

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
East Central District All Club Board Meeting
Kimberly Municipal Center
January 21, 2019
7:00 PM

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere	Tod Maki	Neenah	Steve Shelley
Electric City	Nate Labs	New Holstein	Angie Koeckle
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	NEW United	Vicki King
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	Niagara	Jim Laydon
FOX Cities United	Jenny Wendt	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
GBL	Corry Romdenne	Synergy	Jeff Jones
HOV	Mike Buman	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	United Hurricanes	Scott
Kiel	Laura Markham	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kimberly	Noe Smart	Water Cities	Summer Heil-Standke
Manitowoc GG	Steve Meyer		

Clubs Absent: Fond du Lac, Fox Cities United

East Central Board Members

President – Jay DeBruin(TASK)

Vice President – Absent

Secretary – Doris Schommer (NEW United)

Treasurer – Tod Maki (DePere)

District Registrar – Kevin Otto (FC Menasha)

TOPS/Scheduling – Wayne Stoflet (KASA)

Games Comm. – Absent

Adult League Comm.- NA

Recreation Comm. – Mike Buman (HOV)

Referees – Absent

Academy Comm. – Sean Breitzman (NEW United)

Director of Operations – Sue Ann Evers

Roll Call (by sign in)

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurer's Report – See report

Tod indicated the player fee statements would be sent to clubs in February.

Motion: A motion was made by Kevin Otto (FC Menasha) and seconded by Mike Buman (HOV) to approve the Treasurer's Report for February.

Motion Approved.

Commissioner's Report

- TOPS - See Report
 - A few of the Men's and Women's Soccer players from Lawrence University come to the TOPS program to help the players.
 - Howard FC is hoping to start a TOPS program in 2019.
 - Wayne reminded all clubs that there are funds to help their club start a TOPS program. Contact Wayne for more information.

- Scheduling - See Report
 - Fields are to be updated or added to the East Central Demosphere Scheduling Tool by February 1, 2019. You can log in through East Central website. The schedule is driven by the fields and how their availability. Make sure to update the start time of the field availability to the Spring start time of games.
 - Scheduling dates for Classic, Recreational and Adult teams:
All deadlines are at midnight of date listed below.
 - March 11, 2019 – Final date to submit Classic Team applications (excluding H.S. Girls, see date below)
 - March 13, 2019 – Committee placement results of classic teams
 - March 18, 2019 – Appeal on classic team placement.
 - March 21, 2019 – First draft of East Central Schedule
 - April 7, 2019 – Final date to submit Recreational Team applications.
 - April 8, 2019 – Final scheduling meeting to work out any last minute changes.
 - April 14, 2019- Final date to make changes before schedule goes live.
 - April 15, 2019- Schedule goes live for Classic and Recreational teams.
 - May 12, 2019-Final date to submit 15U-19U High School Girls and Adult League Players.
 - May 26, 2019-Schedule goes live for 15U-19U Girls and Adult League

- Referee- See Report
 - Mike Jones' report reflects the number of referees that are taking classes. He is concerned that there will not be enough referees for the season. Please encourage and remind your referees to take the referee recertification course.
 - A couple of additions to the list of classes.
 - Manitowoc - December 26 -- 14 referees
 - Kiel – January 28 clinic

- Coaching-See Report
 - A Y1 will be added to the schedule for recreational coaches. The 'Y1' Certificate is a 3-hour introductory course. The course exposes coaches to some of the bare essentials involved in coaching young players. The traits of young players are briefly discussed as well as a coaching checklist and loads of appropriate activities. Please bring a ball and come dressed to play.
Prerequisites: Candidates must be 14 years old.

- Adult
 - If anyone is interested in being the Adult Commissioner, please contact Jay.
 - East Central has still not heard anything from the WSL, the adult group about registration. We are still working on trying to get our own insurance to register

adult players. If anyone has information on obtaining insurance for the adult players, please contact someone on the East Central Board.

- Recreational – See Recreational minutes
 - Recreational teams should submit their team applications no later than midnight April 7, 2019. This will give the clubs a little more time to register players. See Scheduling information.
 - Games will start on May 12, 2019.

- Academy – See academy minutes
 - The big change for this season is there will not be a 9U division. It was felt that we were spreading the age groups across too many division and teams were not seeing enough variety.
 - A review of proper protocol on coaching was reviewed for the 8U group. This is especially important because there is no referee to manage the game. Coaches are reminded to coach at scheduled trainings and not at games.
 - The academy events are a great place to mentor referees. East Central Academy group is working with Mike to provide some mentoring opportunities for young referees.
 - The Bellin Run is on June 8, 2019 and a concern was brought up about Academy players not being able to attend the academy event on that date. Clubs can request special requests on the club application for late morning games that day, unfortunately, there are only so many fields and teams attending an event. It would be difficult to accommodate all late games for one club or for several Green Bay clubs. Another suggestion was to black out this day for your club.
 - Another concern was that teams were cancelling games at the last minute because they did not have enough players. This is not allowed. If this happens please notify Sean of the details of this issue.

