule changes -- Standards of play 7v7 (“Must” be adopted for 2017-18 season) for U9-U10
 - a. Use build out line – standard is extra line ½ way between top of goal box and halfway line
RDYSL: Board decided to continue to use the center line of the field for the ‘build up line’. The rule to use this philosophy was incorporated by RDYSL for 2015 season.
 - b. New goal size mandated at 6.5’x18’
RDYSL: Board, after much discussion which examined the difference between small and large clubs could manage, decided to mandate 6.5’x18’ in 2020. George Hebert along with NYSWYSA are looking into a bulk order for our league. Clubs should make use of the NYSWYSA grants, bulk purchase, or any other method to defray costs. A company George has been talking to will show an example of their product at the presidents meeting (a pair of goals through this company costs \$800).
 - c. Mandated NO stoppage time

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RDYSL: Board agreed with no stoppage time except for water breaks or injuries. Mark/Jacky VanDellon will incorporate those words into the rules.

- d. (USYSA Philosophy) Change division formation to geographic orientation to minimize travel to 1 hour each way max

RDYSL: Mark VanDellon did an analysis of all clubs and distances. The Board feels we are compliant with this philosophy and feel geographic division creation would compromise competitiveness of the divisions.

- e. (USYSA philosophy) Philosophy items reviewed by RDYSL board

- i. Coaching licenses

RDYSL: Board wishes all coaches have a license but feels this is a club issue. Discussion was had that education breeds good soccer and the more a coach learns the more effective he is to guide a youth player.

- ii. Training ratio – 2-3 practices per match

- iii. 12 player rosters

- iv. Max 20 games per calendar year (including non-RDYSL matches)

- v. 2 rest days per week during the season

9. Does the league revert to only U19 or go with both U18 and U19 age groups for 2018? In 2017 we said the U18 was a one-year adjustment.

RDYSL: The Board decided RDYSL will offer U18's again for the 2018 season. Again we will use the same common sense approach, if the number of teams do not indicate enough for competitive play the divisions/teams will be adjusted; communication to those teams is paramount to determine smooth transition.

10. Rule Changes -- Standards of play 9v9

- i. New goal size mandated at 6.5'x18' effective in future year TBD

RDYSL: Please refer to discussion in 8B above

- ii. Ideal field size change to 50x75 (from 80)

RDYSL: The rule change to a smaller field generated a discussion about fields used this year that were too big. RDYSL will work on a process for taking these fields off line. All clubs agree when registering a team they have an appropriate size field, thus if this is found to NOT be true the club will have to relocate these games to another field or reline.

- iii. Mandated NO stoppage time

RDYSL: Please refer to decision in 8C above

- iv. Unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play

RDYSL: Board feels this is appropriate for U9-U12

- v. Consider adding no heading to U12 matches (allowed by US Soccer)

RDYSL: No change in our rules. No heading U11 and below

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11. USYSA player development philosophy 9v9, reviewed by RDYSL
 - i. USYSA strongly suggests
 1. Coaching licenses
 2. Training ratio – 2-3 practices per match
 3. 16 player rosters
 4. Max 30 games per calendar year (including non-RDYSL matches)
 5. 2 rest days per week during the season
 6. 50% mandated playing time for each player
 7. For 2018 make U11 non-competitive, for 2019 make U12 non-competitive

The league feels strongly the USYSA philosophies need to be communicated to the clubs, and coaches. RDYSL will work on getting this information out to league participants for all to understand the changing format of US soccer.