

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
East Central District All Club Board Meeting
Minutes - July 15, 2019
8:00 PM
Kimberly Municipal Complex
Evergreen Room

Introductions made around the room

Roll Call (by sign in)

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere	Dusty Rhodes	Neenah	Mike Jones
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Niagara	Jim Laydon
FC Green Bay	Jenna Ryan	NEW United	Vicki King
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
FOX Cities United	Renee' Sullivan	Synergy	Jeff Jones
GBL	Jacob Depas	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	United Hurricanes	Scott Frisch
Kimberly	Noe Smart	Water Cities	Mark Frierdich
Manitowoc GG	Steve Meyer		

Clubs Absent: Fond du Lac, Heart of the Valley, Kiel, New Holstein, United of Allouez

East Central Board Members

President – Jay DeBruin (TASK)

Vice President – Absent

Secretary – Absent

Treasurer – Absent

District Registrar – Kevin Otto (FC Menasha)

TOPS/Scheduling – Wayne Stoflet (KASA)

Games Comm. – Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh United)

Adult League Comm.- NA

Recreation Comm. – Mike Buman

Referees – Mike Jones (Neenah)

Academy Comm. – Sean Breitzman (Neenah)

Director of Operations – Sue Ann Evers

Roll Call (by sign in)

Secretary's Report –

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Mike Buman to approve the May 2019 Minutes.

Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tod was absent and no report was available for the meeting. East Central District will send out the report via email when Tod has it completed.

Commissioner's Report

- TOPS – Programs are not active at this time.
- Scheduling – See Report
 - If a game has to be rescheduled and the date is pending, it is suggested that clubs remove the time and date in the schedule. This will put a TBA in the time column to indicate that this game is being held for a reschedule. By doing this the people involved in scheduling should get notices of a schedule change. See report for complete explanation.
 - Members indicated that change in schedule emails from Demosphere were not being sent out in a timely manner. To be on the safe side, it was suggested that you follow up with a phone call to the coach to make sure everyone is on the same page.
 - East Central is starting the Fall scheduling process earlier this season as was suggested at the AGM. It was determined that start times for fall games would be as follows: Saturday - 9:00 AM. Sunday - 11:00 Am. Scheduling Manager can adjust game times to fit into their game scheduling of other leagues. Disadvantage to early scheduling is that many teams do not know what tournaments they will be at and blackout dates cannot be placed on the team application. Clubs were reminded that after submitting teams by filling out the team application, they can always go back to adjust blackout dates, but this must be done before the start of scheduling.
- Registration
 - There was an issue with the season date on the player pass cards and rosters in the Demosphere system. The old season dates of 2018/2019 was showing up instead of the current date 2019/2020. The problem has been corrected. Everyone has been instructed to submit only player pass cards with the correct date on the card.
 - Approving rosters. If a club wants to have a team approved, they can press the submit button and an email is sent to district registrar. The district registrar cannot respond to the automatic email. Club registrar can look in the Demosphere system to check if a team has been approved. If the club wants a response from the district registrar that the roster has been approved, they will need to send a personal email from the club requesting a notification that the roster has been approved.
- Referee
 - Mike Jones is attending the Referee Clinic on Saturday about the new referee program. He will have a better idea on how the new referee system will work after that meeting.
- Coaching – See report
 - TASK is hosting Grassroots clinics. Jay DeBruin indicated that he may need help from some neighboring clubs to provide players for the coach training.
- Games
 - Chris Billstrom talked about the ways East Central Soccer District handles issues between clubs. Currently the way East Central is set up, it is not administratively conducive to handle some of these issues. Chris has been doing some research into how other districts handle similar conflicts and the structure of their district. Some ideas on ways to restructure the district will be discussed at the fall meeting.
- Adult
 - Adult season runs until the end of July.
 - WSL has closed registration for adult teams. WSL will be sending out checks to any clubs that had late registrations.
- Academy – See minutes
 - Recap of season was that the mentoring program was a great way to start off young referees. All clubs had positive things to say about the program.
 - Suggestions on ways to improve mentoring

- Make sure that the referees have a clear understanding of the academy rules prior to the event.
 - Have a second mentoring program mid-season to reinforce and support new referees.
- Academy event issues:
 - Some teams did not show up for their scheduled game and that created issues at the field. Players and family had traveled a great distance to find there was no team to play
 - The academy committee has put some checks and balances into place to avoid this issue.
 - The academy committee has also asked for an addition to East Central Rules and Regulations to place a fine on academy teams not showing up for scheduled games.