Business Issue/Updates

Open Promotion – (See document) The attached document clarifies Open Promotion.

A motion made at the East Central AGM to seek the approval of WYSA to start Open Promotion at the same time for both age groups. WYSA did not approve the Period of Open Promotion at the same time for both age groups. Most of the issues on promoting club’s tryouts has been addressed in the attached documents. If you have questions or need more clarification, please contact Jay DeBruin.

Motion was made by Wayne Stoflet (KASA) and seconded by Doris Schommer (NEW United) for the following dates for open promotion.

Motion Approved

Age Group and Gender	Period of Open Promotion	First Date of Tryouts	First Date & Time of Offers
U11-U14 Boys and Girls	May 17, 2019	May 31, 2019	June 14, 2019 at 12 noon
U15-U19 Boys and Girls	May 24, 2019	June 7, 2019	June 21, 2019 at 12 noon

East Central Divisional Placement of Teams

At the December East Central AGM, a motion was made and passed that East Central create a five-person committee to oversee team placement into East Central Classic Divisional Leagues. This committee will replace the Pre-Scheduling meeting where all clubs were in attendance and teams were placed into divisions by a group process. Clubs will now fill out the team application that can be found on the East Central website and provide information about the team as to why they have requested a certain division for their team. Clubs can provide age of players and record to help with divisional placement. The committee will meet after the March 11, 2019 team application deadline to place teams into divisions. The committee will then release the placement of each team for the Spring 2019 season. Clubs will have a chance to appeal the committee decision.

The following clubs have been placed on the committee for the Spring 2019 Season

- Oshkosh
- United Hurricanes
- NEW United – Sean Breitzman
- HOV – Mike Buman
- Electric City – Nate Laabs

Team Application for Scheduling

A discussion about the fall teams being cloned into the Spring Season was had. It was decided that it would be best for all teams to apply for each season. That way the most current information on the team can be obtained. i.e.: Fall Season, Spring Season

Motion: To have all teams apply for the Spring 2019 Season. Made by Kevin Otto (FC Menasha) and seconded by Wayne Stoflet (KASA)

Motion Approved

15U-19U Girls – High School age level

The team application deadline for High School girls has been extended until the May 12, 2019. It was felt that clubs would have a better understanding as to whether the team would be viable for the Spring East Central Season

Adult League Teams will have the same deadline of May 12, 2019.

High School Boys

Currently High School Boys are scheduled for 6 of their 8 games on Sundays and then they are switched to night of play for their two remaining games once school is out.

Discussion:

- The reason the switch to Sunday games, a few years ago, was because there are many school events during the week and clubs were having a hard time getting enough players to the games
- Issues with Sunday games is that there are a lot of tournaments on the weekends and teams cannot always make the game.

- Weather became an issue last year as many of the weekend games were not played and teams needed to cram several games into a few weeks.
- It was decided that there really was not a great answer to these issues. Since we have a majority of the games on Sunday it was decided to have all of the High School Boy's games on Sunday with the understanding that clubs need to be flexible and be willing to work at having some games on weeknights.

Motion: All High School Boy's games will be scheduled on Sunday's. Made by Steve Shelly (Neenah) and seconded by Sean Breitzman (NEW United)

Abdul Nur - opposed

Motion Approved

14U/15U Girls (8th Graders)

It was asked what clubs would have a 14U/15U team this season. The following clubs indicated that they would have teams playing in East Central Classic League.

Howard FC
TASK
Neenah
Oshkosh
DePere
Water Cities
Niagara.

Because this is a blended age bracket East Central always plays on the night of play for the older of the two brackets. So this age group would play on the night of play for the 15U Girls. Because these are teams with 8th graders it will play at the start of the regular season. Games will begin the week of May 5, 2019.

Adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operations



East Central Region (004)
Monthly Financial Report

Committee: Treasurer
 Membership: Tod Maki (todmaki@gmail.com)
 Purpose: Management of East Central District Budget and Daily Financial Operations
 Date Submitted: January 19, 2019

1. Bank and Checking Account Information

a. Bank Statement Balance ending January 10, 2019		\$19,518.84
b. Bank Account - Associated Bank: Business Deposit Account – Non-Profit Community Choice 250		
c. Checkbook Balance as of January 19, 2019		\$15,035.30
i. Referee Mentoring Project		
1. Approved at Dec 5, 2015 EC Meeting		\$7,000.00
2. Expenses as of Jan 19, 2019	\$1210.00	
3. Revenue as of Jan 19, 2019	\$200.00	
4. Amount used as of Jan 19, 2019		<u>\$1,010.00</u>
5. Balance as of Jan 19, 2019		\$5,990.00

2. CD owned by East Central District

- a. 6 Month CD (Original Amount \$10,000.00) Renewal Amount: \$10,502.94
 - i. Purchase Date: Sept 8, 2007 Renewal Maturity Date: March 8, 2018
 - ii. Interest Rate/APY 3.940%/4.00%; Interest Payment Method: Quarterly from Issue plus Capitalized; Auto Renewal
 - iii. Outstanding amount for Rec and Adult Programs \$7,922.29; remaining balance to East Central General Funds when cashed in.
- b. 12 Month CD (Original Amount \$10,000.00) Renewal Amount: \$10,716.87
 - i. Purchase Date: Sept 8, 2007 Renewal Maturity Date: September 8, 2018
 - ii. Interest Rate/APY 3.940%/4.00%; Interest Payment Method: Quarterly from Issue plus Capitalized; Auto Renewal
 - iii. Outstanding amount for TOP Soccer Programs \$9,851.00; remaining balance to East Central General Funds when cashed in.

3. Inventory

- a. Domain Names Owned
 - i. ecdsoccer.org and ecdsoccer.com
 - 1. Registered with Network Solutions; Expires February 17, 2020
 - ii. eastcentralsoccer.org and eastcentralsoccer.com
 - 1. Registered with Network Solutions; Expires February 6, 2020
- b. Web Site Hosted by
 - i. TST Media, LLC; Yearly Contract
 - ii. Demosphere on Jan 21, 2019
- c. Equipment
 - i. Optoma PRO360W 3D-Capable DLP Multimedia Projector, 3000 Lumens, 3000:1 Contrast Ratio
 - ii. 12' HDMI Cable
 - iii. N600 Wireless DB Router

4. Missed Meeting Reports

- a. See document – EC_MissedMeetings-2018-2019-20190119.pdf

5. Player Fees for 2018-2019

a. Player Fees		
i. Recreational U7-U19:	\$4.35	(\$3.07)
ii. Recreational U3-U6:	\$3.00	(\$0.00)
iii. Classic:	\$7.50	(\$6.14)
iv. Adult:	\$3.75	(\$3.07)
v. TOP Soccer:	\$0.00	(\$0.00)
b. Invoice dates – February 2019 and July 2019.		



East Central Region (004)
Monthly Financial Report

6. Player Count for 2017-2018

- a. Total Number of Players (Player Fees): 8,004
 - 1. Recreational Players: 4,015 (\$3.07)
 - 2. Classic Players: 3,790 (\$6.14)
 - 3. Adult Players: 156 (\$3.07)
 - 4. TOP Players: 43 (\$0.00)
- b. Number of Clubs with Registered Players/Teams in EC League: 22/21

7. Player Count for 2016-2017

- a. Number of Clubs with Registered Players: 23
- b. Total Number of Players (Player Fees): 8,805 (2015-2016: 7,682)
 - i. Recreational Players: 4,490 (\$2.93) (2015-2016: 3,360)
 - ii. Classic Players: 3,993 (\$5.85) (2015-2016: 4,066)
 - iii. Adult Players: 287 (\$2.93) (2015-2016: 215)
 - iv. TOP Players: 35 (\$0.00) (2015-2016: 41)

8. Future Action Items

- a. Feb 1, 2019 2018-2019 EC Player Fees – Mid-year invoice will be set to Club Treasurer via e-mail
- b. Mar 8, 2019 Review 6 month CD
- c. March 2019 Present 3 Year Budget to EC Executive Board for Review and Discussion
 - i. Review Approved Budget for Budget Years 2019-20 to 2020-21
 - ii. Review Player Fees for 2018-19 to 2020-21
 - iii. Review and Discuss Budget Year 2021-22
- d. April 2019 Present 3 Year Budget to EC Board for Review, Discussion and Approval
 - i. Review and answer questions for Budget Years 2019-20 to 2020-21
 - ii. Review Player Fees for 2019-20 to 2020-21
 - iii. Present, Discuss and Approve Budget Year 2021-22
- e. July 1, 2019 2018-2019 EC Player Fees - Final invoice will be sent to Club Treasurer via e-mail.
- f. Sept 8, 2019 Review 12 month CD
- g. Jan 2020 Review and Renew domain accounts information for eastcentralsoccer.org, eastcentralsoccer.com, ecdsoccer.org and ecdsoccer.com

