

RDYSL Presidents' Meeting

September 29, 2013, 7 to 9 PM
Monroe Community College, Empire Room

1—Upcoming changes

1. Elimination of call up rule (illegal under USYSA and NYSW): Mary Arter discussed that RDYSL would eliminate the call up rule due to not conforming to USYSA rule stating that players on the game day roster needed to be on the team roster. Discussed that call up players were illegal players and not insured due to the USYSA statement
2. Entering roster in OGRS before first game: Due to a number teams not entering their roster prior to the game, George Hebert explained this had a bubble effect of refs not being able to enter and complete the games paper work. A penalty will be assessed to all teams not entering their game day roster in the leagues software prior to the game.
3. Referee and assignor fee increases were discussed by George Hebert. He stated that the assignors and refs had not had an increase in several years. He made the point the refs fee needed to be increased to at least balance out the increase in gas prices. All games U13 and above will have AR's in the 2014 season.
4. Mary Arter told the presidents that the in-season game change fee would be decreased to \$75 after we analyzed the data concerning the average amount of ref and assignor fees that the league were billed.

2—Discussion topics:

Game cancellations (Jacky VanDellon)

Proposal to was made that one person from the club would notify the assignors with field cancelations; eliminating the middle man, the division coordinators. They, the club representative, would send a list of games canceled to the assignor and the division coordinators. RDYSL will provide process and training.

The following statement was made by J.VanDellon regarding game cancellation and who pays the associated assignor fees:

- Games cancelled by RDYSL—RDYSL pays
- Field taken offline by owner (other than unplayable or unsafe)—club pays

- Field declared unplayable/unsafe by owner (e.g. weather)—RDYSL pays

Discussion was had with presidents regarding change of the number of Secondary players allowed in RDYSL. Town based clubs stated they are losing players if they have to choose between playing for their town teams or a premier club. A number of presidents stated premier players are not always premier players with the definite impact. The following are some of the ideas that were tossed out in this open discussion forum:

- consider tiered secondary system based on age
- tiered secondary system based on division
- number of secondary players a % of the roster size
- No secondary players allowed
- 6 secondary players but only 3 allowed at game time

3--Other discussion topics:

Concern about solicitation of players by other RDYSL clubs and non-RDYSL clubs (Mike Nelson, Fairport). A number of clubs acknowledged the problem but a number of presidents were not sure anything could be done.

Clubs want education package they can use with parents about dangers of overplaying (>30 games per year). Suggest this is the RDYSL safety topic for 2014.

Don't fine a team for a field change or site change due to heavy rain and a change that is made to a safe field that day or short time prior to the game.

Ask RDYSL to define field safety parameters - situation where field owner, club, team and or officials refuse to cancel game on clearly unsafe field. Suggestion of RDYSL levying fines.

4--Reminder for RDYSL Annual General Meeting November 24, 7 PM (Mary Arter)

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