



# Welcome to the 2016 Annual General Meeting

November 20, 2016

# Agenda

- What's the bottom line?
- Election of Officers & Board – Jacky VanDellon
- Rochester Rhinos ideas to support RDYSL
- 2016 Season Review
- 2017-18 RDYSL Rule Changes
- 2018 US Soccer Small Sided Rule Changes
- 2016 Referee's Report
- 2017 New Member Clubs
- Model-Leadership Awards & Club Probation Program
- Requests of Club Presidents



# The Bottom Line on 2016

- About 2,000 adult volunteers worked with youth to help kids learn many life lessons
- >8,500 youth played in over 3,250 matches
  - Learning the value of teamwork
  - Exercising multiple times a week
- Become good winners and good losers
- Developed a passion for this sport
- And much more...
- **ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!!!**

# 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



No nominations received from clubs

Nominations from the floor?

# Treasurer's Report

- Sent to Presidents November 3, 2016
  - No issues or questions received to date
- Shows small operational deficit
  - Almost 2X our annual budget in fund balance
  - Anticipate closing with small registration fee increase for 2018 season

# 2017 Division Coordinators

Age	Boys	Girls
U9-10	Paul Walters	Peter Urban
U11-12	Peppy Ehrlich	Brandon McGrain
U13	Ed Muoio	Andrew Knoblauch
U14	Michael Fridman	Jerry White
U15	Mike Doyle	Mike Mallaber
U16	Tom O'Neil	Mike Mallaber
U17-19	Marc Dall	Bret Dangelmaier

# Additional Board Members & Roles

- Registrars
  - Karen May
  - Brad Schreiber
  - Jacky VanDellon
- Data Manager – Jacky VanDellon

# Rochester Rhinos Ideas to Support RDYSL

- Opening night, champions night and RDYSL matches at Rhinos Stadium to resume
- Play weekday matches at Rhinos Stadium
- Option for Team end of season party at Rhinos
- New sportsmanship awards co-sponsored by Rhinos
  - Most valuable teammate
  - Sportsmanship team award by division
- Rhinos coaching staff and players available to work with clubs
- Athlete injury prevention education
- Rhinos 3v3 or 4v4 mini-tournament prior to home match(es)



# 2016 Season Review



# A Year of Firsts



- League President acts to add blowout rule
- Spectator threats to refs at new high
- Referee refuses to allow hearing impaired player to participate with their hearing aids
- RDYSL youth players have professional level contracts
- Inappropriate “touching” of an opponent reported in a boys match
- Youth player has to physically restrain a coach from attacking parent
- Referee’s parent “went after” a coach after match
- Drone flown over match to record it
- Illegal use of call up players at U7 and U12 ages
- Five appeals/protests set record high – one partially upheld
- Blatant INTENTIONAL use of illegal player

# What Drove 2016 Fees + Fines?

Total Season Fees and Fines -- \$22,503

- In-season game date reschedules -- \$5,735
- Forfeits -- \$4,500
- Coach/staff minor -- \$1,595
- Player red cards fighting (LOPC) -- \$1,400
- Spectator ejections -- \$1,350
- Spectator minor -- \$1,100
- Coach dismissal -- \$1,100
- No club rep at AGM -- \$1,000
- No team rep at mandatory coach meeting -- \$800

# 2016 Season Review

- Sharp decline in spectator ejections
- Coach/staff minor misconduct up 50%
- Large increase in spectator minor misconduct – much appears driven by initial coach misconduct leading to spectator misconduct
- Fewest rainouts in memory
- Club “Mass Game Cancellation” process untested in 2016

# Rule Changes for 2017-18



# Planned Rule Changes

- R 204.3.3 & .4 & .5 – teams may be assigned to any higher age group
- R 303 – RDYSL will raise our player registration fee to \$3 (from \$2.50) **in 2018**
- R 305 – U11 max roster size is 18 with 9 players on field
- R 305 – Clarification to ensure teams know how to request roster variances and those with roster variances realize max game day roster size applies
- R 307.2.a + b – **For 2018**, U16-19 maximum number of secondary players reduced to 3 (or less)
- R 409.1 – Clarification of what constitutes an illegal player
- R 410.1.2 – Allow Head coaches (including acting) to mutually agree to terminate a match in progress (halftime or later) without forfeit applying (no fine on either team)
  - Score is final
  - Game cannot be rescheduled
  - All disciplinary actions stand
  - Expectation – this rule is NOT to be used frequently

