

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
 East Central Soccer District, INC.
 Annual General Meeting
 Kimberly Municipal Center
 January 21, 2023

Roll call by sign-in

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Neenah	Sean Breitzman
Electric City	Modeste Rouamba	New Holstein	Tom Oetjen
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	NNS	Greg Kulas
FOX Cities United	Renee' Sullivan	Oshkosh	Kristopher Karns
FOX Cities United	Marissa Sperger	Synergy Soccer	Jeff Jones
Green Bay Lightning	Jacob Depas	Thunder Area Soccer Kids	Sarah Wolslegel
Heart of the Valley	Jennifer Nash	United Soccer of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Heart of the Valley	Becky Pamperin	United Soccer of Allouez	Gary Noble
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	Water Cities Soccer	John Rathert
Kiel	Tina Murkowski	Water Cities Soccer	Chuck Shaller
KASA	Matt Walters	WI United	Scott Frisch
KASA	John Swartz	WI United	Eric Gebhard

Absent: Fond du Lac

East Central Officers

EC President	absent
EC Vice President	absent
EC Treasurer	Noe Smart
EC Secretary	Vicki King
EC Games Commissioner	Mike Jones
EC League Chairperson	absent
EC Academy Commissioner	vacant
EC Referee	Justin Oshefsky
EC Adult Commissioner	Vicki King
EC TOPS	Jeff Jones
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

Meeting Called to order by Vicki King at 9:00 AM

Both East Central President, Christopher Billstrom (illness) and East Central Vice-President Jeff Pozniak (out of Country) were unable to attend today's AGM. Per East Central Bylaws the East Central Secretary assumes the duties of the district president if both are absent.

The East Central AGM presentation was drafted by Christopher Billstrom and East Central Executive Director, Sue Ann Evers

East Central members present introduced themselves.

Quorum Report - 2022/2023 Season

Position	Name	Votes 2022-2023	Club No	Club Name	2021-2022 Total Players	Votes 2022-2023
President	Christopher Billstrom	1	032	Electric City Youth Soccer	482	1
Vice President	Jeff Pozniak	1	006	FC Green Bay	230	1
Treasurer	Noelani Smart	1	024	Fond du Lac Soccer	307	0***
Secretary/Adult League	Vicki King	1	078	Fox Cities United Soccer Club	688	2
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers	0*	121	Manitowoc Futbol Club	0	0****
WYSA State Board Rep	Christopher Billstrom	0**	027	Green Bay Lightning	78	1
Games Commissioner	Mike Jones	1	117	Heart of the Valley Soccer Club	75	1
League Chairperson	Brian Casey	1		Howard FC	185	1
TOP Soccer Commissioner	Jeff Jones	1	036	Kiel Soccer Club	64	1
Referee Commissioner	Justin Oshefsky	1	037	Kimberly Area Soccer	683	2
Academy Commissioner	VACANT	0	058	Neenah Soccer Club	1,479	3
Total Executive Board Votes		8	052	New Holstein Soccer Club	14	1
			099	Niagara Northern Stars	68	1
			057	Oshkosh United Soccer Club	489	1
			003	Synergy Soccer Club	64	1
			071	Thunder Area Soccer Kids (TASK)	336	1
			084	United Soccer of Allouez	131	1
			096	Water Cities Soccer Club	360	1
				Wisconsin United	1,530	4
			Total Club Votes		7,263	24

* Executive Director is a Non-Voting Member of the Executive Board
 **Per Bylaws: No individual may carry more than one position's vote
 *** FDL club is not in good standing and have no vote as a result
 **** Manitowoc currently registers their players with Lakeshore United and had 0 players so do no longer have a vote

Summary

Total Executive Board Votes	8
Total Club Votes	24
Total Votes	32

2022/2023 Season Quorum is 17 (50% of Total Votes plus 1)

Quorum

After reviewing the bylaws and consulting with the WYSA Executive Director, clubs who carry more than one vote will continue to have the right to send one delegate per vote to the East Central AGM. However, in a change of past East Central practice, one person may have proxy over all the clubs' votes. Proxy voting is consistent with practices of both Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer Meeting and AGMs.

An Example: Club XYZ had 1200 players in the previous year and had 3 votes at East Central Meetings.