9. Requesting reimbursement

- a. Documentation reimbursement
 - i. Copy of Invoice(s), sales receipt(s), etc to show proof that amount requesting is for East Central business. Make sure the total amount to reimburse is clearly marked.
 - ii. If no Invoice you will need a copy of the check or credit card statement with the following information in a supporting documents
 - 1. Vendor name , full address and phone number
 - 2. Date, Amount and Reason for each item Purchase
 - 3. Description of supporting documentation (credit card statement, check, etc)
 - 4. Sum of items purchased that needs to be reimbursed
- b. With the documentation put the Payee name and address to send the check to
- c. You can mail or email (Preferred method) supporting documents for reimbursement to
 - i. Email: todmaki@gmail.com
Subject: East Central Reimbursement – [your name]
 - ii. Mail: Tod Maki, 1735 Spring Hills Lane, De Pere, WI 54115
 - iii. Phone Number: 920.362-1004 (cell)

10. Player History

- a. Request to see document - EC_Membership_YearlyBreakdown.pdf

East Central District (004)
Missed Board Meeting - Season 2018-2019

Club No	Club Name	2017-2018 Total Players*	Votes 2017-2018	12/08/2018 (AGM)	01/21/19	02/18/19	03/18/19	05/20/19	06/17/19	07/15/19	05/20/19	Total Meeting Missed	Total Due
017	DePere Select Soccer Club	453	1									0	\$0.00
032	Electric City Youth Soccer	392	1									0	\$0.00
006	FC Green Bay	226	1									0	\$0.00
045	FC Menasha	386	1									0	\$0.00
024	Fond du Lac Soccer	207	0	1								1	\$0.00
078	Fox Cities United Soccer Club	507	2									0	\$0.00
121	Goalgetters United Soccer Club (Manitowac Goalgetters)	83	1									0	\$0.00
027	Green Bay Lightning	139	1									0	\$0.00
117	Heart of the Valley Soccer Club	101	1									0	\$0.00
	Howard FC	307	1									0	\$0.00
036	Kiel Soccer Club	159	1									0	\$0.00
037	Kimberly Area Soccer	710	2									0	\$0.00
001	N.E.W. United Soccer Club	911	2									0	\$0.00
058	Neenah Soccer Club	1,365	3									0	\$0.00
052	New Holstein Soccer Club	57	1									0	\$0.00
099	Niagara Northern Stars	103	1									0	\$0.00
057	Oshkosh United Soccer Club	566	2									0	\$0.00
003	Synergy Soccer Club	171	1									0	\$0.00
071	Thunder Area Soccer Kids (TASK)	322	1									0	\$0.00
029	United Hurricanes - HSYSA	434	1									0	\$0.00
084	United Soccer of Allouez	242	1	1								1	\$0.00
096	Water Cities Soccer Club	163	1									0	\$0.00
		8,004	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	\$0.00
	Missed Meeting Fine Amount	\$50.00											
	Missed Meeting Credit	\$50.00											
	Total Clubs in Districts = 23												
	Total Clubs in League = 22												
	Executive Only Meeting - April, September, October												
	* Total Players include Recreational, Classic, TOP and Adult for what was invoiced.												
	1 to 500 members = 1 vote												
	501 to 1000 members = 2 votes												
	1001 to 1500 members = 3 votes												
	1501 to 2000 members = 4 votes												
	2001 to 2500 members = 5 votes												
	2501 or more members = 6 votes												

Date: January 21, 2019

Area: TOPS

Commissioner: Wayne Stoflet

E-Mail: wgstoflet@gmail.com

Report:

The Fox Valley Area TOPS started the winter season Saturday, January 12, 2019.

If you know of a child with special needs that is looking for soccer type of activity, please have them call Wayne at 788-5840 or send them to Mapleview School in Kimberly at 10 AM on dates listed below. They are welcome to observe and/or register on the spot. The winter session will also meet on January 19, 26 February 2, 9 & 16.

Ashwaubenon & Oshkosh/Water Cities TOPS, inactive at this time.

Which club will step up and start the next TOPS Program? There are funds in the East Central Treasury to assist with start-up costs.



Date: January 21, 2019
Area: Scheduling
Commissioner: Wayne Stoflet
E-Mail: wgstoflet@gmail.com

Report:

CLASSIC DIVISIONS: We need to have discussion around how we wish to form playing divisions and placing teams in divisions. Will all teams need to re-apply for the spring season or only the new teams (teams that did not play fall). Will we have the usual “Pre-scheduling meeting” or will a set committee be charged with forming divisions.