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Buman and seconded by Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh) to approve the following motion.

Amended Rule for East Central Rules and Regulations.

No-show \$100.00 (This fee is applied to both Classic and Academy teams.)

- *Academy Team first offence: \$100.00 fee per team, per game. If there are two scheduled games at one event each game would be fined as a separate offence.*
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- *Academy teams are expected to attend their scheduled games.*
- *Money collected for Academy no-show fines will be applied to the Referee mentoring program.*

Discussion:

- Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh) is 100 percent behind the motion and thought it was a good way to address the issues at the academy level.
- Dusty Rhodes (DePere Select) pointed out that we have put some additional steps before event weeks to remind clubs of the current schedule so that all clubs are on the same page. This communication will be done between academy directors and it will be their job to make sure their teams are at the correct location and at the right time.

Friendly amendment made by Sean Breitzman (Neenah) seconded by Dusty Rhodes (DePere Select) that a no-show would be whenever a team does not have the minimum number of players to have a viable team for the age group that they are playing.

Friendly amendment was accepted and passed

Complete amended rule

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Motion passed

- MEGA date will be held on July 19, 2019 at Akzo Nobel park sponsored by United Hurricanes. A suggestion was made to add more fields to get the event completed earlier in the day. Akzo Nobel has the fields the issue would be the finding enough referees for the games. Collaboration with all of the district referees would have to be discussed and worked out with Mike Jones. Possibility of NEW United hosting a MEGA Date earlier in the season is being considered.

Business Issues/Updates

- Mercy rule – East Central was contacted by a coach to have the Mercy Rule placed back into the Rules and Regulations.
- Below is the suggested rule

Mercy Rule 2019

Teams are required to play the 45-minute half. If the score at the end of the half is at a 10 goal differential, the game is over. If it is close to the 10 goal differential, at half time, the losing coach would have the responsibility of informing the ref of their desire to call the game at 10 goals. The ref would then advise the opposing coach at half time.

Additional suggestion that the standings be reviewed at the end of the season for placement the following year. In our league (U17 Classic), for instance, there is a large gap in skill between the four top teams and four bottom teams. The top four teams would have their own league (playing each team twice - once at home and once away), and the bottom four teams would do the same. If you look at the standings, you will see what I mean.

- Discussion over the Mercy Rule
 - East Central had a Mercy Rule in the Rules and Regulations and it was removed from East Central District policy after a lengthy discussion at an East Central AGM.
 - After much discussion a lot of suggestions were made about the mercy rule and how it should be handled.

A motion was made by Kevin Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Renee Sullivan (FCU) that the losing coach can call the game at half-time if there is a 7 goal differential.

- Discussion points and suggested changes:
 - If both coaches want to stop the game let them.
 - Give the coaches the option to stop the game.
 - Losing coach can call the game at half time and there is a 7 goal differential.
 - The losing coach can call the game any time after the completion of the first half.
 - At a 7 goal differential, many coaches did not want to continue the game.
 - Some thought it would turn into a bullying situation where the players would taunt the losing players or make comments like “we just need one more goal and we can close this game down.”

- Coaches may be so frustrated that he will not stop the game even if it is in the best interest of the players.
- If a team travels a great distance that could be frustrating to the parents and players to turn around and go home after only half of the game is played.
- It should be an automatic stoppage at some point.
- Winning is not the only measure of success.
- It was pointed out that we had a very lengthy discussion at an East Central AGM to amend the mercy rule and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to remove the rule all together.

A motion was made by Mike Buman and seconded by Scott Frisch (United Hurricanes) to table the discussion for the AGM

Passed

Renee Sullivan (FCU) and Kevin Otto (Menasha) were opposed to tabling the vote.

