

# Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

September 9, 2018 3:00-5:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

**Attendees:** Marc Dall (Division Coordinator), Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Susan Gurak (Treasurer), Shawn Hart (Division Coordinator), George Hebert (President), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Mike Mallaber (Girls VP), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Tom O’Neil (Boys VP), Jeff Rothwell (Division Coordinator), Paul Stirrup (Division Coordinator), Peter Urban (Division Coordinator), Jacky VanDellon (Registrar), Mark VanDellon (Web VP), Jerry White (Division Coordinator)

**Absences:** Karen May (Registrar), John Prospero (Division Coordinator), Brad Schreiber (Registrar), Janet Wright (Secretary)

## 1. Board membership for 2019:

The RDYSL board continues to actively search for new Division Coordinators for the league. Two retired Division Coordinators were kind enough to work as DC’s for two age groups last year, while maintaining other volunteer positions on the board. The board needs new thoughts and ideas from all sizes of clubs and will continue to work to fill these positions, while not straining our current volunteers.

## 2. Future meeting dates – (January – May 2019)

George Hebert asked for agreement on dates for meetings in 2019. Receiving no negative feedback on the dates proposed, the following is the schedule for RDYSL meetings in 2019.

Jan 13 (mandatory DC training)

Feb 24

March 17

Apr 14

May 5 (mandatory DC training for season operations)

## 3. Collect any residual risk management/player passes with ongoing suspensions

All Division Coordinators were reminded to give any player passes to Jacky VanDellon. She then distributes the list of carryover suspensions to the other two registrars, Karen May and Brad Schreiber. All game suspensions from 2018 game #10855 will be distributed to all three registrars.

## 4. No new clubs for 2019

Albion teams will be playing under the Batavia banner for 2019. LeRoy SC is just a renaming of CWU.

## 5. New Web Requests – Mark VanDellon

A request was made by the ref unit to give the ability to track the game reports of odd games (forfeitures,...); this item has already been completed.

John Prospero suggested incorporating a popup for the ref entering his game report stating too many players have been checked into the game. The programming of the WebSite did not want to influence who the refs checked into a game. Discussion was had on this point. DJ, WebVP, and asked to leave it alone and the ref unit would work with ref education for accurate game reports. Marc Dall made the point when a DC follows up with a ref, they state their notes were not clear and there is no resolution to accurate players in the game. DJ stated we need more education for the center ref to follow up with his AR’s to confirm check in. DC’s all agreed running down information when a ref checks in too many players is tedious and time

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consuming. Agreement on a two pronged attack, a pop up with correct wording to ref on “too many players for this age group”, and ref education.

A request was made for a secondary contact for clubs. George Hebert stated he will bring this need to the Presidents meeting.

WebMaster giving DC’s ability to see one or all Game Feedback Reports.

The Board members will have the ability to enter a Game #, and get all reports for a specific game if an incidence arises. WebMaster will complete this for the 2019 season.

Treasurer needs a login. WebMaster will complete this for the 2019 season.

The WebMaster is working on stream lining DC Input when processing game reports. Future look for the DC’s.

Removal of call up form will be completed for the 2019 season.

### 6. Post season business process review of Presidents Meeting Items and Rules Review

- Add new fine for coaches approaching AR during game:  
Discussion on current rules state coaches can be disciplined, we already have the flexibility to fine if ref reports this harassment. Result of the discussion was to enhance ref education on reporting these issues.
- Parents contacting the league President seemed inordinately high this year. The Board reports to the clubs and as such will not get pulled into club issues. Parents need to go through their club for any issues that need to be brought to the league. DC’s to work with coach’s during Coach Meeting in March to implore them to direct their parents to contact the correct people.
- Should we be punitive to the coaches who state in a Game Feedback Report they have “harassed” the ref? No action by the Board to be taken on ‘self-reporting’
- NYSW will add a ‘No alcohol/drugs at game policy’. We are an affiliate of NYSW and will follow those rules.
- NYSW will add ‘No gambling on games’. We are an affiliate of NYSW and will follow that policy.
- Can RDYSL take action against a player or coach that is a chronic offender? After a lengthy discussion, no action to be taken on this item.
- Do we need a mass confrontation policy to discourage these events? Does an immediate large fine deter the fight? A discussion was had about what defines a mass confrontation, would a fine really enter into a players mind when they were taking a swing at another player, could the club presidents define for their club actions that will be taken if such an event develops. It was concluded, the rules and policies we have in place allowed the DC, this year, to effectively sanction and suspend the appropriate parties for game #18055. No action or change taken.
- We will now define all red cards as LOPC (loss of player control) or Non-LOPC (not loss of player control).
- Reviewed with all board members present the forfeit fee for a game \$150 and the cost to the team that forfeited payment of ref fees.