Before: Club XYZ would need to bring 3 club representatives to a meeting and could cast one vote per person.

As established at 2022 AGM: Club XYZ would have the right to bring 3 representatives, but only one person would need to be present, and that person may hold proxy over the three votes.

Introduction

Motion: John Rathert (Water Cities) motioned to approve the August 2022 East Central All Club Meeting Minutes; Mike Jones (Neenah) seconded the motion.

Approved

Motion: Mike Jones (Neenah) motioned to approve the October 2022, All Club Board Meeting Minutes, John Rathert (Water Cities) seconded the motion.

Approved

Proposed Budget- Noe

The East Central proposed Budget for 2023-2024 was presented.

- Fees were increased from 11-19%, the variance is a result of trying to keep fees to a rounded number.
- Overall, total Revenue was increased by 12.5% to cover expected increases of expenses.
- Consideration also had to be made for the decrease in expected Academy Team registration fees.

Discussion

- There was concern about using the number of teams to drive the budget. Thoughts being that the big loss in academy numbers removed a large chunk of the capital that we collected each year. What if other groups of teams no longer schedule with East Central?
- Also removing the adult league was also a source of revenue that would be missing from our budget.

Scott Frisch (WI United) motioned to table the approval of the 2023-2024 Budget until the March Meeting. Renee Sullivan (Fox Cities United) seconded the motion.

Approved

Elections:

President Election

Per our Bylaws: The President will coordinate and direct board activities and policies in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. He/she will preside over all scheduled district board meetings. If board vacancies occur, the president may appoint a temporary successor. The President's position will be elected at the district AGM, on odd numbered years.

Scott Frisch is the new President by acclimation.

Secretary Election

Per our Bylaws: The Secretary shall assume the duties of the President and Vice-President in the absence of both officers. He/she shall maintain all correspondence and communication essential to the conduct of the business of the district board. He/she shall serve a two-year term and be elected at the district AGM on odd numbered years.

Vicki King will continue as Secretary for another two-year term by acclimation.

President Report

My apologies for not being able to be there today but a cold, turned cough, turned pneumonia has just been kicking my butt the last two weeks. A special thanks to Sue Ann and Vicki for helping pick up the slack due to my absence. As this is my last meeting as district president, I'd just like to leave everyone with a few thoughts, things I'm sure you've heard me say before but still worth repeating.

1. Keep working to improve your clubs, the district, and youth soccer in general. If you are not moving forward, you're probably moving backwards. Don't fall into the "this is the way we've always done it" trap.

2. Reach out to other clubs and work together. Be competitors on the field but allies off.
3. Continue to spread the beautiful game of soccer to a wider audience. Youth soccer can be such a positive force in a child's life and those opportunities should not be limited by a child's race, gender, or socio-economic status. It's not just enough to say you want to more inclusive, you actually need to work to remove the barriers that already exist.

It's been a pleasure to serve as your president!

Thanks, and see you on the sidelines,
Christopher Billstrom

Executive Director

Spring Scheduling- See Scheduling timeline.

- Membership was asked if they felt like blackouts really helped them, but many did not think it was worth the extras work to try to have the District Scheduler work the blackouts into the schedule.
 - The membership, however did think that it would be helpful to have a list of the backout dates that each team wanted so that those dates could be looked at when adjusting the schedule. Blackout dates can be sent to Sue Ann, and she will collect them and put them in google doc for clubs to reference. Format of the document will be the same as the schedule so that it can be merged into the document they are using.
- If clubs want to start the season early (before April 30, 2023) they may contact the opposing club to see if the team is willing to play and that the club's field is prepared for playing games at an earlier date.
- Clubs can adjust the first draft of the schedule by moving their home games to the primary or secondary day of play.
- Club Schedulers would need to seek permission if the dates requested do not land on the primary or secondary day of play.

Do most clubs wanted to be done with their classic games before the offer dates?

- It was voiced by many that their club was not concerned about being done with East Central Games before the tryout officers went out.

Treasure Report -

Information presented is not for public release. Please contact the East Central Executive Director with any information requests.

