

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
 East Central District, Inc.
 All Club Meeting
 August 21, 2023
 8:00 PM
 Google Meeting

Meeting call to order

East Central has 34 voting members – Quorum is the majority of voting members (18)

Attendance

Club	Rep	Club	Rep
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Fox Cities United	Marissa Sperger	River Surge	Nat Laabs
Green Bay Lightning	Jacob DePree	River Surge	Matt Walters
Fire	Matt Bellisle	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Kiel	Zach Wusterbarth	TASK	Sarah Wolslegel
Neenah	Mike Jones	Wi. United	Dusty Rhodes
Niagara North Stars	Greg Kulas		

Not present: Fondy, Heart of the Valley, New Holstein, United of Allouez

East Central Officers	
EC President	Scott Frisch
EC Vice President	Jeff Pozniak
EC Treasurer	Noe Smart
EC Secretary	Vicki King
EC Games Commissioner	Mike Jones
EC League Chairperson	Brian Casey
EC Academy Commissioner	Nick Josephson
EC Referee	Justin Oshefsky
EC Adult Commissioner	Vicki King
EC TOPS	Jeff Jones
WYSA Rep	Dusty Rhodes
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

*Motion to approve the May 15, 2023, Minutes as made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Jeff Jones (Synergy)
 Motion passed.*

President's Report

Reviewing policy to allow guest clubs to play in East Central Soccer District

- It is a general feeling that we should not allow guest clubs to play in the East Central Soccer District starting for the soccer season of 2024-2025.
 - Outside clubs that are affiliated with WYSA create satellite programs in our district and draw away plyers from our member club.
 - In order to play in the district, you must be a club that is affiliated with WYSA and reside in the East Central Soccer District.
 - Satellite clubs are already affiliated with WYSA, so it was felt that they would not be able to form a club in the East Central Soccer District. Dusty Rhodes (WYSA Rep) will confirm with WYSA that there are no rules preventing East Central from no longer allowing guest play in our district.
 - This issue will be up for review at the October meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Scheduling is done.

- Academy Season Starts - August 26, 2023
- Classic Season Starts - August 28, 2023

Dropped teams this fall.

- Kiel 15U Coed team
- FC Wisconsin 13U Coed team (Guest Club)

Current rule: Teams drop out before schedule is complete.

- At this point there is no fine for member clubs.
- A \$250.00 fine is billed to member club teams once the schedule goes live.
- Guest clubs' playing fees are nonrefundable once scheduling starts.

Housekeeping item

Some rules need to be reviewed so that we are consistent and clear with our policies.

- We have a one-week rule to pay referees if a game is canceled.
- Clubs should be paying the referees directly.

East Central Forfeit Rules/Fines

Refusal to Play Forfeit

If a team chooses not to play a scheduled game for whatever reason but notifies the district and opposing team more than 24 hours before the game.

- Fee: \$250.00 Classic and Adult (Club invoiced by district)
- Fee: \$100.00 per academy team (Club invoiced by district)
- Depending on notification, the referee crew is to be paid by the home club.
- Game result will be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team.

East Central is looking at a new district scheduling tool.

- Mike Jones and Sue Ann have met with Play Metrics to see if they have a scheduling tool that will fit East Central's needs.

- Play Metrics is just starting to develop league scheduling much like we do in East Central. We have had two meetings with them outlining our desires for a scheduling tool.
- Play Metrics has scheduled a meeting with WYSA to discuss their product sometime in October. East Central may meet with them since they are in the area.
- Currently the following clubs are using Play Metrics as a registration program:
 - Neenah
 - Oshkosh
 - Wisconsin United

Treasurer's Report

- August Treasurer's Report
 - The information presented is not for public release. Please contact the East Central Executive Director with any information requests.
- Clubs can not pay fees on Quick Books
- There were a couple of clubs that still need to pay their invoice from the end of the 2022-2023 season.

Commissioner's Report

WYSA- State Rep Report

- Jim Launder is stepping back, and Craig Carlson has been named Director of Coaching for WYSA.
- The membership survey should be filled out by the clubs so that WYSA knows how to help the clubs grow the game of soccer.
- WYSA AGM is March 2, 2024, at Lambeau Field, Green Bay
- WYSA will set tryout dates for 2024 by January.

TOPSoccer

All participating clubs are preparing for Fall programs.

Referee

There will be referee shortages this fall. Please be mindful to cluster games so that the referee assignors can use the same referee crew for several games.

League Chairperson

When teams are assigned a division clubs need to keep in mind that even if we have many teams in a division, it does not always make sense to put them together. Several factors go into what the best placement is for the teams that are playing.

Games Commissioner

Should the district consider purchasing **Soccer Parenting** so that way when coaches & parents get removed from games and the club doesn't have Soccer Parenting, we can tell them they have

to complete a course before being allowed back on the sidelines. The cost is \$250 but we could also charge clubs that don't have it and parents / coaches who need to take the courses \$50 to help offset the cost.

Discussion:

- Some clubs thought it would be a good idea and supported this to help educate their parents.
- This would be a way to show referees that East Central has their back.
- Others did not feel this would be helpful and would make the upset spectator more upset.
 - Referees need to go to the coach if a Spectator is getting out of hand.
 - It was felt that some referees would not go to the coach or in some cases the coach would not support the referee in an issue that is happening at the game.
 - If a Spectator is asked to leave the game the referee should inform the coach.

Rescheduling

Concerns over how rescheduling is being handled by some clubs.

Adult League

Adult League Spring Ended for the 2023 Season

Overall, the season went well.

A few concerns came up about the adult rules. They need to be reviewed and tighten up:

- Teams use players from another club's team as guest players.
 - This rule has never been allowed in the East Central Soccer District.
 - Teams may club pass a player, but they may not use players from another club to play the game.
 - Once a team decides to add players from another club and the player is not on the club's roster, the referee should collect their pay and the game now becomes a scrimmage. Referees should leave the game as this is no longer a sanctioned game.
- The slide tackling rule needs to be reviewed.
 - Suggested to not allow slide tackling.
- Should we increase the gender rule from two women on the field to three women?
- Adult League teams must have a roster and present it to the referee for check in. Many adult teams did not have paper copies of their rosters.
- Some players are interested in the slower pace of adult league soccer.
 - This could be:
 - Two levels of soccer: High and Low recreational soccer
 - Small, sided soccer
 - Walking soccer

Incident last game of the season

- A team was using a player (guest player) from another club/team because they were short players. The (guest player) from the other club/team received a red card. Another individual that was on the

coaching side of the field did not like the call and got into an argument with the referee. The unidentified individual would not calm down and continued to use profanity. The referee ended the game.

- The player receiving the red card has not returned East Central's attempts to contact him to see who the unidentified individual is. The coach of player does not know who the unidentified person is. The Red Card player is in permanent red card status until he responds to our inquiries.

Academy

East Central is interested in making the academy schedule more flexible.

There is a committee to talk about how we can make improvements and find ways to be more flexible. More to come.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

Rescheduling

Concerns over how rescheduling is being handled by some clubs.

- Coaches are reaching out to other coaches.
- Coaches should approach their club first.
 - The club should vet the request to see if it is a valid reason to reschedule a game.
 - If a reschedule is warranted, then the clubs' schedulers should work together to find a date.
- Clubs have a right to say "No" to the reschedule if the time does not work out.
- Coaches need to be flexible and allow another coach to coach their game.

A committee was formed to work on this issue. Committee members are Mike Jones, Brian Casey, Nate Laabs, Scott Frisch

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM

Made by Mike Jones (Neeah) and seconded by Nick Josephson (River Surge)

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King
East Central Secretary