



Welcome to the
2017 Annual General Meeting

November 19, 2017

Agenda

- Election of Officers & Board – Bret Dangelmaier
- Treasurer's Report
- 2017 Season Review
- 2017-18 RDYSL Rule Changes
- 2018 US Soccer Small Sided Rule Change
- 2017 Referee's Report
- 2018 Club Status Changes
- Model-Leadership Awards & Club Probation Program
- Requests of Club Presidents



RDYSL – Officer Nominations

President – George Hebert (final year)

Boys VP – Tom O’Neil

Girls VP – Mike Mallaber

VP Website – Mark VanDellon

VP Referees -- DJ Maggio

Secretary -- Janet Wright (final year)

Treasurer -- Sue Gurak



No nominations received from clubs

Nominations from the floor?

RDYSL Board Member – NYSWYSA Hall of Fame

Join me in congratulating **Peppy Ehrlich** on her
election to the NYSWYSA Hall of Fame

2018 Division Coordinators

Age	Boys	Girls
U9-10	Open	Peter Urban
U11-12	Gerald White	Jeff Rothwell
U13-14	John Prospero	Paul Stirrup
U15-16	Shawn Hart	Ed Muoio
U17-19	Marc Dall	Bret Dangelmaier

Additional Board Members & Roles

- Registrars
 - Karen May
 - Brad Schreiber (also compliance officer)
 - Jacky VanDellon
- Data Manager – Jacky VanDellon
- Emeritus – Peppy Ehrlich

Treasurer's Report

- 2017
 - Budgeted for a deficit but ended up plus \$7K (expenditure timing)
 - No surprise expenditures
- 2018 Budget (sent to Presidents 11/3/17)
 - No issues or questions received to date
 - Budgeted for break even (no deficit)
 - Budget increase for the mentor program
 - New webmaster line for software development
- 2019 Player registration will increase from \$3 to \$3.50

2017 Season Review



The Bottom Line on 2017

- >8,300 youth played in over 3,250 matches aided by more than 2,000 adult volunteers ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!!!
- Mandated age matrix change led to many “new” teams
- No valid protests submitted
- No negative press engagement
- Only a couple of firsts
- Many rainouts
- Questionable callup usage – 44% of games with callups used had roster sizes of 17 or more

The Bottom Line on 2017

- Another monsoon season
- Club “Mass Game Cancellation” process still not executed properly – **RDYSL Focus area, expect forfeits to be declared**

What Drove 2017 Fees + Fines?

Season Fees & Fines -- \$22,141 (2016 -- \$22,503)

- Forfeits – \$4,650 (\$4,500)
- In-season game reschedules -- \$3,600 (\$5,735)
- Coach/staff minor -- \$2,300 (\$1,595)
- Spectator ejections -- \$2,000 (\$1,350)
- Spectator minor -- \$1,050 (\$1,100)
- Player red cards fighting (LOPC) -- \$1,000 (\$1,400)
- Coach dismissal -- \$800 (\$1,100)
- No team rep at mandatory coach meeting -- \$800 (\$800)

Club Status for 2018

- Club name change – Stormers to Full Circle Sports Clubs
- Caledonia SC accepted for league play
- Pittsford Hawks will remain a legal entity but won't be registering teams in RDYSL (must reapply if ever go active again)
- Remaining 34 clubs have no changes

Rule Changes for 2017-18



Mandated US Youth Soccer and RDYSL
Rules

2018 USYSA Mandated Rule Changes

- USYSA Standards of Play Adopted as follows:
 - RDYSL has previously adopted several of the newly mandated changes and they are NOT listed here
 - 7v7 U9-10
 - Build out line – RDSYL will maintain its use of the halfway line to fulfill this requirement
 - Goals NO larger than 6.5'x18.5', recommended 6.5'x12'; **NO later than 2020 season** (Note: Goal ordering program 2018 ONLY)
 - No stoppage time other than consistent with Rule 411.3.2 (Water breaks)
 - 10 Minute halftime
 - 9v9 U11-12
 - Goals no larger than 7'x21', Recommended 6.5'x18.5'; **NO Later than 2020 season**
 - Ideal field size change to 50x75 (from 50x80); **RDYSL POINT OF EMPHASIS for 2018 and beyond**
 - No stoppage time other than consistent with rule 411.3.2 (water breaks)
 - Unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play
 - 10 minute halftime

NYSWYSA/RDYSL 2018 Goals

- Only being offered for 2018 season
- RDYSL arranged single point of delivery to reduce shipping costs
- NYSWYSA subsidizing goals with \$30,000 grant
- Must submit form by December 15, 2018
- VPA w/Farpost set at \$599.99 per goal will be met
 - Anticipate price being <\$500 per goal
 - Best estimate ~\$450 per goal
- Final opt out to be offered once final price set
- Apply through NYSWYSA at
<https://fs18.formsite.com/NYSWYSA/form16/index.html>