WYSA Report:

- WYSA AGM
 - Saturday March 11, 2023 @ 9am
 - Location: Harley Davidson in Milwaukee
 - At December State Board Meeting In-person vs Electronic Voting was discussed
 1. The past 3 years, AGM was virtual, and all clubs could vote electronically.
 2. Previous to that, only club representatives who attended AGM in-person could vote.
 3. Looking for feedback?
 - Should only club reps attending in-person be allowed to vote?

- Should club reps who attend the AGM virtually be allowed to vote?
 - Should attendance in any form not be a factor in a clubs ability to vote?
- A new State Referee Administrator was appointed by US Soccer for Wisconsin, Jamie Walter assumed that position as of 12/31/2022.
 - Next WYSA State Board meeting is Saturday 1/28/2022.

Discussion on Feedback on attendance for the AGM:

- The membership at East Central agreed that East Central makes clubs travel to the East Central AGM and attend in person and that the WYSA AGM should be important enough for clubs to travel to. Last WYSA AGM was not managed well and was over quickly.
- It was felt that better communication is had in person.
- Members need to be in person in order to vote.

TOPS Soccer

FIRE - We had TOPSoccer in November, with about 15 players, including one blind player. We will have our winter session this March and looking at our big spring event late April at Capital Credit Union Park. Registration for those sessions hasn't open. We are inviting more blind players thru different organizations and we are also looking at running some blindfold sessions with our high school players to help grow that part of the program. There was a TOPSoccer session at the Philadelphia coach's convention yesterday and we found some new equipment there. (Submitted by Armando Martinez)

KASA - The Kimberly Tops soccer program will begin its winter session Jan 14 and runs every Saturday thru the end of February. We then have sessions on Saturdays in April. Again, this winter session, we are fortunate to have the Lawrence men and women soccer teams send buddies to work with our members. (Submitted by Jane McCormick)

SYNERGY - The 2022 spring session ran 5 Sundays (Apr 3, 10, 24 + May 1 & 8) and the fall session ran 5 Sundays (Nov 6, 13, 20 & 27 + Dec 4) with 15 players participating in both sessions. Volunteers from Ashwaubenon HS, West De Pere HS and SYNERGY helped run the program. We will schedule 2023 spring and fall sessions accordingly. We also referred players to the FIRE program as appropriate. (Submitted by Jeff Jones)

WCSC - Our TOPSoccer program is up and running. We are partnering with the YMCA of Oshkosh again, and our program is running every Saturday morning from January 7th-February 11th. We have around 25 volunteers each week to help run the program. We are looking at running a day camp under the bubble at UW Oshkosh and would like to see if the other clubs that have a TOPSoccer program wanted to partner with WCSC to showcase our programs. Possibly invite additional clubs throughout WI to participate. (Submitted by John Rathert)

Referee Commissions Report:

Registration for new referees is now available! A new referee is someone who has not previously been registered as a referee *OR* is a previous referee whose registration has lapsed (2020 or prior).

Grassroots Referee courses for new referees require a combination of independent learning and in-person instruction. The independent learning starts in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center, is followed by a WisRef live session (either virtual or in-person). Total instruction time is estimated at 12 hours, with the final four hours

being the live session. The independent learning content can be completed at your own pace. *Candidates must complete all online work and WisRef steps 1-4 prior to requesting a live spot.*

<http://wisref.org/grassroots-new-ref-instructions/>

The total cost of the course is \$70; a background check, if 18 or older is an additional \$30 (for a 2-yr period). New and lapsed referee candidates who successfully complete all the requirements will receive a full reimbursement of their registration fee and background check fee, plus a 10-piece referee uniform starter kit.

Referee recertification being held now. If you haven't received emails from WisRef please contact me asap so start the process.

Suggestions were brought attention on how to retain referees (recertification). Last year Mike and I tried the following:

- Local tournaments increased referee pay. Provided bonus which result in more income.
- Increase in mentoring to young refs at Academy events and tournaments.
- Tried different ways to get referees to sign up for games (mainly google docs)
- Daily emails sometimes even more than that

Other Districts offering bonuses for doing X amount of their league games/State League games.

Clubs provide bonus too of some sort to cover registration expenses.

