

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

August 29, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

Attendees: Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Sean Hart (Division Coordinator), George Hebert (President), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Mike Mallaber (VP Girls), Karen May (RDYSL – registrar), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), John Prospero (Division Coordinator), Jeff Rothwell (Division Coordinator), Peter Urban (Division Coordinator), Mark VanDellon (Web VP), Jacky VanDellon (Data Manager)

Absences: Marc Dall (Division Coordinator), Susan Gurak (Treasurer), Tom O’Neil (VP Boys), Paul Stirrup (Division Coordinator), Jerry White (Division Coordinator), Janet Wright (Secretary)

Board membership:

New members: We are in need of new members for the Division Coordinator positions. A minimum of three DC’s are needed as Jacky VanDellon and Brad Schreiber filled in for 2018 due to so many new DC’s being brought into the league for 2018. Membership expectation per our bylaws call for potential removal of a member of the Board if they miss two consecutive meetings; meetings are in general once a month from August through May. DC must attend training in late January and May.

Tom O’Neil will not be returning in the role as VP Boys (the position has been historically filled by one of the current Board members/Division Coordinators) and George Hebert will not be returning in his role as the president of the league (the position has been historically filled by one of the current Board members/Division Coordinators).

Season overview (contributors Gender VPs, DCs, VPRef, and VPWeb):

George Hebert led the discussion off by thanking the Division Coordinators for their work this season. Placement of teams, another topic of discussion, is always difficult and DC’s chatted about wanting to do what is best for the teams (how to get better). Mike Mallaber stated Girl’s Division did great job and made his first year as Girls VP easy. Everyone agreed the lack of player control regarding fights and racist remarks would be dealt with harshly. The new DC’s contacted webmaster in timely fashion as instructed and that went smoothly. BU9 division had the first ever fighting red card. The World Cup year has classically been a tough year with adults feeling they know the rules of the game (giving the refs a tougher time) and players getting physically aggressive. The ref unit had their hands full as a shortage of officials occurred mid-June due to 80 refs quitting. Normally 80 refs are lost for the whole season. Young refs and entering game reports needed to be followed up on. 2800 game feedback forms were submitted, up 20% from last year. There seemed to be a large quantity of blowouts in BU13 & BU14. DC’s in general wish their coaches would adhere to zero tolerance and wondering who is not reading zero tolerance policy. Registrars commented on the increasing quantity of registrations closer to the team’s first game; the three registrars are concerned with this as this is not their primary job and teams could be cutting too close. Surprising number of coaches not carrying or not having completed Risk Management passes. Not only is this a liability for the clubs but it is forfeiture of games.

New Club Applications : Albion Youth Soccer Club is a potential application. CWU has changed their name to LeRoy Soccer Club

Future meeting dates: – At the next RDYSL meeting, on September 9th, the Board must select meeting dates for January through May 2019

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RDYSL Scholarship winners for 2018

BOYS

Recipient: Owen Ledermann
Town: Webster
School: Webster Thomas
Team: Lakefront Soccer Club
College: Nazareth College

GIRLS

Julia Scuderi
Churchville
Churchville-Chili
Gates Metros SC
University of Buffalo

Referee/assignor update (DJ Maggio VPRef):

No referee or assignor contracts required to be renegotiated for 2019. There were two in season referee suspensions, a handful of referees who had mandatory mentoring.

Gary Levine and Chris Rollins would like to come and speak to the Board concerning the positives of the mentoring program. They feel they have data that shows the positive effects of the program, which RDYSL contributes monies to. The Board felt this is valuable information and George Hebert will contact them to set this up.

2800 game feed back forms were received this year and both the president and VPRef are processing the information; this is a process that requires time to do an accurate evaluation.

US Soccer mandated rule changes and player development philosophies:

Only change for 2019, heat related water breaks are to be a minimum of 4 minutes; currently the RDYSL rules state a maximum of 3 minutes. Registration process for players is being reorganized as the clubs have been made aware. The RDYSL registrars are working to make registering for the league, due to these changes, as easy as possible. The RDYSL registrars will be reaching out to last year's registrars to inform on any changes.

