

MYSA Eastern District Meeting Notes – Monday, November 26, 2018

Meeting Started at 6:32 PM

Alternate Commissioner

The Alternate Commissioner position is up for election tonight. John has stated that he would like to keep the position and is running for re-election. **John Nohava received unanimous consent from those present and retains his position.**

Tryout Dates

All TRYOUTS begin Sunday June 9th. OPEN CONTACT PERIOD: Our district will again observe an open contact period Sunday May 26th through the start of tryouts. During this time, a player may attend an organized activity with another team or club WITHOUT the need of any "Permission or Participation Form". ***NOTE* OFFERS OF ROSTER PLACEMENT ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING THIS TIME!!!!**

State Cup

The Fall 2017 State Cup had a lot of Eastern District representation in the Finals.

The state champions will represent MO in Regionals in Saginaw, MI June 21-26 with the national Championships being played in Overland Park July 23-28th.

U15 Girls-ALL East Final- Sporting Red Devils won the Championship 2-0 over Lou Fusz Mcvey

U16 Girls-ALL East Final- Lou Fusz McKee won the Championship 4-0 over SLSG Elite

U17 Girls-ALL East Final- Lou Fusz United Blue won the championship 3-1 over Lou Fusz Lagow/McKey

U18 Girls-JB Marine Schneider came up short to KCSG Academy

U19 Girls-ALL East Final- Lou Fusz Elam won the championship 2-1 over SLSG West

The Summer 2019 State Cup will be at the new St Louis County Complex in Creve Coeur again.

June 1-3 bracket play June 7-8 Finals ****NOTE** READ THE RULES !!!!!!**

Presidents Cup

The Fall presidents Cup also had representation from our District.

The president Cup Champions will represent MO at regionals in Overland Park, KS June 13-17 with the National Championships being played in Murfreesboro, TN July 10-14.

U15 Girls-SLSG 2004 Athletico Madrid won the Championship over Sporting Columbia

U16 Girls- ALL East Final-AFA Fillies Wyland won the Championship 4-0 over SLSG Sevilla

U17 Girls- AFA Fillies Baez 2002 won the Championship 2-1 over WC St Louis Thunder

U18 Girls- ALL East Final- Sporting STL 2000 won the championship over SLSG 2000

The 2019 competition will be held at SLYSA at the end of March, 2019

MO Futsal State Cup

Our inaugural event will be held February 15-18 (between Valentines Day & presidents Day) at Olympia Athletics Events Center in St Charles for both boys and girls ages 2004, 2005, & 2006.

Coaching Director

Our Coaching Director Jeff Muhr will speak about the possible agreement we are looking at with United Soccer Coaches and give us an update on ODP. Regarding ODP, 12 MO players made the regionals. This is a pathway for the talent to be recognized and possibly be identified for opportunities for the region and the national teams. Jeff also discussed the implementation of SafeSport Risk Management and the mandatory reporting of any player abuse.. There isll be no C Coaches training for 2019. A class will be offered in 2020.

2019 AGM

The 2019 AGM will be held on January 26th at the Hampton Inn & Suites at 1225 Fellows Place in Columbia, MO at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided.

Elections information: The Executive Board Positions up for election are President, Secretary, and Member at Large

Once again we have had trouble trying to get clubs to cooperate with award nominations! In our district, we have one nomination for Administrator of the Year (Robyn Gross), no nominations for Volunteer of the Year, one nomination for Girls Coach of the year (Chen Zakaria) , no nominations for Boys Coach of the Year, no nominations for either Goal or Save of the year, one nomination for young Female Referee of the Year (Nadia Wuest, and one nomination for young Male Referee of the Year (Chad Dillon).

Should the Eastern District keep participating with the awards? Is it something you all are interested in or could care less about? There was no real response offered to this question during the meeting.

Registration Fees 2019/2020

With the upcoming USYS increase in registration, we may end up having our first increase in 14 years (player fee increase of \$1?) Those in attendance questioned the increase in fees and wanted to know what real savings were realized by switching to Affinity. The switch has created additional work for each club and they are not 100% happy with the transition. Mike said he would get back with them about the savings.

Recruiting

I sent out a couple of emails regarding/asking about our recruiting policy and only received three responses back (Thorns, JB Marine, Gary Giles).

We have a committee spearheaded by John Markey looking at the policy and discussing several different options going forward.

During our conference call we determined that there are many answers to ongoing issues regarding recruiting violations, open contact periods, and tryout dates. A few suggestions discussed on the call:

- Moving the beginning of the open contact period to May 1.
- A longer transfer window in winter months, possibly, November 30-January 15th (or so)
- Larger transfer fee (\$750-\$1000) outside of the transfer window with a portion of the fee going to team the player leaves.
- \$225 transfer fee inside the transfer period
- Larger fee could be waived if signed off on by both organizations involved

As for reducing the number of recruiting violation accusations go, we felt the simplest way is to post clearly on our website bullet points of all items necessary & in place to bring an accusation to MYSA to be reviewed. If any of the necessary documentation is missing, then it would not be considered. We would need evidence, in writing and verifiable, that illegal recruiting occurred. The other way to completely eliminate the issue is to have open recruiting all the time.