Referee Commissioners documentation

2022 games:

Level	Total Refs Needed	Missing Center	Missing AR1	Missing AR2	Total Missing	Missing %	Fill %
10U EC Rec	282	20	31	41	92	33%	67%
8U EC	128	37	0	0	37	29%	71%
ADULT COED RECREATIONAL - C	120	4	2	5	11	9%	91%
EC Academy	1032	72	111	135	318	31%	69%
HIGH SCHOOL - F	180	11	19	25	55	31%	69%
NEENAH In-House	66	2	0	0	2	3%	97%
TASK In-House 10U	48	2	5	4	11	23%	77%
U11 COMP - C	336	3	17	27	47	14%	86%
U11 COMP - F	300	8	16	18	42	14%	86%
U12 COMP - C	375	14	34	45	93	25%	75%
U12 COMP - F	234	6	10	21	37	16%	84%
U12 REC - C	135	4	7	7	18	13%	87%
U12 REC - F	90	0	3	10	13	14%	86%
U13 COMP - C	180	2	10	16	28	16%	84%
U13 COMP - F	147	1	5	8	14	10%	90%
U14 COMP - C	84	2	2	4	8	10%	90%
U14 COMP - F	111	3	10	8	21	19%	81%
U14 REC - C	132	3	2	6	11	8%	92%
U15 COMP - C	198	10	13	18	41	21%	79%
U15 COMP - F	84	1	1	2	4	5%	95%
U15 COMP - M	3	0	0	0	0	0%	100%
U17 COMP - C	72	2	5	3	10	14%	86%
U19 COMP - C	102	1	3	5	9	9%	91%
U19 REC - C	90	0	9	12	22	24%	76%
United FC In-House Academy	76	39	0	0	39	51%	49%
East Central Totals	4605	247	315	420	983	21%	79%

Level	BAY Total # Of Games	BAY Total # of Games missing a ref	FV Total # Of Games	FV Total # of Games missing a ref	Total # Of Games	Total # of Games missing a ref
10U EC Rec	0	0	94	48	94	48
8U EC	0	0	128	37	128	37
ADULT COED RECREATIONAL - C	20	7	20	0	40	7
EC Academy	103	58	241	124	344	182
HIGH SCHOOL - F	32	22	28	10	60	32
NEENAH In-House	0	0	66	2	66	2
TASK In-House 10U	0	0	16	7	16	7
U11 COMP - C	32	18	80	14	112	32
U11 COMP - F	31	11	69	18	100	29
U12 COMP - C	49	33	76	25	125	58
U12 COMP - F	27	12	51	15	78	27
U12 REC - C	5	1	40	8	45	9
U12 REC - F	5	3	25	8	30	11
U13 COMP - C	30	10	30	8	60	18
U13 COMP - F	20	5	29	4	49	9
U14 COMP - C	12	2	16	4	28	6
U14 COMP - F	23	9	14	4	37	13
U14 REC - C	12	3	32	5	44	8
U15 COMP - C	24	14	42	13	66	27
U15 COMP - F	16	3	12	0	28	3
U15 COMP - M	0	0	1	0	1	0
U17 COMP - C	8	4	16	3	24	7
U19 COMP - C	16	3	14	3	30	6
U19 REC - C	11	6	23	8	34	14
United FC In-House Academy	64	39	12	0	76	39
East Central Totals	540	263	1175	368	1715	631
		48%		31%		37%

Bay	Games	540			
	U10 academy game	103			
	Missing refs total	263			
	Missing academy refs	58			
	Games w/out academy	437			
	missing refs w/out academy	205			
		47%			
FV	Games	1175			
	U10 academy game	241			
	Missing refs total	368			
	Missing academy refs	124			
	Games w/out academy	934			
	missing refs w/out academy	244			
		26%			
Idea	Cluster Games (fall 2023)				
	Run weekend games like tournaments sets of 3 or 4 games on 1 field.				
	Refs will forgo tournaments to do these games				
	Rescheduling these games would not be accepted unless another game is put in place				
	U10 games only Center Ref or no refs ?				
Idea	Work with BASRU to set up new clinics				
Ideas	U10 academy games 1 referee or none				

