

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

December 17, 2020 7:00 – 8:00pm – Teleconference

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley (Division Coordinator), Marc Dall(Division Coordinator), Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Shawn Hart (Division Coordinator), Amy Kosinski (Division Coordinator), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Karen May (Registrar), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Thomas O’Neil (President), John Prospero (Boys VP), Brad Schreiber (Registrar), Peter Urban (Girls VP), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (WebMaster)

Absences: Sue Gurak (Treasurer), Bill Heist (Division Coordinator), Jerry White (Division Coordinator)

Teleconference was held by the RDYSL board to talk on the following agenda items.

1. AGM Update:

The officers were voted in for 2021 and accepted by the presidents of the clubs. Problems were discussed concerning club field availability and having enough players. Tom O’Neil brought those issues back to the board. All agreed communication from RDYSL and clubs to each other for the 2021 playing year has to be plentiful in order to make this year viable. Board members that attended said it was nice to have such great interaction in one of our AGM’s.

2. RFC:

It seems Rochester Futbol Clubs parent organization, Global Premier, has filed bankruptcy. RDYSL holds a \$500 bond for the club. Tom O’Neil will reach out to the bankruptcy court to see what if any procedures RDYSL has to accomplish.

3. Club Probation:

One of the questions at the AGM, was do club probations which were scheduled for 2020 extend into 2021. Tom answered incorrectly that they would not be in effect. He will be contacting the clubs that were effected by this statement. All club probations from 2019 are in effect for the 2021 playing year.

4. Rochester Referee Assignors Contract:

In general, the agreement has no structural changes. A couple of typos and some language changes in a couple of places will be done and the contract will be sent to the RDYSL board for further review. Tom would like the contract signed before the end of the year. The Assignors were flexible in 2020 on several aspects of the scheduling of the refs, and RDYSL hopes they will continue to work with us during these ever changing times. It was stated by several people on the board that the Batavia Ref Unit was absorbed by the Rochester Ref Unit.

5. CoVid Release Form:

Jacky VanDellon worked with Pam Whitcomb from NYSW to take the NYSW fall league CoVid Waiver form and make sure it was robust enough for all clubs (players/coaches/managers) to play in the RDYSL league. Jacky received an updated version of the Waiver form on December 17, 2020 and will forward it to the Board for their information. Brad Schreiber, Karen May, and Jacky VanDellon, the registrars, will contact the club registrars with this form after everyone has had time to look at the Waiver form. The signing of the form by all who participate in the RDYSL league, coaches, players and managers, will be mandatory for the 2021 playing season.

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6. Penalties for loss of fields, game changes, team pull outs due to CoVid:
Each one of the board members agreed, we don't want the season to be punitive due to extraordinary circumstances. BUT we all agreed there will be a handful of people who will try to 'work the system'. At this time, the board continues to discuss and will use common sense when viewing each circumstance that comes up.
7. Secondary players:
The Board made a decision to allow 5 secondary players for the 2021 season only due to the projected lack of players. Each roster has to have a minimum number of primary players on their NYSW roster(U9-U10: 5 players, U11-U12: 6 players, U13-U19: 7 players). Division Coordinators will have to be aware there may be clubs who have collapsed two teams into one when making divisions and place the teams with 5 secondary players appropriately. Everyone agreed this is a temporary solution. Going back to 3 secondary players is the goal. RDYSL's mission has always to make sure the players are NOT over played.
8. Addendum to the rules:
Tom O'Neil was made aware, a line in our rules, was NOT placed in the RDYSL rules that were handed out for approval to the presidents. Tom will send an addendum, which will be attached to the rules, stating on any given year RDYSL may put out yearly Guidelines for the season.

Meeting adjourned 7:54

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