# Planned Rule Changes

- R 410.3 – Change maximum wait time to start match to 15 minutes
- R 414.2.a – Remove fine for failure to provide 2 game reports
- R 414.2.a – Coach of a team must be “rostered” with same club as team
- R 414.2.i – Pregame reading eliminated
- R 414.2.i – Clarification to ensure it is clear no electronic passes are acceptable
- R 416.3 – Up to three referees are entitled to a \$12 travel fee (administered by club)
- R 500.2.2.a.i and ii – Permanently remove fines for any non-LOPC red cards
- R 502.2.1.b – Ejected adults may return at end of match to retrieve players/equipment but must have ZERO verbal or physical contact with official
- R 502.2.4.c – Knowingly using an illegal player rule applies to all team or club adult staff members

# Planned Rule Changes

- RDYSL to allow teams to register U18 teams
  - Uncertainty whether enough teams to create U18 divisions
  - If NOT, then clubs will be given short window to submit what age groups/divisions original U18 teams should be placed in (still done at sole discretion of RDYSL)
  - Results of tonight's club team entry survey



# 2018 Youth Rule Changes



# 2018 Small Sided Rule Changes

- All changes are mandatory for all US Soccer organizations
- 2018 rule changes are nearly final
  - Field sizes still being evaluated
  - Everything being implemented is being done to improve technical play
- Driven by Tab Ramos – US Youth Technical Director

# 2018 Small Sided Rule Changes

- Maximum field sizes (subject to change)
  - ❑ U9-10 – 47x30 (was 60x40)
  - ❑ U11-12 – 75x47 (was 80x50)
  - ❑ U13 – 112x75 (was 100x60)
- Maximum goal size – U9-12, 6.5' x 18.5' (RDYSL coordinate mass purchase?)
- Mandated half time durations
  - ❑ U9-12 Ten minutes
  - ❑ U13+ Fifteen minutes
- No punting for U9-10 goalies, special “build out” line for retreat and offside. NOTE: RDYSL expects to utilize halfway line in lieu of restraining line.

# 2018 Small Sided Rule Changes

- U9-10
  - Roster size limited to 12 players (RDYSL roster variances still apply)
  - Guideline (unenforceable) – players limited to 20 games per calendar year
  - Players limited to one game per day
  - Travel limited to no more than an hour
- U9-12
  - Unlimited substitutions at any stoppage
  - Mandatory 10 minute halftime
- U11-12
  - Roster size limited to 16 players (RDYSL roster variances still apply)
  - Guideline – players limited to 30 games per calendar year
  - All players must receive minimum 50% playing time
  - League standings are not to be recorded (RDYSL keeps records but they will not be published.)



# 2016 Referee's Report

# 2016 Game Feedback Reports

- 2016 – 2,443 reports submitted (2015 – 2,426)
- 471 officials had reports submitted, 5% decrease
  - ❑ 113 officials had 6 or more reports, 70% decrease
- Overall average eval **4.264** (statistically significant change)
  - ❑ 2016 avg. 4.301
  - ❑ 2015 avg. 4.301
  - ❑ 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 4.356 (statistically significant change)
  - ❑ 2016 avg. 4.302
  - ❑ 2015 avg. 4.302
  - ❑ 2014 avg. 4.300
  - ❑ 2013 avg. 4.300
  - ❑ 2012 avg. 4.274
  - ❑ For 2016 these refs did 50.4% of matches with Game Feedback Reports

# Poorly Performing Officials

## ➤ 2016 Game Feedback Reports

❑ 10 lowest scoring referees are being “evaluated” and appropriate action will be taken (overall average <4.0)

- ? – no action required
- ? – mentoring required
- ? – age restricted
- ? – item specific counseling, pending results 2 may be barred