Level	Total Refs Needed	Missing Center	Missing AR1	Missing AR2	Total Missing	Missing %	Fill %
11U - M	15	0	2	3	5	33%	67%
12U - F	60	1	6	5	12	20%	80%
12U - M	60	0	1	3	4	7%	93%
13U - F	78	2	3	3	8	10%	90%
13U - M	93	0	4	3	7	8%	92%
14U - F	111	0	8	6	14	13%	87%
14U - M	123	1	1	6	8	7%	93%
15U - F	48	1	3	1	5	10%	90%
15U - M	72	0	0	1	1	1%	99%
16U - F	42	2	3	5	10	24%	76%
16U - M	42	0	0	0	0	0%	100%
17U - F	21	2	3	2	7	33%	67%
17U - M	42	0	1	0	1	2%	98%
18U - F	15	0	0	3	3	20%	80%
19U - F	48	2	4	6	12	25%	75%
19U - M	36	0	1	1	2	6%	94%
State League Totals	906	11	40	48	99	11%	89%
Combined Totals	5511	258	355	468	1082	20%	80%

Row Labels	BAY Total # Of Games	BAY Total # of Games missing a ref	FV Total # Of Games	FV Total # of Games missing a ref	Total # Of Games	Total # of Games missing a ref
11U - M	0	0	5	3	5	3
12U - F	10	5	10	2	20	7
12U - M	4	1	16	2	20	3
13U - F	13	5	13	0	26	5
13U - M	7	2	24	2	31	4
14U - F	15	5	22	4	37	9
14U - M	18	3	23	3	41	6
15U - F	3	2	13	2	16	4
15U - M	9	1	15	0	24	1
16U - F	7	4	7	2	14	6
16U - M	4	0	10	0	14	0
17U - F	4	3	3	1	7	4
17U - M	4	1	10	0	14	1
18U - F	0	0	5	3	5	3
19U - F	6	4	10	3	16	7
19U - M	4	2	8	0	12	2
State League Totals	108	38	194	27	302	65
Combined Totals	648	301 46%	1369	395 29%	2017	696 35%

Locations Missing Refs	ber of games missing	Number of refs	U10 games	u10 total re
ALLOUEZ KIWANIS PARK	12	25		
ARGONNE PARK	4	5		
ASHWAUBENON SPORTS COMI	7	11		
ASHWAUBOMAY MEMORIAL RI	18	24		
BROADVIEW SOCCER COMPLE	4	4		
CALAVERA SPRINGS PARK	18	27		
COMBINEDLOCKS MEMPAK u10	9	14	9	14
DARBOY PARK U8 only	7	7	7	7
FREEDOM VFW MEMORIAL PA	22	41	9	25
FT HOWARD PARK	26	41		
GREENVILLE	29	56	9	21
GRIGNON	29	41	20	31
JR GERRITTS MS	10	22	10	22
KAUKAUNA HS - SOCCER FIE	9	12		
KIEL SOCCER COMPLEX	7	14		
MASC	9	14	8	13
NEENAH MAHLER PARK	10	12	10	12
NEENAH MEMORIAL PARK	2	2		
NEW HOLSTEIN	7	14		
NEW LONDON	13	20		
NIAGARA RIVER SC	17	25		
NOURYON SPORTS COMPLEX	64	80	54	63
OSHKOSH YMCA	12	12		
PERRY TIPLER MS	34	59	34	59
RED SMITH PARK - 1	9	18		
SEYMOUR HS	15	21		
SOUTHWEST PARK	19	31		
SPORTS EMPORIUM	26	47	26	47
SPRING GREEN PARK	20	32		
SUNSET PARK	10	14		
USA YOUTH	52	66	34	40
VAN LIESHOUT PARK	22	28	18	23
VERHAGEN PARK	4	5		
WANICK CHOUTE PARK	10	14	10	14
WINNEBAGO CTY PARK	59	114	39	82

Games worked	# of refs
Zero Games	54
1 to 5	64
6to10	54
11+	151

Congratulations

Peter Bernard was awarded a national referee spot.

- Congratulations to Peter who is a referee from the Green Bay area.

Appreciation went out to Mike and Justin for working hard to fill the games this fall.

Adult report

Currently waiting on present to eliminate adult league. Motion is in old business to be discussed and voted on.

Games Leagues Reports

2022 East Central Games Report Recap

of Games:

Level	Spring	Fall	Total
Academy	236	108	344
Classic	419	386	805
Rec	391		391
Adult	40		40
Total	1086	494	1580

Incident Report Recap – 51 total reports – just over 3% of our games get an incident report filed by a referee.

