

RDYSL Presidents' Meeting
September 24, 2017, 7 to 9 PM
Monroe Community College, Empire Room

Board Attendees: George Hebert, Mark VanDellon, DJ Maggio, Sue Gurak, Janet Wright.

Additional Attendees: Batavia S.C., Byron –Bergen S.C., Caledonia S.C., Central Western United S.C., Chili S.C., Churchville S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Fairport S.C., FC Dynamo ROC, Gananda Bandits S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Irondequoit S.C., Lakefront S.C., Livonia S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., S.C., Rochester Futbol Club, Rush Henrietta S.C., Spencerport S.C., Victor S.C.

Club absences: Bloomfield S.C., Brockport S.C., Canandaigua Area S.L., Greece United F.C., Holley S.C., Kendall Crossfires S.C., Livonia S.C., Mt. Morris S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., River Flow, Scottsville Athletic Association, Wayne Wings S.C.

1. 2017 Season Review: Another monsoon season. Club mass game cancellation process still not executed properly. This is an RDYSL focus area. Expect forfeits. Still analyzing data from the season. Expect more details at AGM regarding annual referee report, coaching/adult behavior analysis, game analysis, model/leadership club awards (must pay bills by October 10 to remain eligible)
2. 2017-2018 RDYSL Clubs: Stormers will now become Full Circle Sports Clubs. Welcome Caledonia SC into the league. Pittsford Hawks will remain a legal entity but won't be registering teams in RDYSL for at least 2017-2018.
3. Rhinos Update: There was much improved support this season. RDYSL season opening was held at Capelli Sports Stadium. There were 700+ tickets for the Team Sportsmanship Awards Program. 55% of the winning teams participated.
4. Farpost Soccer Goals: Mike Cash from Farpost Soccer Goals Ltd. In Vancouver, Canada was here to demonstrate his 6.5 x 18.5 portable soccer goal and show the quality of the goal and how to change the goal from 18.5 to 16 to 12 on the fly. <http://farpostgoals.com>
5. Prospective 2018 Executive Board was announced: President, George Hebert (last year), VP Boys, Tom O'Neil (first year), VP Girls, Mike Mallaber (first year), VP Web, Mark VanDellon, VP Referees & Discipline, DJ Maggio, Secretary, Janet Wright (last year), Treasurer, Sue Gurak.
6. US Soccer small sided game changes were discussed including standards of play and player development philosophies. This is all driven by Tab Ramos, US Youth Soccer Technical Director (Re-signed). The coaching and playing environment needs to be improved for 6-12

year olds as there is too much emphasis placed on the result of the game. The priority should be to develop skills. There is a need to educate and empower parents and coaches working with players 8 and younger. Long term development of players is the top priority. Success requires a long term approach and commitment. All standards of play are mandatory across US Soccer for 2017-18 season.