2) Upcoming Events

- August 19, 2019 – will be changed to an Executive Board Meeting.
- September will be an all club Board Meeting.
- December 14, 2019 East Central AGM – Timber Rattlers Stadium

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wayne Stoflet (KASA) and seconded by Sean Breitzman (Neenah).

Adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operations

Date: July 15, 2019
Area: Scheduling
Commissioner: Wayne Stoflet
E-Mail: wdstoflet@new.rr.com

Current Activities: Game cancelations have been abundant for the summer season, just wondering what the best practice is for the future. I have found success with the following practice;

Look up the subject game to be cancelled, select EDIT, reset the game time to 0:00 (actually blank), type in the reason for cancellation and SAVE. Many emails are distributed.

The message sent via email is; “The subject has been rescheduled to TBD along with the typed message, reason for cancellation”.

FALL SOCCER

At the fall 2018 EC AGM the question was raised; As long as the Classic Teams are set up by the end of June why not do game scheduling in July vs having the crunch in August? A week or so ago one of the EC Board Commissioners revived the question. Below is the proposal for a fall Schedule deadlines.

Clubs complete team Applications including blackout dates(4)	July 8 through July 15
Placement committee review	July 16, 17 or 18
Clubs review/contest placement	July 19 through July 22
Scheduling	July 23 & 24
Club Edit	July 24 to 31
Schedule goes live	August 1

NOTE: Club Field schedulers must update their Field permits prior to July 23.





Date: July 15, 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	Seymour Community High School	Saturday August 17, 2019	8:30 PM-12:30 PM
Grassroots 11 v 11	Seymour Community High School	Saturday August 17, 2019	2:00 PM-6:00 PM

Coaching Education Administrator

[Julie Schmitt](#) 414.328.9972, ext. 100

Y1 Clinic will be held in the Spring – April 2020

All Y courses are 6:00–9:00pm with check in beginning at 5:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Y1 courses - \$0 for members with a current pass card.

Y2 courses - \$30 for members with a current pass card.

[Risk Management/Pass Card](#)

Participants must be at least 14 years of age.

You must attend the entire session to earn the certificate.

Participants should come dressed and prepared to participate.

East Central Academy
 Kimberly Municipal Center
 Cedar Room
 Minutes
 Wednesday, July 10, 2019
 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere Select	Dusty Rhodes	Kimberly Soccer	Noe Smart
DePere Select	Wade Dozier	Neenah Soccer	Tyler Brown
DePere Select	Nick Bona	NEW United	Andrew Borchart
Electric City Soccer	Sam Bass	Oshkosh United	Jenny Ostertag
Electric City Soccer	Ross Stainton.	United Hurricanes	Scott Nichols
FC Green Bay	Jenna Ryan	United Hurricanes	Drew Jepson
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	Water Cities	Eric Leverance
FC Wisconsin	Drew Morrissen	Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	East Central	Sue Ann Evers

Introductions around the room

Review of Spring 2019 Academy- Concerns/Suggestions

Open discussion about Academy Spring 2019 and concerns about how the events went.

- A club in the Academy league was consistently not showing up for games leaving teams struggling to explain to parents why they traveled a great distance with no opposing team to play. This same team would not show up with a complete roster, again leaving the opposing team without a valid game or a cobbled together game and a lot of confusion. Is there something that we can do? Officially what would happen for no show teams?
 - East Central has rules for classic teams not showing up but there is nothing in place for recreational teams.
 - Fines to academy teams that have no-show games?
 - Put the club in poor standing with East Central Academy committee?

It was decided that the Academy Committee would make a motion to be considered at the July 15, 2019 East Central Board meeting, to have the no-show fine apply to Academy teams as well. Below is the motion that will be submitted for approval.

Over the Summer 2019 Season the East Central Academy Committee found that some clubs were abusing the schedule and simply not showing up for scheduled Academy Events. The no-shows are hurting the program and the Academy Committee would like to put a stop to this very negative activity.

In the rule amendment the Academy Committee would like to recommend the follow rule be put into effect in Fall 2019 for academy teams not showing up for a scheduled event.