USYSA Mandated Rule Change

Concussion protocol MUST be adhered to by all clubs

RDYSL recommends all clubs require all coaches/players/parents/board to watch
“Recognize to Recover”

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbiFxxIGt4E&feature=youtu.be>

USYSA Player Development Philosophy

- RDYSL strongly supports the following recommendations (not as rules)
 - 7v7 U9-10
 - No change to division formation to minimize travel (1 hour limit, only 11 club combinations exceed 60 minutes and none more than 68 minutes)
 - AGE APPROPRIATE Coaching licenses
 - Training ratio – 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

NOTE: USYSA has history of recommendations becoming rules 1-2 years later

USYSA Player Development Philosophy

- RDYSL strongly supports the following recommendations (not as rules)
 - 9v9 U11-12
 - AGE APPROPRIATE Coaching licenses
 - Training ratio – 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

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USYSA Coaching Curriculum

Chris Hershey

NYSWYSA Director of Coaching
Education

RDYSL Recommendation

- Phase in mandatory coaching licenses and education for all of your coaches
 - At least the online and in person modules appropriate for their team/age group
 - Has most impact on your players
- Reimburse your coaches for successful course completion

RDYSL 2018 Rule Changes

- R204.4 – Fields must adhere to age appropriate dimensions (**RDYSL FOCUS for 2018**)
- R 303 – raise our player registration fee to \$3.00 (\$3.50 for 2019)
- R 307.2.a + b – U16-19 maximum number of secondary players reduced to 3 ***
- R 310.6a & b – clarified callup counting for abandoned, terminated and forfeited matches
- R 400 – added no stoppage time for U9-12
- R 401 – modified goal sizes for U9-12 and field size for U11-12 (75x50)
- R 403 – teams cannot shorten length of games
- R 407 – unlimited substitutions for U11-12 on any stoppage
- R 410.1.5 & 802.10 – two RDYSL system generated game reports required (**NYSWYSA Roster = forfeit**)
- R 803 – coach/team/player is responsible to arrange for return of risk management & player passes

Historical Secondary Player Usage

2017 – 4.0% of rostered players were secondary

- 165 teams had secondary players on roster (Percentage $165/537 = 30.7\%$)
- 7 teams had between 4-6 secondary players (percentage $7/537 = 1.3\%$)
- Of the 7 teams with more than 3 secondaries
 - Two finished second in division
 - Two third
 - One fifth
 - One sixth
 - One seventh
- Only 2 of the 7 teams used 3 secondary players in every game.

2016

- 174 teams had secondary players on roster
- 5 teams had between 4-6 secondary players (percentage $5/535 = 0.9\%$)
- Of the 5 teams with more than 3 secondaries
 - One finished second in division
 - Two third
 - One fifth
 - One ninth
- None of the 5 teams used 3 secondaries every game.

RDYSL 2018 Operational/Policy Changes

- Will register teams in U18 divisions with same caveats as 2017, dependent on numbers
- Coaches must be in technical area – cones/pinnies required; **RDYSL focus area for 2018**
- Clarified game feedback report to ensure submitter knows they may still have the same referee even if they state they don't want them again



2017 Referee's Report

2017 Game Feedback Reports

- 2017 – 2,258 reports submitted (2016 – 2,443), **MAJOR IMPACT!**
- 468 officials had reports submitted (<1% decrease)
 - ❑ 127 officials had 6 or more reports (>20% decrease)
- Overall average eval **4.360** (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 **4.348** (statistically insignificant change)
 - ❑ 2016 avg. 4.356
 - ❑ 2015 avg. 4.302
 - ❑ 2014 avg. 4.300
 - ❑ 2013 avg. 4.300
 - ❑ 2012 avg. 4.274
 - ❑ For 2017 these refs did 55.8% of matches with Game Feedback Reports

2017-18 RRU/BRU Mentor Program

- Mentor Program
 - 4th year for RRU
 - 1st year for BRU
- RDYSL providing \$4,350 funding support
- Paid assignment for experienced referees
 - Attend and provide immediate performance feedback to first to third year referees
 - Provide feedback to ref units on each evaluation
 - Optional program new ref must opt to participate
 - League has requested statistics on program success from 2018 season
- Experienced referee is NOT there to reverse bad calls or become involved in the match in any way

2018 VP Referee Goals

- Continue training of RRU/BRU on OGRS
- Ref units effectively manage timely submission of game reports (**highly effective in 2017**)
- Provide input on RDYSL specific items for RRU/BRU training
- Increase use of metrics by RRU/BRU on Mentor program to justify ongoing investment
- Continue “real-time” monitoring of poor officiating, **Game Feedback Reports are key!**
 - Implement corrective action plan where appropriate
 - Remove referee from RDYSL assignments when needed