GAME SCHEDULING: Dates have been set for each step of the scheduling process. Would those clubs that have recreational teams prefer all schedules be done at the same time or would we consider the recreational scheduled be started later. This could also include the high school age girl’s teams.

FIELD PERMITS: This info needs to get to all club field schedulers.

- From the East Central Website
 - Hover over DISTRICT, click on District Clubs
 - Click on your club, **I believe this is where you will need a password**
 - Click on Club Home (upper right)
 - Click on CLUB Field Info
 - A listing of all your fields will be displayed. Scroll down and click on “**Instructions**” and READ before going further
 - After reading the instructions click on “Manage Field Permits”
- If all of your field permits were set to expire in 2030, all fields will be visible. It is my opinion that having the permit expire at the end of the summer season might simplify club permit list. **It is important for you to know, the permit will drive the time that the games are played on the subject field. The game scheduler will set the “dates of play”. When the schedule is released for editing, permit setting do not limit where you may re-assign a game.**
- Permits must be updated before the initial scheduling is done in mid-March.

Future Activities:

See the EC Activity Schedule and previously posted game dates for the summer season



Spring Scheduling Dates – 2019

Classic- Weeks of games	*Classic-U15G/Up Weeks of games	Recreational – Weeks of games	Academy- Saturday Morning Games	Adult – Sunday late afternoon games
8 Games	8 Games	10 Games	8 Games	8 Games
May 5, 2019			May 4, 2019	
May 12, 2019		May 12, 2019	May 11, 2019	
May 19, 2019		May 19, 2019	May 18, 2019	
May 26, 2019		May 26, 2019	Memorial Weekend	
June 2, 2019		June 2, 2019	June 1, 2019	June 2, 2019
June 9, 2019	June 9, 2019	June 9, 2019	June 8, 2019	June 9, 2019
June 16, 2019	June 16, 2019	June 16, 2019	June 15, 2019	June 16, 2019
June 23, 2019	June 23, 2019	June 23, 2019	June 22, 2019	June 23, 2019
		June 30, 2019 - only	June 29, 2019	June 30, 2019
	July 1-July 7 2019 – Fourth of July Break	July 1-July 7, 2019 – Fourth of July Break		July 1-July 7, 2019 – Fourth of July Break
	July 8, 2019	July 8, 2019		
	July 14, 2019	July 12, 2019		July 14, 2019
	July 21, 2019	July 21, 2019		July 21, 2019
	July 28, 2019			July 28, 2019
	*Note there will some weeks where two games are played to get in 8 games			

*Combination U14/U15 Girls playing U15G date of play

**Recreational and 16U – 19U Rec. Co-ed team's will start the season playing on Sunday, May 12 late afternoon games. During the week of June 9 teams will also start playing weekday games. The full game duration will be played for all of these games.

The week of July 1-July 7, 2019 will be observed as the July break

January 2019 EC Referee Update

Recert Clinics:

Date	Location	Registered	Max
Jan 19, 2019	GREEN BAY	6	30
Feb 2, 2019	APPLETON	19	40
Feb 3, 2019	GREEN BAY	9	30
Feb 9, 2019	OSHKOSH	6	40
Feb 23, 2019	APPLETON	5	40
Feb 24, 2019	GREEN BAY	6	30
Mar 9, 2019	NEENAH	30	40

87 referees are signed up

Already held Recert Clinic:

Date	Location	Registered
Nov, 17, 2018	Neenah	22
Nov 24, 2018	Kimberly	18
Dec 1, 2018	Neenah	33
Dec 29, 2018	Kimberly	36
Jan 5, 2019	Oshkosh	18
Jan 12, 2019	Seymour	27

154 total referees so far have been recertified. Note this # might include referees that do games outside the East Central District. So I would bring that down to saying 140 referees in the East Central district have attended a recertification clinic for 2019.

New Referee Clinics:

Date	Location	Registered	Max
Jan 26, 2019	KIMBERLY	23	40
Jan 27, 2019	GREEN BAY	3	40
Feb 2, 2019	GREEN BAY	0	40
Feb 16, 2019	SEYMOUR	13	40
Feb 23, 2019	NEENAH	40	40
Feb 23, 2019	GREEN BAY	1	40
Mar 2, 2019	OSHKOSH	2	40
Mar 9, 2019	GREEN BAY	3	40

85 potential new referees

2018 we had 453 certified referees from Oshkosh to Green Bay. Added up what we currently have & those signed up, not looking good right now. Clubs need to start sending info out to their membership to get new refs or even as a reminder to current refs. Myself & Mike Buman have been sending weekly email reminders but now can't get info to refs that haven't recertified since the system we use disables those referees.