Discussion Topics for 2019:

Does the league revert to only U19 or have both U18 and U19 age groups for 2019? Make permanent?

Due to the U17-U19 Boys and Girls Division Coordinators not being present. Topic tabled until next meeting.

Recruitment of DC's is becoming difficult?

Discussed different and mandatory ways to get DC's. George will discuss options with the Presidents at the meeting in September. Looking for creative solutions.

Registration fee for players will be raised to \$3.50 for web site developer and maintenance.

Do we increase the performance bonds for clubs?

Discussion concluded with no increase. Even though the bond for some clubs would not cover a year of club fees and fines, RDYSL feels there are other avenues to work for a club to be responsible.

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Do we need a club to list second in command?

When a club president runs afoul with the league, an objective party in the club sometimes needs to be contacted. We have enough problems with the clubs keeping their three items, president, registrar, and field coordinator, up-to-date. Valid concern about adding one more item to keep updated. George Hebert will talk to attendees at Presidents meeting in September concerning this problem.

Playing up and mechanics of promoting a team up an age group?

The new DC's were informed this is something as a league official they could do. BUT it usually is a request that a team can make when registering. Somewhere in the last several years with new age group divisions, the teams have lost the knowledge they can request playing up a division if they meet the criteria defined in the rules. Communication of this information to the club presidents should be done to remind all the teams.

Striving to get 7 teams in Division 1?

We are all stunned by the lack of teams willing to strive for Division promotion to 1. Understandably, the personal change of a team can leave a team in dire straits thus not being competitive. It is in our rules to have 7 teams in Division 1 but less than 7 should be the exception not the rule. The Board wants competitive divisions but not making the division so small that the education of the season is lost. Common sense prevails. This item will be a discussion point at the Presidents meeting in September.

Gender identification of players?

RDYSL is required to use the US Soccer definition, as that is our affiliation.

Call-up forms, the lack of and information to help filling the forms out?

The most discussed issue of the night, as the DC's weighed in on the information contained on the form, the lack of seeing the form due it being given to the ref, the lack of forms by teams,... After examining different creative ideas, the Call-Up Form will be deleted for the 2019 season. This does not mean the teams or players are off the hook for knowing how many times a player is used, this does not mean you can call up a player that is too young, and this does not mean the coach of the team this player is coming from should not be made aware of his/her participation in another league game. The team using the call-up player will still be required to get the pass from the primary team, the primary team has to be in the club, the team roster handed in to the ref continues to have to have the players name and number. BUT you just don't have to provide a call-up form to the referee.

Should we have subs by either team any time?

NO

Should we make the rules more uniform over the age groups?

NO

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Should we limit the coaching staff on the sidelines to 3?

NO, but all DC's will be observing if these teams with more staff actually have more trouble.

Should players suspended for a game be able to sit on the team's bench?

Unanimously YES. It gives the ability for all the players to see a punishment carried out. One addendum to rules will be this player CANNOT be in uniform and has to wear a pinnie (cannot have team shirt on).

Should we be monitoring U9 and U10 teams for holding to the gentleman's agreement of players participating 50%?

NO, most teams have been actively working to adhere to this standard for the teams long term health and talent. All teams should make the parents aware whether the players will play 50% of the each game OR 50% of the season.

If a coach does not comply with refs instructions what is the leagues recourse?

The Board feels there are enough sanctions in place directly applicable to the coach which do not punish the players. DC's need to be actively aware of these and work with their Gender VP's.

Should clubs be allowed to dictate a heat related cancellation?

RDYSL feels strongly we always err on the side of caution, and stick to the US soccer guidelines. RDYSL will continue to be the decision maker for a heat related cancellation.

Should we give all refs a travel fee to increase the variety for teams?

NO. In general, we all were concerned with the increase in money for a game, the increase in assignor responsibility, and the lack of acceptance of the refs to travel further for \$12.