Rochester Rhinos

- Is the team worth saving for our youth?
- If yes, actions we must take....
 - Spread the word to ALL players/families
 - Need to commit to season tickets or other ticket packages by November 30 (\$50 deposit required)
 - If influential, encourage employers to sponsor the team
 - Clubs purchase 4+ season tickets to use as benefit to sponsors, board members, coaches & others
- Scott Miller, 202-803-2587 or smiller@rhinossoccer.com





2017 Model/Leadership Awards + Club Probationary Program

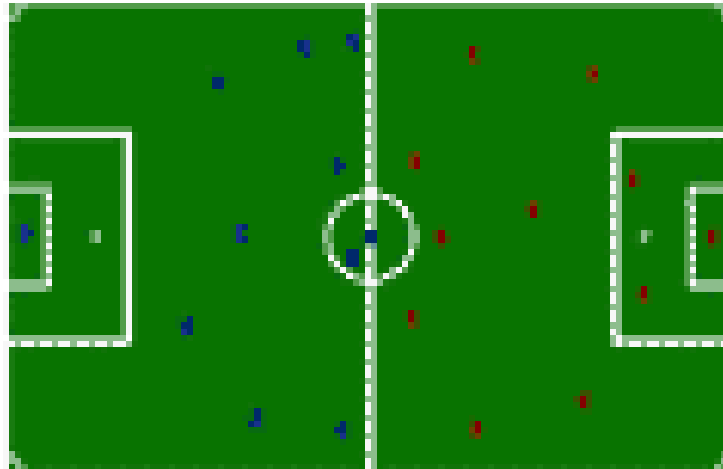
Why Model/Leadership Awards?

- Program established in 2009
- **Awarding \$6,959.62 to 2017 Winners!**
- 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!*
- Program has shown reduction in misbehavior



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 & Changes


- Club Presidents want to keep the program
- RDYSL must try to provide recognition for winning clubs (Post Newspapers, D&C)
- **The program is working!**
- Funding change for 2018 to increase pool for Model Clubs with identical reduction to Leadership Clubs

\$\$\$ Pool Available for Winners

- Total Pool -- \$6,959.52
- $\$7,732.80 * 0.40 = \$3,093.12$ Leadership
- $\$7,732.80 * 0.50 = \$3,866.40$ 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
 - \$3,093.12/67 teams = \$46.17 per team
 - \$50 * 67 teams  = \$3,350
- Fairport – 28 teams, \$1,292.65
- Lakefront – 28 teams , \$1,292.65
- Penfield Rangers – 11 teams, \$507.83

Model Award Winners

- Lesser of pool/total # teams or \$150/team
 - \$150 * 28 ~~teams~~ = \$4,200
 - \$3,866.14/28 teams = \$138.09 per team
- *2 clubs qualified in all aspects except failure to pay end of season bill on time*
- Byron-Bergen – 5 teams, \$690.43
- Gananda Bandits – 9 teams, \$1,242.77
- Penfield Strikers – 14 teams, \$1,933.20

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
 - 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 and deposit forfeited
 - 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
- All five (5) clubs warned in 2016 all met 2017 criteria and returned to good standing
- Four (4) clubs will receive “warning” of violating this program in 2017

Requests of Club Presidents

- Reminder “Duties of the Club President” document – strongly advise you review it
- 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/stay personally involved!**

Requests of Club Presidents

- Mass game cancellations
 - ❑ Ensure your process works
 - ❑ Club field coordinator responsibility
- Ensure your coaches who fulfill multiple roles understand they only fill ONE position for a specific match and they must stay in that role.
- Appeals and Protests – ensure your submission meets the requirements of Rule 600. Failure to do so will result in summary dismissal of the protest.
- **Teach your coaches to submit Game Feedback Reports**
 - ❑ We are not receiving an adequate quantity to assess and impact officiating!
 - ❑ RRU/BRU use them to mentor/educate refs during and post season.
 - ❑ The league uses them to assess problem referees including removing them from officiating our matches.

Requests of Club Presidents

- Teach staff about insurance risks
 - Board of directors liability
 - Secondary insurance and eligibility
- Emphasize proper use of callup forms and rules by teams
- Watch your roster sizes!
- Promote the RDYSL scholarships for your seniors!!!

Requests of Club Presidents

- Ensure your winning and runner up teams order t-shirts in timely manner
- RDYSL Fines and Payments
 - ❑ All bills/invoices are available in your Club Control Panel. (Emails for President, Registrar and Field Coordinator changed there as well.)
 - ❑ **Check the Club Control Panel at least weekly so issues are addressed promptly (30 day max)**
 - ❑ Ensure checks from club/team include game numbers where appropriate

Recommendations for Clubs

- Use the materials RDYSL Provides via the website, **they are there for you!!!**
 - Duties of the Club President
 - Manager's manual
 - Club logins and uses
- ***Require coaching licenses for all head and assistant coaches***
- Minimize U9-12 tournament participation and no more than 1 match per day
- Educate new parents on need for skills development vs winning

Open Discussion