

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
 East Central District All Club Board Meeting
 Call-in
 April 1, 2020
 7:00 PM

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere	Dusty Rhodes	New Holstein	Tim Ehlenbeck
Electric City	Nate Laabs	NEW United	Vicki King
Electric City	Modeste Rouamba	NEW United	Shant Mesdjian
FC Green Bay	Jenny Ryan	Neenah	Mike Jones
FC Green Bay	Wytse Molenaar	Niagara	Jim Laydon
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
Fox Cities United	Renee' Sullivan	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Synergy	Jeff Jones
HOV	Tracy Hengst	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	United Hurricanes	Scott Frisch
Kiel	Laura Markham	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kimberly	Noe Smart	Water Cities	Mark Frierdich
Manitowoc GG	Steve Meyer		

Clubs Absent: Fond du Lac
 Gust Club: FC Wisconsin

East Central Board Members

President – Jay DeBruin (TASK)
 Vice President – Scott Frisch (United Hurricanes)
 Secretary – Doris Schommer (NEW United)
 Treasurer – Noe Smart (KASA)
 District Registrar – Kevin Otto (FC Menasha)
 TOPS – Wayne Stoflet
 Games Comm. – absent
 Adult League Comm.- Vicki King (NEW United)
 Recreation Comm. – Mike Buman
 Referees – Mike Jones (Neenah)
 Academy Comm. – Sean Breitzman (Neenah)
 Director of Operations – Sue Ann Evers

Proposal to change East Central Soccer Season

Based on the current data from the state and CDC there will be no gatherings until May 10, 2020. The East Central Executive Board is proposing a delay to the classic, recreation and academy schedules.

East Central games will be scheduled to start the week of May 26, 2020 the first Tuesday after Memorial Day.

- Classic league will play 7 games through July 11, with the week of July 12 available as a reschedule week.
- Rec league will play 9 games through July 24.
- Academy will play 6 weeks starting May 30 and going through July 11 (off the 4th).

The high school girls and adult rec league are currently unaffected.

Motion: A motion was mad by Keven Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Renee' Sullivan (FCU) to accept the proposal of revised dates for the Spring 2020 Season.

Approved

Extending Team Applications

Decision about extending the deadline for accepting additional team applications for scheduling for the Recreational and Academy programs was had.

~~*Motion: A motion was mad by Keven Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Renee' Sullivan to accept a new deadline for accepting team applications for recreational and academy teams.*~~

Discussion:

- Clubs will be able to open up registration in the hopes of getting more players to sign up for teams
- Concern: If East Central allows teams to continue to add players, clubs will not be able to find and train coaches for the teams.
 - Clubs do not have to leave registration open as far into the season as East Central is allowing. Clubs can close registration at any time.
- Concern: Some classic team parents may not want to play into July or possibility August. Parents may remove their player from the team and put a team into a situation that it may not have enough viable players to host a team at that age level.
 - Each club needs to decide what is best for them. If a club/team doesn't want to play a late season they can remove their team(s) from the East Central Spring Season. Clubs will need to contact Sue Ann to remove any current team listed form scheduling.
- It was decided that new schedules will not be generated until after the April 26 deadline for all teams and divisions.
 - Clubs will be asked to perform a quick turn around with updates to the schedule
- Do to the pandemic there are no easy answers.

- It was agreed that we all need to work together and be as flexible as possible
- There is a lot of uncertainty for everyone and we ask for everyone's patience

Friendly Amendment was accepted for motion above:

Motion: A friendly amendment was accepted by Kevin Otto (Menasha) and by Renee' Sullivan (FCU) to allow clubs to adjust (remove or add) Classic, Rec and Academy teams to the East Central Spring 2020 scheduling queue until April 26, 2020. First draft will be available May 1 and all changes completed by May 8, 2020 at 9 AM.

Motion Approved

General Discussion

- We really do not know how things are going to play out. Things may calm down for a bit and then there may be some flare-ups. Everyone is reacting differently to the pandemic. Some people may have safety concerns and choose not to play at the last minute or from week to week, depending on where they are traveling for play. There should be some flexible with games if all of a sudden some people may think it is not safe to play. The district needs to be understanding as to how people may react.
 - Clubs should have a valid reason for not attending a game. East Central membership does not want to see this being used as an excuse not to travel to a distant location.
 - All clubs endorsed a gentleman's agreement that teams will do everything in their power to attend games.
 - Teams should be checking in with each other a few days before the game to make sure they are on track to play the game
- East Central's no show fees for teams not attending a game should be waved for this season.
- If a team drops the other team might just have to take the bye instead of trying to reschedule the games. Teams can also be creative and schedule scrimmages and play friendly games.

Drop Dead Date to Cancel Season

- East Central Soccer District is not prepared to select a cancel date for our season at this point.
 - Many activities are on a holding pattern and taking a wait and see approach
 - Many people would like to have some type of season to get players and families back to normal
 - Playing soccer would be something for the kids to look forward to
- Concern about clubs needing to purchase t-shirts for their Rec teams could be an issue.
 - Many printing shops are not open to print shirts
 - Some clubs order by individual player's size when they register
 - Some clubs order by batch. i.e. ordering so many of each size for each age group
 - Business may sponsor a certain team/player which would dictate sizes for that age of team
- Concern about pushing the season past the end of July was pointed out

Try-outs

How does extending the season affect tryouts.

- WYSA sent an email to club presidents to fill out a survey about options for try-outs. If you did not get the email, please contact WYSA.
- Survey will help them make a decision about tryouts. Hopefully WYSA will get back to us by the middle of April.

Other discussion items:

- US Youth events are cancelled
- Midwest conference has been delayed until May 3. A possible extension date will be announced in April
- State League could play through July and into early August
- AGM will be held via email. A packet of information will be sent to you on Monday April 6. If you do not receive an email, please contact Melissa

Final comments. Do we want to have a meeting on April 26 to revisit how East Central will proceed with the season?

Motion was made by Wytse Molenaar (FCGB) and seconded by Dusty Rhodes (DePere) to have a call in meeting on April 26, 2020 to determine how East Central will proceed with their season.

Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Mike Buman to adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operation

