



## East Central Academy

### Agenda

Kimberly Municipal Center

Thursday, July 17, 2017

<b>Club</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Representative</b>
DePere	Derek Rhodes	Neenah	Tyler Brown
Electric City	Nick Laabs	NEW United	Sean Breitzen
Electric City	Ron Grow	NEW United	Killian McKenzie
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Oshkosh	Chris Billstrom
FC Menasha	Kurt Schodorf	United Hurricanes	Andrea Leszko
Fox Cities United	Renee Sullivan	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
FC Wisconsin North	Kevin Jauquet	United of Allouez	Gary Noble
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Water Cities	Bob Albright
KASA	Alan VanMun	East Central	Sue Ann Evers
KASA	Wayne Stoflet	East Central	Doris Schommer
E.C. Academy Comm.	Jeff Pozniak	E.C. Referee Comm.	Mike Jones

**Introductions:** Members introduced themselves

### Review Spring 2017

- New way to schedule teams- Last season it was decided that there would be a North and South division.
  - Clubs were finding that they were playing the same team several times.
  - If your club can host an event that would save their teams from traveling that week.
  - Clubs would like to see a medium level of travel. Traveling 4 out of the 8 games.
  - It was determined that academy clubs do not want to continue to cluster teams into a Norther and Southern Division. Games will be scheduled district wide to get a wider variety of teams to play.
  - Clubs were disappointed that that the district wide event was rained out in the spring. It was suggested that next spring we hold that event at a later date in the season avoiding the rainy spring season.
  - Teams traveling the greatest distance will have a later start time.
  - Discussion arose about avoiding the 8:00 AM start time all together. Some clubs thought starting at 8:00 AM was good because the selling point was that parents

only had to commit to the morning and then they had the rest of the day for family stuff.

- It was decided to continue to have start times at 8 am but teams that are close should play each other at 8:00 AM

## **Referees**

- Clubs hosting an event were supposed to meet with referees prior to the start of the games to go over the rules. Referees should be educating the kids on how to play the games correctly. At this age it is more about instruction on proper play rather than winning the game.
- It was suggested that we have coach and referee education day before the season starts. We could have WYSA help with this event. Possibility doing a Y1 clinic and instructing coaches about basic academy rules.
  - Coaches need to be proactive and stop the game to teach the players the correct way to play.
  - Players are not using the build out line correctly
  - Winning seems like it is more important than teaching the correct way.
  - Players are guarding the goal instead of being engaged in the play on the field.
- It was suggested that new coaches should review videos on academy rules. Jeff will look at WYSA website at video resources and make some recommendations that might be best for Academy coaches to review.
- Discussion about having U8 referees at the academy games was addressed. Pros and cons of having U8 referees at the games.
  - If the referee can help the coach manage the game it is money well spent.
  - Finding enough referees is still a concern. At many of the games there were not enough referees to cover the U10 games.
  - Coaches need to be proactive and engaged in the game. Coaches should go out and restart the game if the players are not following the rules. Both the kids and parents are being educated when this is done.
  - Do young referees really manage the U8 game?
  - In the end it was decided that we would not get referees for the U8 games.

## **Expectations of a club's adherence to weekly games**

- The academy program is run very differently than a regular scheduled season league. The academy program schedules events where all the teams from one club come to one location. The benefit is that the coaches from that club are at one location and support the other teams from that club. Families have their academy players in one location and can go to multiple games. Clubs need to stick with the academy format that was agreed to by all of the clubs in the academy program. Clubs are expected to follow these rules and to how the program is set up.

- The Spring season had a lot of teams not showing and it has become a problem. After much discussion it was decided that the academy committee would follow East Central's No Show Policy for the academy program. There is a \$100.00 fine plus referee fees, to any team that does not show up or call with-in a 48-hour window to notify the hosting club that they will not be able to field a team for that Saturday.
- *Motion: The academy committee will adopt the East Central rule that any academy team not showing up or notifying the host club that they are unable to field a team within 48 hours of the scheduled event will be fined \$100.00 plus referee fees if applicable.*
- *Motion made by Derek Rhodes (DePere) and seconded by Christ Billstrom (Oshkosh United).*
- *Passed*

Scheduling Information: Fall

Club scheduling information to Jeff. By this time all teams will need to be in League One.	August 14, 2017
First draft of schedule	August 21, 2017
Revisions of schedule back to Sue Ann	August 25, 2017
Schedule will be posted on East Central website	August 28, 2017

There will be a total of 8 play dates. Clubs may blackout 3 dates. This blackout is for the entire club. If you black out for one team all teams are blacked out.

There are plans for two mega dates. Both United Hurricanes and New United offer to host an all-district event. Both clubs are open to most of the dates for this fall. When the teams turn in their black outs the dates with the most teams available will be selected for the mega dates.

Respectfully submitted by

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 Director of Operations