7. 2018 US Mandated Rule Changes: (7v7 U9-10) build out line, goals no larger than 6.5' x 18.5', no stoppage time other than consistent with Rule 411.3.2 (water breaks), 10 minute halftime, no added time. (9v9 U11-12) goals no larger than 7' x 21', recommended 6.5' x 18.5', ideal field size change to 50 x 75 (from 50 x 80), no stoppage time other than consistent with Rule 411.3.2 (water breaks), unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play, 10 minute halftime, no added time.
8. USYSA Player Development Philosophy: RDYSL strongly supports the following recommendations (not as rules). (7v7 U9-10) no change to division formation to minimize travel, age appropriate coaching licenses, training ratio of 2-3 practices per match, 12 player rosters, max 20 games per calendar year (includes non RDYSL matches), 2 rest days per week during season. (9v9 U11-12) age appropriate coaching licenses, training ratio of 2-3 practices per match, 16 player rosters, max 30 games per calendar year (includes non-RDYSL matches), 2 rest days per week during season, 50% playing time for each player, make U11-12 non-competitive, no results or standings.
9. Planned RDYSL 2018 Rule Changes: 201.1.4 fields must adhere to age appropriate dimensions, 303 raise our player registration fee to \$3.50 (from \$3) for 2019, 307.2.A + B U16-19 max number of secondary players reduced to 3, 310 several "unusual" callup rule clarifications, 403 full length games required except for heat, weather, 2nd half lopsided score, minimum number of players. 410.1.5 & 802.10 two RDYSL generated game reports required (No NYSWYSA rosters), 803 coach/team/player is responsible to arrange for return or RM & player pass. R 503 spectator minor misconducts will automatically be escalated to double the previous fine.
10. Historical secondary player usage: In 2017, 4 % of rostered players were secondary. 165 teams had secondary players on roster. 7 teams had 4-6 secondary players. Of the 7 teams with 3 or more secondaries, two finished 2nd in division, two finished 3rd, one 5th, one 7th, and one 8th. Having more secondaries does not necessarily solve the attendance problems. In 2016, 174 teams had secondary players on roster. 5 teams had between 4-6 secondaries. Of the 5 teams with more than 3 secondaries, one finished 2nd, two 3rd, one 5th, one 9th. None of the 5 teams used 3 secondaries every game.
11. Planned 2018 operational/policy changes: Teams will be registered in U18 Divisions with same caveats as 2017, dependent on numbers. Coaches must be in technical area. Cones and pinnies are required! There was discussion about changing to standard game days to facilitate call ups for U13-19. Should head coaches be required to sign a form stating they have read the rules and other required documents? Reminder to coaches that upon filing game feedback report you may still have the same official on future games even if they

requested not to have that same official on future games. We will be budgeting for our website software development and support. There was a discussion about changing the game days. Club presidents present at meeting voted to keep current game days. No change.

12. Requests of club presidents: Mass game cancellations need to ensure your process works. Ensure coaches that fulfill multiple roles understand they only fill one position for a specific match and they must stay in that role. For any appeals and protests ensure your situation meets the requirements of Rule 600 to prevent dismissal of the protest. Teach your coaches to submit game feedback reports. Teach staff about insurance risks. Emphasize proper use of callup forms and rules by teams. Personally get involved in team registration and watch your roster sizes. Promote the RDYSL Scholarships for your seniors.
13. Recommendations for clubs: Use the materials RDYSL provides via the website. Require coaching licenses for all head coaches and assistant coaches. Minimize U9-12 tournament participation and no more than one match per day. 2 rest days per week during season and 2-3 practices per match. Educate new parents on need for skills development vs winning. Require all coaches, players, parents, board to watch "Recognize to recover."
14. 2018 Requests to referee units and assignors: Continue to place more experienced referees as centers at all age groups. Continue to work on improved referee game control. Remind coaches that they are not allowed to step onto the field of play unless beckoned by the referee. Encourage proper handling of callup paperwork and game reporting. More details are needed for situations of misconduct and cards. U9-11 if coach, parent attempts to mandate a player with potential head injury return without proper medical clearance referee is directed to terminate the match.
15. Open discussion Q & A: There were 10 referee travel vouchers-the outlying clubs tend to run into this. As we reduce the field sizes for U11 and U12 it becomes a punting war. U11 cannot punt and U12 can still punt. There was discussion that we need to fix the division set up to reduce the blowout scores. A suggestion was made to have a play day in April to help decide divisions. Premier teams play up? It was reported that the tiebreaker rule for shutouts has not been used a single time. 406.2 duplicate jersey numbers. There was a discussion with no decisions being made at this time about requiring teams to have extra jerseys to avoid duplicate numbers. There was a discussion about game blowout scores and whether the league needs to take action. No – vote of 7 -7 by the clubs represented at the meeting. Curt Regruit, NYSWSA, suggested in a blowout game ask the kids what they want to do. (Complete # of passes, etc.)

Meeting adjourned: 8:55pm; next board meeting October 15, 2017; AGM November 19
Respectfully, submitted, jw