Spring – 37 reports

Fall – 14 reports

Yellow Cards – 33 total

Spring – 24 (21 at Classic, 2 at Adult, 1 at Rec)

Fall – 9 (all classic)

Red Cards – 4 total

Spring – 4 (3 at Classic, 1 at adult)

Field Conditions – 7 total

Spring – 6

Fall – 1

Coach Pass / Roster – 5 total (either no roster or coach didn't have a coach card on them)

Spring – 3

Fall - 2

Referee Abuse – 2 total

Both in the fall, one towards an experienced referee & the other at a 1st year referee. Thankfully the clubs involved were great to work with and handled the coaches in an appropriate manner.

Academy

Clubs that are participating in the East Central Academy program have received a tentative timeline of the scheduling process. The clubs expressed a desire to get together to discuss how the academy program will be run for the Summer.

Old Business

Motion:

*East Central will no longer have referees assigned to 8U Recreation League Games
Motion made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by John Rathert (Water Cities)*

Passed

Discussion

- 1) Most 8U games in spring did not have a referee already.
- 2) Coaches can be prepared to know there will not be a ref and the unknown if a referee is going to show up or not is eliminated.
- 3) Saves clubs money

Motion Removed from Old Business

This motion was removed from old business. No action is required at this time.

If clubs are unable to provide a full referee crew for at least 50% of their home games the prior season, the district may move that club's home game(s) to other venues to allow both teams a full referee crew.

Justin Oshefsky would like to TABLE this motion until the AGM where a larger discussion of how best the district and clubs can work together to alleviate some of the problems with the referee shortage.

Discussion on how to make the referee registration process easier. It was suggested that a simple step by step guild be created so that referees know where to start to get registered.

- All of the prework has to be done prior to registration.
- Wis.org has a lot of good information to look at on their website about various referee issues.
 - "Part of the game" has great resources for new referees to look at.
- Suggestion to use a reimbursement program similar to Madison as an incentive to get referees to come back to referee the next year. Madison says that they find their numbers are going up

Motion

East Central will no longer offer an Adult League

Rationale:

- *Difficult working with WSL*
- *Declining interest/Number of teams*
- *There are other adult leagues out there*
- *Referees unwilling to take games*
- *When issues arise, they tend to explode immediately into big problems which need a lot of attention to deal with*
- *Takes time away from youth programs*

Alternative Options:

- *Clubs can work independently/collaboratively to run an in-house adult league*
- *Clubs can petition WSL to administer an adult league in our area*
- *Clubs can find enter teams in other local adult leagues*

Motion made by Kristopher Karns (Oshkosh) and seconded by Renee Sullivan(Fox Cities United)

Opposed

East Central will continue to host an adult league in their district.

Discussion

Can our budget handle the loss of income?

- Can we afford to eliminate a service from our district
 - Once your take a service away it is hard to start it back up
 - Just because a program is difficult to run doesn't mean we should stop it
- We want to grow soccer and it is an important culture to some of our clubs
- Fire has a lot of coaches play with them on the adult league. It is a positive culture for their club.
- KASA has some adult players that use their field and just have fun getting together to play. Non organized by the club.
- Neenah also has a group of players that play in their area, but the club does not organize them.
- Graduating players that want to continue to play soccer.
- Electric City has graduating players that want to play on in the adult league. They have found that they are also willing to be rec coaches. and becoming the rec coaches. It builds comradery among their coaches.
- How hard is it to get referees. Suggest that we pay them the 19U referee fee for adult league.

New Business

Adjust Adult League Referee Fees

Motion to increase referee fees for Adult League to 19U classic referees which are \$68.00 Center and \$48 for AR.

Motion to be brought for a vote at the East Central March meeting.

Referee Shortage Protocol

New Business (to be acted on at March 2023 All Club Meeting)

1. Referee Shortage Protocol - Do we extend the Play-on scenarios we used in Fall?
(See August 2022 Minutes)

Fall Temporary Change: Motion below!

Motion made by Eric Gebhard (WI United) and seconded by Justin Oshefsky (Neenah) to pass an Emergency motion for Fall 2022. East Central 11U and 12U teams can play a scheduled game without referees. Games with no referee's present will not count in the standings. Coaches can also decide to reschedule the game if they so choose.