Referee Shortage

The shortage has continued to get worse in particular because of the actions of parents during games. We continue to talk about this issue and we are not getting the cooperation that we need from the clubs to help police this. Comments given were the concerns about the increased numbers of tournaments allowed which impacted regular season games. One particular weekend this fall resulted in so many club linesmen being used which the group feels hurts the region. A comment was made suggesting that each club actively recruit the older players to certify as referees to help the shortage.

Respect the Soccer Community - John Nohava

The discussion about referee shortage lead to the introduction of the “Respect” program. John provided an outline to the attendees. It was received generally pretty well. General discussion raised the examples of the Referee Site Managers attending the club pre season coaches meetings and sharing insight about what really happens during the season, games and the referee abuse, etc. Those in attendance think these presentations help the newer coaches. A discussion was also had where John offered to attend these meetings and help distribute the “Respect” information. The clubs generally agreed to post this within their websites as well. An additional thought was surfaced...having MYSA post a bi-weekly newsletter describing abuse issues during the season and also describing good sporting behavior demonstrated by parents-fans in hopes of bringing good sporting behavior to the fore front. The group also expressed an interest in having all facilities signed explaining expectations as the people enter the complexes. John Nohava will follow up with Nik Bushell and see how to best implement this in the eastern district.

For the Good of the Game!/Open for discussion

Johann Arnason provided the dates for new Referee Classes – January 15th and 22nd at Rams Park in Earth City. Sign up at MRDP and take the online modules before attending the in person class.

Kevin Byrne thanked everyone for the support of SPENSA and shared that SPENSA will start up every weekend starting in March – 2019

A mention was made for all coaches to use a Report Card for Referees since there have been numerous situations where the referees have adopted a poor attitude toward coaches.

John Nohava asked everyone to be sure to make the 2019 AGM one of the best attended meetings to show unified support for the good of game.

Make Deane adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Meeting concluded at 8:01 PM

Attendance

Johann Arnason-SLYSA
Kevin Byrne-Kolping/SPENSA
Steve Heitert-Norco
Brian Kellehe-MO Thorns/FCMO
Garey Gyles-Sandhurst SC
David Critchley-Lou Fusz
Corey Adamson-PAO
Jeff Muhr-MYSA
John Nohava-MYSA
Mike Deane-MYSA

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RESPECT the SOCCER Community



Almost every state association or local club are trying different methods to reduce the high incidences of *bad sporting behavior, abuse* and in escalating situations *assault*.

We need a straightforward approach to re-enforce what you already have in place in your organizations.

This will be a one-page addition to the handouts that you provide your participants. Digital assets as well as tangible assets will be available for all clubs to use. These assets will be ready to roll by the end of January – 2019 (hoping for the AGM)

SAMPLE WORDING

Coaches & Administrators

Your role and responsibilities include exhibiting excellent Sportsmanship. This means you do not have permission to openly criticize any officials working your player's games. You are considered a Role Model.

Conducting a friendly and polite conversation with your crew is acceptable but not criticism in any fashion or harsh or curse words and any time.

Please help us encourage not discourage our referees so they continue to come back and work.

Any egregious behavior can & will result in sending off and if there is only one coach, the game will be terminated. Additional consequences may also occur through the local and state channels.

Players

The youth player's responsibility is to play soccer and respect the referee crew. This means no derogatory comments – dissent. Players exhibiting derogatory behavior will be dealt with in a fair and reasonable manner. Depending on the comments this can range from a short discussion and warning, yellow card and/or red card send off. The Laws of the Game provide the tools to manage this well.

Parents and Spectators

Watching your son or daughter participate in youth soccer is a privilege not a right which can be revoked by the referee crew, site manager or any party charged with safeguarding the event and games. There is 0 tolerance for parents who go overboard with persona, public, provocative or profane criticism of the crew. Verbal abuse or threats of assault are no longer tolerated.

Your sole responsibility is to show nothing but the highest respect for the soccer community which means no criticisms or derogatory display that is personal, public, provocative or profane. You pay for your child

athlete to participate in this sport but that does not give you permission to abuse or threaten the referee crew at any time.

This abuse and growing assault is the primary cause we cannot keep young referees around. You have professional jobs during the week and would never display this behavior in your workplace therefore you never have permissions to do this at any soccer match.

We all need to Respect the Soccer Community and treat everyone with the utmost respect and courtesy at all times.

Referees

Referees are to be held to the same standards as mentioned above. The Code of Ethics clearly spell out what is expected of them as well...

- I will maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer
- I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain dignity of my position
- I will always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation
- I will attend training meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the Game, their proper interpretation and their application
- I will always strive to achieve maximum team work with my fellow officials
- I will be loyal to my fellow officials and never knowingly promote criticism of them
- I will be in good physical condition
- I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness
- I will do the utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work
- I will not make statements about any games except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game
- I will not discriminate against nor take undue advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin

Your club requires all coaches, administrators, players and parents to sign their respective code of conduct. Instead of signing this document without reading, please read it, retain the intent and most of all exhibit flawlessly good sporting behavior. This behavior will become contagious.

You will feel much better about the game, We will be able to retain our much need young referees and the entire soccer community will benefit from this.

We are a community – lets rally around this and make it the best community we could have.



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