Date: January 21, 2019

Area: Coaching

Report: East Central Coaching Clinics 2019

WYSA Y1 Schedule Clinics -

http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/coaches/course_schedule_and_registration/

Grassroots sign-up

<https://dcc.ussoccer.com/courses/available/16/details/1546>

Clinic	Location	Date	Start time
Grassroots 9 v 9	Woodland School, Appleton	Sunday January 27, 2019	1:30 PM-5:30 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Woodland School, Appleton	Sunday January 27, 2019	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Grassroots 9 v 9	Neenah High School	Sunday April 7, 2019	1:30 PM-5:30 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Neenah High School	Sunday April 7, 2019	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Sports Emporium DePere	Saturday, April 27, 2019	2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Grassroots 4 v 4	Sports Emporium DePere	Saturday, April 27, 2019	8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Grassroots 11 v 11	Sports Emporium DePere	Sunday April 28, 2019	2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Grassroots 9 v 9	Sports Emporium DePere	Sunday, April 28, 2019	8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Licensing Requirements

Coaching Education Administrator

[Julie Schmitt](#) 414.328.9972, ext 100

Introduction to Grassroots Coaching

<https://dcc.ussoccer.com/courses/available/16/details/1546>

Coach Compliance Policy – Cost per Module is \$70.00

Compliance Chart

<https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/972/15/Coach%20License%20Compliance%20Policy%20APPROVED%200118.pdf>

East Central Recreational Meeting
January 20th, 2019 7:00 PM
Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center
625 Grand Avenue Little Chute, WI 54140

Roll call by sign-in

Electric City	Adam Kane	Neenah	Nathan Kennedy
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	NEW United	Vicki King
Heart of the Valley	Mike Buman	Thunder	Jay DeBruin
Kimberly	Wayne Stoflet	East Central	Sue Ann Evers

Review of Rec Season

Recreational games will start May 12, 2019

There was some discussion about reducing the number of Recreational games to nine because the attendance goes down after July 4th. It was decided that East Central would review this issue at the end of the 2019 summer season. The number of recreations games for Summer 2019 will remain at ten games for recreational play.

Number of Recreational players has dropped. Why?

- Many of the recreational players have moved into the Academy setting.
 - A drop in Recreational numbers, but an increase in Academy numbers
- Baseball and other sports are starting at a younger age. Players are making other choices.
- The night of soccer play may be on the same night as baseball
 - It was suggested that clubs look at the various softball programs around the area and record the night of play. An adjustment on the night of play may help us to get more recreational players interested.

Jamboree

Jamboree discussion was held to see if we would like to hold a Jamboree this summer. Because the recreational numbers are down it was decided that there would not be a Jamboree this summer. Further discussion came to a conclusion that this is no longer a viable event. Many recreational families just do not want to travel. If young age players want to travel and have competitive events, they join the Academy program in their club.

Recreational Scheduling

In order to give clubs more time to create recreational teams East Central Scheduling will extend the Recreational Team application until April 7, 2019 (midnight). The team application can be found on the East Central Website: District>Scheduling Process. Click Team Application link.

The following morning April 8, 2019 a schedule will be created for the Recreational teams. Clubs can make adjustments to the schedule until it goes live on April 15, 2019.

Neenah indicated that their 10U Recreational players will join the East Central League this summer.

For the Good of Soccer

How do you get coach volunteers for Recreational teams? Parents just do not want to volunteer.

Suggestion to help get coach volunteers:

- Check with local High Schools and colleges. While the school may not have required volunteer hours many of the clubs that students are involved in have volunteer requirements.
- Some clubs say unless someone volunteers to coach this team it will not be scheduled this season.
- Some clubs have volunteer requirements in order to have their player registered.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operations.



East Central Soccer District Academy

Kimberly Municipal Center

Aspen/Birch Room

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00 pm

Members Present

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere Select	Andrew Jepson	Kimberly	Wayne Stoflet
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Neenah	Tyler Brown
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Neenah	John Pendergast
FC Wisconsin North	Marc Baumbach	Neenah	Mike Jones
FOX Cities United	Renee Sullivan	NEW United	Andrew Borchart
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
Kimberly	Noe Smart	United Hurricanes	Eric Gebhard
East Central Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman	East Central Director of Operations	Sue Ann Evers

Members Absent: FC Menasha, United of Allouez

Roll Call (by sign-in)

Sean welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Review of Fall 2018 Academy- Concerns/Suggestions

Scheduling concerns: The last weekend in October is not a good date to hold a mega event. Players were off of school due to teacher convention and it was also the Halloween weekend with celebrations planned in different communities. This mega date was also short of referees. Assigned referees did not show up and games were running late. **Solution:** Our academy program can be flexible in finding solutions to keep the games moving and being played on time. Games should be started on time so that the event flows smoothly. Game start times should not be held up because they are waiting for other players to join them or if a referee is not there yet. Coaches can start the game and add in players and/or the referee as they become available.