Motion passed.

Adjustment to the motion to include standings will be posted if both coaches agree to play

Motion to continue the Referee Shortage Protocol. East Central 11U and 12U teams can play a scheduled game without referees. If both coaches agree to play the game without referees, they may record the score in the standings. Coaches can also decide to reschedule the game if they so choose.

Motion to be brought for a vote at the East Central March meeting.

Eliminate 14U division from East Central

Discussion:

How best to deal with 15U players in the district

- potential idea to drop 14U Classic Divisions entirely.
- Having the eliminating of 14U helps in player placement for the entire season.

The competitions committee does a good job of deciding where teams should be placed by looking at age breakdown.

Clubs can also indicate the level of play that the team is capable of.

It was decided that it would be too late to wait until March to vote on this issue.

Motion to wave the two-meeting rule.

Made by Eric Gebhard (WI United) and seconded by Mike Jones (Neeah)

Passed

Eliminate the 14U division from East Central District.

Made by Scott Frisch (WI United) and seconded by Mike Jones (Neeah)

Failed

Recreational Rules Update – Topic Discussion

Now that we have eliminated the 14U Girls recreation league division, do we need to create a gender rule?

- Do we need a gender rule for 14U coed Rec League?
 - There is no longer a 14U Girls Recreational League
 - Currently we have a gender rule for the High School Coed Rec League
- Present 14U breakdown on the teams that played last year and the makeup of the teams.
- Do we need pictures on the High School Recreational League roster?
- Now that East Central is offering just a High School League that runs from 15U-19U, should there be a minimum age.
 - ie: Not allowing 14-year-olds to play in this league

Eliminate mandatory post game handshake from district rules

- Game Guidelines
 - <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/coaches/game-day-guidelines-1>

The end of the game ceremony is a soccer tradition and should be honored in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Both teams are **encouraged** to return to the middle of the field for a ceremonial handshake regardless of the outcome of the game.

Because this rule says encouraged and not mandatory, the membership did not deem it necessary to adjust this rule.

Should we allow Non-East Central Teams to play in our League?

Allowing Non-East Central teams to participate in our leagues.

- Is the current way working as intended?
- Does there need to be changes or adjustments to the current system and/or additional requirements made on those outside clubs wishing to put teams in our leagues?

Discussion:

- Some of the teams that come in are ok, but others are not following rules.
- Members felt that our district needs to protect the soccer experience that we have created.
- Maybe a set of rules need to be established for these Non-East Central Teams
 - Non-East Central team is recommended by a host club in our district.
 - Have Non-East Central team or club attend district meetings but no voting power.

We have a current system for allowing Non-East Central Teams to come in. No further action needed.

Finalize Re-scheduling Process for Spring 2023 Season

- Passed in 2022 helped reduce reschedules but with consequences.
 - Created extra administrative workload.
 - Made it harder to use schedule to make quick weather cancellations.
 - Showed that current district rules for approved reason to reschedule may be outdated.

This new process will be presented in March.

Amend Fine Schedules applicable to Academy

- The Festival Scheduling format used by the Academy is much different than the Classic and EC Rec Leagues
- The Academy had established no-show forfeit fines, but the new Forfeit/Fines passed in 2022 seemly overrode those.
- Need to reaffirm Academy specific Forfeit/Fines

An Academy meeting will be scheduled to discuss if we want to continue with fines for non-show.

East Central has updated our divisional age levels and the two year play up rule does not apply to all current divisions that have been established.

- Do we need to set up guidelines for what is the lowest age level that players can play in at each division?

Eliminate Individual Incident Report – Form on East Central website.

- Jotform was obsolete.
- These issues are run through club leadership first.
- The district feels that any issues should be brought to East Central from a club officer.

Season Length (specifically in Fall)

- Should this always be a set number or more flexible based on division size?
- Brian Casey and the Division Placement Committee will be presenting some options to discuss.

Recreational clubs agreed that a 9 week season would better serve the recreational teams. A motion will be put together and voted on for the coming 2023 season.

Motion made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by, John Rathert (Water Cities) motioned to adjourn adjourn.

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Respectfully submitted by

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