

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Minutes

September 15, 2019 6:00-8:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley (Division Coordinator), Marc Dall (Division Coordinator), Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Shawn Harte (Division Coordinator), Bill Heist (Division Coordinator), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Karen May (Registrar), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Tom O’Neil (President), John Prospero (Boys VP), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (Web VP)

1. Board membership for 2019

- a. The board discussed what qualities we considered important for the Division Coordinator position: organized, good communicator, objective, can work on a computer without issues. Also, wanted anyone interested in the DC position to have the ‘What does a DC do?’ manual/file sent to them. We all agreed we did not have to all agree on the candidates, the decision could be made by the president (past precedent) but Tom feels he wants to be inclusive in the process since we all work together.

2. New clubs for 2019

- a. Albion Youth Soccer Club will be notified by Tom of their acceptance in the league. Mark VanDellon will follow up to get emails and addresses necessary for league business.
- b. Rhinos Elite SC will be notified by Tom of their acceptance in the league. Mark VanDellon will follow up to get emails and addresses necessary for league business.

3. September 22nd President’s Meeting Topics

Tom wants to get the September Presidents meeting back to its original intent and that is to have a round table discussion with the presidents on what are their current problems/issues. RDYSL does need to give them information on: Rules changes, Release of players, later start to the season, no more than one game a day. Mark VanDellon will let the presidents know either at this meeting or at AGM about new tools available: where they stand in qualification of model/leadership award, be able to monitor whether their teams have input their rosters into the RDYSL system, and teams can check through their sign in to RDYSL all valid callup players (this is a new tool for team use)

Topics of discussion will be but aren’t inclusive to Zero tolerance, model/leadership, reschedule process, length of season,...

4. Review of rules changes/edits

Mark VanDellon issued a red line document of the RDYSL rules, and everyone’s homework was to have read new information.

Changes were:

- New clubs entering into the league must submit their 501.3c or a letter stating they are a for profit club.
- A clearer statement of what are the correct goal sizes
- Releasing of an RDYSL player after May 15th cannot later be added to any RDYSL team
- \$4 new player registration fee (No increase is anticipated after this)

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- Clarifying legal callup players
- At least 15 minutes between double headers
- One game a day regardless of the length of the game
- RDYSL clarified our rights to take a field offline and the club will incur the fees to reschedule due to dangerous conditions or noncompliance to playing dimensions of field or goals

5. We had time for extra thoughts:

- How do we relay to field coordinators when they have booked an unlighted field with an unrealistic time. For example, a game for a U16 team starting at 7:45 and sundown being at 8:45.
- We need to reword the ‘mercy rule’ as it was used in the wrong context this year.
- We need to relay to the club registrars they CANNOT PRINT another card for a player when the player is serving a suspension and need to pick up the pass when done (whether a fine is involved or not). A player can only have one pass.
- All our DC’s need to be aware of a double forfeit and how to split the fines across the two teams appropriately
- Rewording of a ref no show, as the league encourages they play the game but understand if they decide to reschedule.
- ALL GAME CHANGES go through the DC. NO team is to contact the assignor personally.
- RDYSL has defined a same day cancelation process BUT needs to create a process for a multi-day cancelation (brought upon by the incredibly bad weather this year)
- A coach serves his ejection suspension on the team where he was ejected even if he coaches for multiple teams. If the suspension carries over to the next year and that team has been disbanded, and he is coaching for another team/teams, the coach/club needs to contact RDYSL and a decision will be rendered about where the rest of the suspension is served.
- RDYSL does not have a Social Media policy. We would like to follow our parent organizations policy but they don’t have one at this time. RDYSL will work to get a statement regarding our beliefs on the subjects. Jacky VanDellon will do research on what is out there. Kathleen Buckley has done some investigation already. We all felt when parents or players post pictures and make threatening statements, they need to be addressed.
- RDYSL does not have a policy regarding noise makers at games. A consensus was reached that we will continue to not have rules regarding this as they are unenforceable.
- A reminder that there is a no drone policy stated by NYSW; not over the field or near the field.
- RDYSL has no policy regarding video taping. Everyone needs to communicate to clubs, teams and parents poor judgement of putting these tapes on YouTube.
- A request was made by a player that all people are asked for a statement regarding a red card. The DC’s are thorough in understanding the circumstance

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for any red cards given in a game. A red card is a soccer violation given by the ref and is not considered arguable.

- If a team has forfeited a game or done an In-Season game change for a given date and that game day is cancelled due to High Heat ordoes the team get an opportunity to reschedule the game. The board unanimously agreed on NO.
- Tom canceled a day due to High Heat and several people asked why they had practice or a tournament or tryouts. We control the league playing schedule and do not control what the clubs do.
- The number of secondary players was addressed. The board agrees we have several tools which help clubs field a team: secondary players and call-ups. These two rules help both small and large clubs and gives everyone a high degree of flexibility. RDYSL will continue to cap secondary players at 3.
- It was suggested that when an LOPC fine has been rendered, the player needs to give his/her version of events, as the fines can be very high. Several board members stated they did not think the fines were high enough. The DC's do research into the game, asking all officials on what they saw, and sometimes go further to try to understand circumstances. No fine over the minimum is given without consultation with the gender VP.

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