Game Day concerns: Some U8 coaches would stand on the field and micro manage the game. This takes away from the game and takes up a space on the field where players may naturally go. Coaches will NOT go on the field with a whistle. There may be short periods of time when a coach needs to enter the field, but then should vacate the area so that the game may follow its natural flow. Let the game be the teacher. All Academy Directors agreed that there is a happy medium in game day coaching and this needs to be communicated to the club's coaching staff. Coaches should talk to the players on the sideline if an immediate correction needs to be made at the game. Other issues on the field can be addressed during team training time. Usually issues correct themselves after a few weeks. There just is not enough time to make small corrections at the field and it takes up valuable playing time.

Proper Prodigal: At the beginning of each game the two coaches should introduce themselves to each other and agree as to how the game should be handled. This short conversation will help keep everyone on the same page and keep the game moving.

Referee Monitoring

- Referee monitoring at academy events did not happen as much as we would like it to. Mike continues to work on getting mentors at the academy events so that we train the new referees when they are young.
- Academy Directors make sure that coaches know to be respectful to the referees. East Central needs to grow its referee pool.
- East Central Academy League would like to continue to have a point of contact at each academy event. This is a key person to communicate to the referees when they come in. If coaches have concerns with the referee, the coach should not complain to the referee, but should contact the host site so that a mentor can be assigned to the referee for more training. Referees are kids and it is very intimidating to have an adult approach them at a game with complaints about a call. Typically, this will not change the game and will take too long to sort out at the field.
- Suggestion that a picture of the referee come with the assignment so the host site contact person can locate the referee.
- The other tool that coaches can use to communicate game day issues is the “Game Incident Report” <https://www.ecdsoccer.org/page/show/772591-game-incident-report>

Center Line serving as Buildout Line for U8 – How did it work?

- Everyone indicated they like the buildout line.
- Concern: All players should not be standing on the build out line ready to pounce on the ball. Coaches should be teaching the proper way to play the game. Playing depth.

WYSA Policy--2018-2019 Youth Academy Policy

- All clubs playing in East Central Soccer League will follow this policy even if your club is not an accredited academy club.

Parent education:

- Educate parents about the game -- training not winning. Academy director should help educate parents about the program. Development first. Results are second. We want competitive games.

Setting Spring 2019 schedule – Projected dates

Academy-Saturday Morning Games

8 Games

May 4, 2019

May 11, 2019

May 18, 2019

Memorial Weekend

June 1, 2019

June 8, 2019

June 15, 2019

June 22, 2019

June 29, 2019

- Clubs can select three blackout dates
- Scheduling issue:
 - Issue, teams were playing each other several times in a season.
 - With so many variables it is difficult to find team match-ups where the team has not played the other team before. Clubs also need to take into account that some clubs have several teams at the same age and playing level. Even if they play that club before they may not have played that team with all of the same players.
 - Discussion about eliminating the U9 division in the academy program to create more teams in the other divisions to play against. The group agreed to remove U9 division for spring 2019. The application will reflect U8 and U10. The same naming process will continue.
 - Academy directors should review the schedule carefully when it comes out. Point out any problem areas and make suggestions that might solve the problem.

Spring Scheduling timeline – Date sheet attached

- March 28, 2019 - Data sheet returned and start to schedule teams.
- April 6, 2019 – First draft to clubs
- April 13, 2019 – Revisions of schedule back to Sue Ann
- April 14-27, 2019 Possible Easter/Spring Break issues – Easter is April 21, 2019
- April 20, 2019 – Final scheduled posted to East Central website.
- May 4, 2019 first event

For the Good of Soccer

Oshkosh would like to set up some friendly scrimmages in February from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM in the new dome in the Oshkosh area. Matt Callahan will be sending out addition information on this event.

Clubs shared Grassroots classes being offered in 2019. Please share with you coaches. Encourage your coaches to sign up for these programs.