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- The question was raised why are we asking the teams at registration for a Division placement? Division Coordinators have a fuller understanding of the scope of teams but the team may have a better understanding of where they rank in talent. We need to reemphasize the Division REQUEST is just a request, and an e-mail prior to registration to the presidents and registrars should reiterate that point. An additional question will be added to the registration form, ‘Is the team better/worse/same as last year? Always explain a change.’
- The Board is starting to receive more and more picture/video evidence. How are we going to use it? We will make an addition to the rules that reads “Video evidence may or may not be used pertaining to a game at the discretion of the board.”
- Clarify steps for team personnel to take after a head injury: If a player has a head injury, the player will be done for the rest of the game.
- Should we allow subs for any stoppages of the game to be extended to U13 through U19? No action to be taken on this topic.
- The Board is contemplating requirements/class for beginning refs. Those present felt we needed more information on what course work would be effective. RRU to come speak to the Board and more information will be gathered.
- Should the Board’s policies extend to managing the younger refs parents? It was decided coaching education and ref education might be a good approach.
- A discussion was started pertaining to the Sportsmanship Awards. DC’s had problems with a team that won the Sportsmanship award but did not vote, OR a team that won when they had blown other teams out OR a team that won where more than one player had a red card. The Board decided, reluctantly, to eliminate the award.
- We have heard from coaches the ref should handle the physicality of the game. The ref is to call the game per the FIFA rules, the coach (has control) subs out players on the verge of causing a physical problem. Nothing to be done by RDYSL.
- Should a coach get a suspension due to one of his players getting a red card? No action at this time.
- Who is responsible for field conditions? *Clubs must provide a regulation field for every team’s home game consistent with the dimensions and markings appropriate for that age group (Rule 402). Fields must be in playable condition at the start of the season and remain in playable condition throughout the season.*  
Teams (thus clubs) when registering a team and having to check a box stating they read the rules, need to have a playable field. The safety of every player should be paramount to all of us. The Board does not take it lightly when we take a field offline; when we have taken a field offline the reasons have been different so listing a variety of reasons is not appropriate. Common sense prevails. We do need to make it clear what our procedures are to put the field back online.
- For the U18 age group we need to clarify the age groups they can call up from.
- The Board agreed to reduce from 2 to 1 game suspension for a first offense non-LOPC red card.
- The Board discussed for a LOPC red card, due to fighting, to raise the suspension to 6 games. All agreed we have rules in place to increase suspension to 6 games depending on the severity.

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- Should teams be allowed to sit on the same side with the parents on the other side? The Board realizes there are fields where the sidelines are extremely narrow between fields and we will collect information on where these fields are. No change at this time.
- Should parents be able to order Finalist or Championship T-shirts even if they pay? The Board feels strongly the players and staff are the ones that earned the shirts, and parents should not be allowed to order a shirt.
- RDYSL will be chatting with assignors on game reschedules that move to new assignors. A couple games were lost in the shuffle this year and had no refs due to this.
- The Board is opposed to blowouts in games. BUT the realization is the DC could have made a placement mistake OR the range of talent is so wide in a division OR your best team just did not show up that night. Looking to get some consistency within our Division Coordinator's for when the DC's should chat with the teams about running up the score.
- New language will be put into the rules that states we have the right to collapse age groups if it is deemed the competitiveness and/or numbers are not available.
- Double headers on the same field will be required to have a minimum of 15 minutes between games.

## 7. September 23 Presidents Meeting Agenda overview -- George

- a. Review of 2018 season
- b. Discussion of planned 2019 rule changes
- c. No new US Soccer mandated rule changes
- a. Discussion Items with Club Presidents
- b. Q&A
- c. AGM Overview

## 8. Referee/assignor update

- a. Game Feedback Reports – under evaluation, expect review at October meeting

Minutes by: J.VanDellon