Motion: Pending Approval

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- Brainstorming about ways to improve the Academy Program. The following items will be followed for East Central Academy Fall 2019 schedule
 - Host club will email the schedule for the event confirming the times and locations of each game. Visiting clubs would review the schedule to make sure that the games listed are in sync with their expectations.
 - The Host Clubs will send the schedule reminder on Tuesday (noon) the week that they are holding the event and the visiting clubs are to send an acknowledgement that they have received and are prepared to attend the scheduled games by Wednesday (noon) of the event week. This is meant as a confirmation for the date and times of games. Host clubs should CC: Sean and Sue Ann this information for administrative support. Clubs not responding by noon on Wednesday will receive a call from Sean to investigate the reason for not confirming their scheduled games.
 - It was suggested that some teams/parents are not familiar with the location of the fields or teams they are playing. Visiting clubs should make sure to communicate games, times and locations to their parents.

 - MEGA Date issues
 - Parents do not want to stay at the event for the entire day. There are family's with players on more than one team. Some families were there at 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
 - The Mega Date is meant to be similar to a tournament.
 - United Hurricanes made it fun last year with activities for the players. United Hurricanes will plan to do the same activities inviting families to stay and have fun participating in the activities they are providing. They will send out information of events planned to advertise to the families.
 - This is a great time to do some team building. Have the families gather in one location and hang out between games.
 - October 26, 2019 Mega Date at United Hurricanes. Please explain to your families that this is an all-day event. Teams will be scheduled for two games. There may be an hour or two between games. If you do not feel that is something that your families would be interested in attending, use this date as one of your blackout dates for the fall season.

- United Hurricanes said that they learn a little bit each year that they host the MEGA date. The hardest part is dealing with parents and coaches that are not exhibiting sportsmanship during the game.
- United Hurricanes indicated that they can provide more fields for the MEGA date, however they are not sure they can provide the referees. It was suggested that we pool our referees from the entire district to see if we could compress the day to get games played earlier. This will be discussed with Mike Jones.

Referee mentoring

- Academy committee agreed that the mentoring program was great. Some suggestions to add to the program:
 - Host a second mentoring program mid-season so that the referees get a review of the rules.
 - Mentors could have a small rating card on how the referee was doing. Mid-season the referee could be scored again with the hopes that there was improvement. This would make good talking points when the mentor is working with the young referee.
 - Referees need to have the academy rules explained prior to the academy event.

How do we improve our academy program?

- Set the tone with your academy families at the beginning of the season.
 - Expectations need to be laid out at the start of each season
 - Understanding the game and why the player is coached the way he/she is coached
 - What do we want to teach our players?
 - Let the kids develop as complete players and people
 - Your coach is a representative of your club
 - Clubs need to build on their academy philosophy. The overall spirit is development and sportsmanship. Teams can be competitive, but respectful.

Setting Fall 2019 schedule

- Eight Games September 7 - October 26, 2019
- Scheduling will be done in two phases.
 - In order to give the clubs more time to register players East Central is pushing back scheduling so that Data sheets will not have to be turned in until August 14, 2019.
 - The first week of event play is September 7, 2019. This week of play will be considered the First Phase and will be scheduled and published right away so that referees can be assigned to these games
 - Event Dates from September 14 - October 26, 2019 will be considered the Second Phase and will be schedule after the First Phase schedule has be posted.

First Phase of scheduling – Week 1-- September 7, 2019

Second Phase of scheduling – Week 2 –September 14 - October 26, 2019

Event	Deadlines – Midnight of posted date
Email Data Sheet to Sean and Sue Ann	Wednesday, August 14, 2019
First Phase draft of schedule– Week 1	Friday, August 16, 2019
First Phase revision – Week 1	Monday, August 19, 2019
First Phase schedule posted – Week 1	Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Second Phase draft of schedule– Weeks 2-8	Thursday, August 22, 2019
Second Phase revision – Weeks 2-8	Monday, August 26, 2019
Second Phase schedule posted – Weeks 2-8	Friday, August 30, 2019

Rule Change

- Change in the goal kick rule – Once the ball is kicked the opposing players can move past the build-out line. The receiving player can be inside the box.

Meeting adjourned

9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sue Ann Evers
Director of Operations
East Central Soccer District