



East Central Academy

Agenda

Kimberly Municipal Center

Thursday, January 15, 2018

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
Electric City	Ronnie Grow	Neenah	Tyler Brown
Electric City	Nick Laabs	New United	Doris Schommer
FC Green Bay	John O'Brien	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
FC Menasha	Kurt Schodort	United Hurricanes	Andrea Leszko
Fox Cities United	Garrison Cummings	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
GB Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Water Cities	Eric Leverance
KASA	Jeff Pozniak	E.C. Academy Comm.	Sean Breitzen
KASA	Wayne Stoflet	East Central	Sue Ann Evers

Absent: DePere

Introductions: Members introduced themselves

Roll Call (by sign-in)

Review of Fall 2017 Academy- Concerns/Suggestions

- Build out line: Concerns that some clubs are not educating their coaches on the proper use of the buildout line. Examples such as: goalkeepers punting the ball across the center line, drop kicking the ball and players not charging the play before the ball is cleared. The academy club's agreed education and communication of academy philosophy is key to making this league work. Each club's Academy Director is responsible for educating the coaches about the academy rules. The academy program is not about winning, it is about developing players and teaching techniques. The district needs to work together to ensure the district grows and becomes stronger.
- Sean and Sue Ann will work together to put a list of rules together to send out to coaches before the start of the season.
- If a coach encounters issues at an event, they should inform their club's academy director of the issue. The academy directors of both clubs should communicate to each other and include Sean in on the emails. Issues should be addressed as soon as possible so that the incident is fresh in everyone's mind.
- Rule discussed that many did not know was ok. US Youth soccer allows kick ins or throw ins at the U08 level. Directors should make sure the coaches know that it can be done either way.

Referee mentoring - Did your club provide a point person/mentor for referees for Fall host dates?

- Each host at an academy event should have someone there to manage the referees. It is important that this person can mentor the referees. It was also felt that giving new referees a good start will help with

referee retention. East Central will look into finding someone to take this roll. Sean will talk to Mike Jones to determine how this could be accomplished.

- Coaches need to bring the correct change to pay referees. Site host should not be making change to pay referees.
- Events need to have someone at the events that could manage the referees. What is the cost? We need someone to be there to mentor the referees. Supporting the education of the referees could help with referee retention.
- Referees for U8 games. Matt Callahan (Oshkosh) requested that referees be assigned to U8 games. Having referees would be a benefit for coaches, referees, and players. Currently coaches spend a lot of time just managing the kids on the sideline. It is very difficult to watch the game and manager what is happening on the field. Parents start to referee and get involved in the game. It was pointed out that if we are trying to provide training that the kids be taught the proper rules of the game.
 - Question was brought up; Do you stop the game to coach the kids? i.e.: If a throw in is not done correctly, do you stop game to demonstrate the proper way to throw the ball in? No the game is not stopped to correct or teach the kids. Training is done at practice sessions.

Motion: Assign one referee at U08 academy games. **Motion made by Sean Breitzen, and seconded by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh).**

Motion was put to a vote by hands and it failed.

Motion: For U8 games the center line will serve as the build out line. Defense players need to drop back so that attacking players can clear the ball. The first kick has to be passed to one of their players in front of the buildout line. **Motion made by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh), and seconded by Tyler Brown (Nenah)**

Passed

Parent education: Educate parents about the game. The main goal is training not winning. Clubs need to get parents in the same mind set.

Setting Spring 2018 schedule –

- Spring Season April 28, 2018- June 30, 2018
 - Clubs must have scheduling teams in LeagueOne when they turn in their data sheets.
 - Naming Teams: Teams will be matched up by ability. The number in the team name means the level the players are at. “1” meaning the top players. Teams will be scheduled with teams of similar ability. Be mindful of your team’s ability. If you do not have players at a competitive level to play on a “1” team, you can list it as a “2” team. East Central wants the players to get a good competitive game at the level they are at.
 - One Mega Date will be scheduled in the middle of the Spring Season.
 - There are 9 dates listed below for scheduling. Reasons include: April is a rainy month, with a possible rainout and/or field issue. June 30 falls on the weekend before the 4th of July and many families use that weekend for family vacations. The committee thought it best to add the 9th weekend to make sure there are plenty of event weekends.
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| April 28, 2018 | June 9, 2018 |
| May 5, 2018 | June 16, 2018 |
| May 12, 2018 | June 23, 2018 |
| May 19, 2018 | June 30, 2018 |
| June 2, 2018 | |

- Blackout dates:
 - Clubs may select 3 blackout dates for the Spring 2018 season. This year you may select June 30 as a 4th blackout date if the club does not want to be scheduled on the weekend before the 4th of July.
 - Event dates are club wide. A blackout means that none of the teams from your club will be schedule for the event
- If an event gets rained out or canceled the event cannot be moved to another date because many variables determine an event. i.e.: Available of fields, players, coaches and referees
- Spring Scheduling timeline:
 - March 26, 2018 - Data sheet returned and scheduling teams in League One
 - March 30, 2018 – First draft to clubs
 - April 6, 2018 – Revisions of schedule back to Sue Ann
 - April 14, 2018 – Final scheduled posted to East Central website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion made by Kurt Schodort (FC Menasha) and seconded by John O'Brien (FC Green Bay)

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operations