# 2017-19 RRU/BRU Contract Renewal

- Similar terms and conditions
  - Ref unit assuming responsibility for timely game report submission
  - RDYSL \$1,500 contribution for 2017 RRU Mentor Program (renewable annually)
- Average annual fee increases (sent to Presidents on 11/11/16)
  - 2017; 4.8%
  - 2018; 2.0%
  - 2019; 1.7%
  - Raises focused on:
    - Encouraging senior referees to choose to work RDYSL
    - Incentivize experienced refs to take younger center assignments to mentor new officials



# 2017 VP Referee Goals

- Continue training of RRU/BRU on OGRS
- *Ref units effectively manage timely submission of game reports*
- Provide input on RDYSL specific items for RRU/BRU training
- *Increase use of metrics by RRU/BRU on Mentor program to justify ongoing investment*
- Referee handout for coaches at March meeting
- Age group rules handouts for referees for their training sessions

# New & Departing Clubs for 2017

- None



# 2016 Model/Leadership Awards + Club Probationary Program

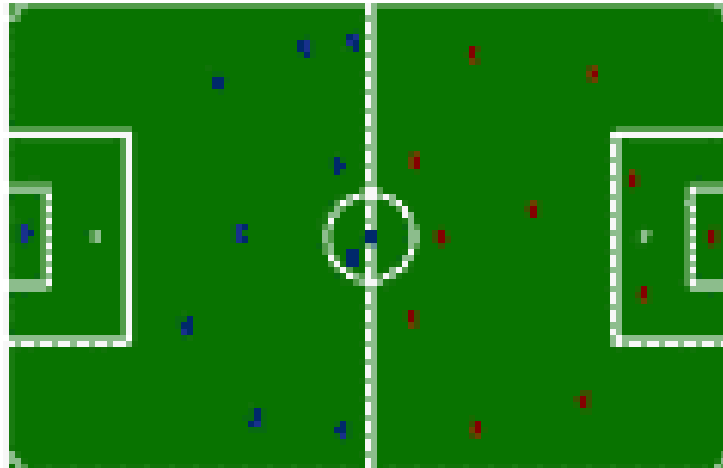
# Why Model/Leadership Awards?

- Program established in 2009
- Provide clubs incentive to improve key aspects of the experience **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 is working!**

# \$\$\$ Pool Available for Winners

- 548 teams X 6 games X \$2.40 = \$7,891.20
- \$7,891.20 \* 0.50 = **\$3,945.60** Leadership
- \$7,891.20 \* 0.40 = **\$3,156.48** Model
- MUST Receive PROOF of 501(c)3 status for clubs receiving awards



# Leadership Award Clubs

- Lesser of pool/total number of teams or \$50 per team
  - $\$3,945.60 / 6 \text{ teams} = \$657.60$  per team
  - $\$50 * 6 \text{ teams} = \$300$
- Byron-Bergin S.C. – 6 teams, \$300
  - 501(c)3 already on file
  - Had credit or zero balance on annual bill



# Model Award Winners

- Lesser of pool/total # teams or \$150/team
  - $\$150 * 14 \text{ teams} = \$2,100$ ; less than pool
  - $\$3,156.48/14 \text{ teams} = \$225.46$  per team
- Gananda Bandits -- 9 teams, \$1,350
- Kendall Crossfires -- 5 teams, \$750
- Both had credit or zero balance on annual bill
- Proofs of 501(c)3 received from Gananda
- Kendall awaiting 501(c)3 documentation

# Club Probationary Program

- Why? Must all clubs tolerate persistent bad behavior from other clubs adults? Club Presidents said **NO!!!**
- Metric – Adult (coach/parent/spectator) misbehavior
  - If a club’s actual sum of games with adult ejections (multiple spectators in same match = 1 violation) and minor offenses is >3 times the “allowable minor offenses” or greater:
    - First year -- “warning issued” by RDYSL
    - 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
- Six (6) clubs received “warning” of violating this program in 2016  
(Note: Will likely add rule change mandating clubs placed in “warning status” required to meet with RDYSL board member.)

# 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
- Proper team divisional placement
  - ❑ League has reviewed its divisional assignment process
  - ❑ Ensure you have a good process to provide accurate, useful team registration information
  - ❑ *Please get personally involved!*

# 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

# Open Discussion