



# 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

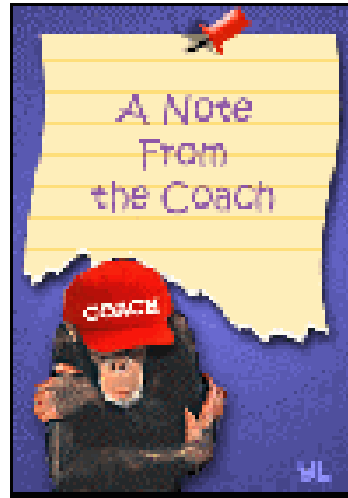
# Additional Board Members & Roles

- 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
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year for RRU
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:smiller@rhinossoccer.com)





# 2017 Model/Leadership Awards + Club Probationary Program

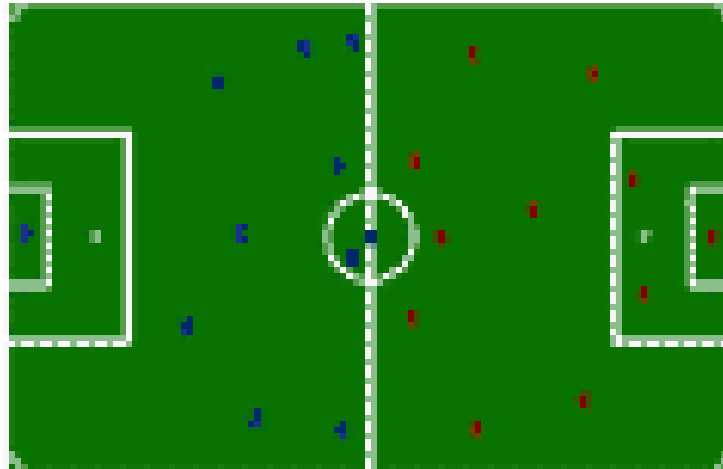
# Why Model/Leadership Awards?

- 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