Clinic	Location	Date	Start time
Grassroots 9 v 9	Woodland School, Appleton	Sunday January 27, 2019	1:30 PM-5:30 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Woodland School, Appleton	Sunday January 27, 2019	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Grassroots 9 v 9	Neenah High School	Sunday April 7, 2019	1:30 PM-5:30 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Neenah High School	Sunday April 7, 2019	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Grassroots 7 v 7	Sports Emporium DePere	Saturday, April 27, 2019	2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Grassroots 4 v 4	Sports Emporium DePere	Saturday, April 27, 2019	8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Grassroots 11 v 11	Sports Emporium DePere	Sunday April 28, 2019	2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Grassroots 9 v 9	Sports Emporium DePere	Sunday, April 28, 2019	8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Soccer Heaven Christmas Cup. See website for more information

December 26-December 31, 2018

<http://www.soccerheavensports.com/>

TITLETOWN SOCCER SHOWDOWN

5/31/19 - 6/2/19

<https://www.depereselect.org/page/show/4648882-titletown-showdown>

Meeting adjourned

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Open Promotion Clarification

The state has denied East Central's request to change the period of open promotion to start at the same time for all age groups. Considering that decision, the state has provided some clarification on what is and what is not allowed.

State Policy

"Period of Open Promotion

1. "Open Promotion" is defined as contact with the parent/guardian of a player initiated by club staff or an agent of the club with the intent to promote the club. Beginning two weeks before the respective district tryout dates for the 2019-2020 registration year, club representatives may initiate contact with the parent/guardian of a player for the explicit purpose of promoting their club. The period of Open Promotion ends July 31, 2019, unless a player has already accepted a position with another club. In that case, their participation cannot be solicited. Under no circumstances may contact be directly with the player; player contact is limited to the official tryout.

Activities not permitted during the Period of Open Promotion:

- a. Direct contact with a player (phone calls, text messages, emails, other electronic, written or in person communication).
- b. Unauthorized player participation in a team training session or evaluation prior to the tryout window (see WYSA Poaching Policy for authorization requirements).
- c. Contact with the parent/guardian of a player prior to the coach dismissing the team at trainings or games.
- d. Discussions regarding reduced fee structure by any amount for club being promoted unless consistent with club policy. (i.e. A club may explain to a candidate that scholarships are available, but they must qualify and apply per policy. A club cannot guarantee a player a discount of the uniform cost; half off registration fee, etc if the player joins the club.)
- e. Any offer made prior to the dates/times shown below."

Clarification language

The state has indicated the policy is intended to apply to targeted promotion to specific players or families. Mass marketing communication that does not promote the virtues of the club is generally acceptable.

What is NOT allowed

- Direct contact with a player, ever.
- Targeted promotional contact with parents outside the period of open promotion
- Requests for guest players for tournaments without consent of the club/coach the player is committed to first (see poaching policy).
- E-mail to a member or members of another club

What is ALLOWED

- Mass marketing of the club at **anytime**
 - Mass e-mail to current club members announcing tryout dates
 - It **must** be non-personalized, and only an announcement that is not promoting the benefits of the club!
 - If a family has players in multiple clubs – this is not a violation as the contact is considered incidental if it is only an announcement of tryout dates.
 - Flyers or leaflets sent home through a school
 - These must be distributed to everyone and not target specific individuals
 - Should only seek un-committed players if done outside the period of open promotion (i.e. – looking for players to fill out a roster for spring)
 - Flyers for the next soccer year should be delivered to the school as close to the date of earliest open promotion at the latest possible date.
 - Some schools require advance notification of flyer dates but may distribute earlier. This is NOT a violation as what the school does is out of the club's control.
 - Example: If the school district requires 1 week of lead time, the flyer can be delivered no more than 1 week before the period of open promotion.
 - Mass Media Advertising (Billboards, Radio, TV, Facebook or social media paid advertisements)
 - **Per East Central rules – this cannot include tryout dates until after the period of open promotion begins.**
 - Announcements on the club's website or social media accounts
- Informational responses to direct inquiries outside of the promotion period
 - Can only include the date you can promote the club, the tryout dates, and list pricing.
 - Example: "Thank you for your interest in club Awesome. Per state policy we may begin active promotion of the club on May xxx, 2019 for the 2019-2020 soccer season. Our tryouts will be on <dates>. Our standard fee is \$10000 per year. We can discuss the club further after the open promotion period begins."
 - Exception: You may discuss the virtues of the club with a family if they have moved in from out of state (the portion of Michigan served by Niagra counts as part of the state of Wisconsin when determining if this exception holds).
 - If a move occurs within the state, the club cannot openly promote to the family and instead the family should be directed to begin the player transfer process. You may indicate if there is room for the player on a team.