

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.  
 East Central District, Inc.  
 All Club Meeting  
 March 20, 2023  
**7:00 PM**  
**Kimberly Municipal Complex**  
**515 W. Kimberly Ave. Kimberly WI 54136**  
**Evergreen Room**

Meeting call to order

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

Attendance

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
Electric City	Nick Josephson	Neenah	Sean Breitzman
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Niagara North Stars	Greg Kulas
Fox Cities United	Ryan Decker	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Synergy	Lindsay Wendlandt
Fire	Matt Bellisle	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kiel	Joe Muehlbauer	Wi. United	Scott Frisch
KASA	Matt Walters		

Not present: Fondy, Heart of the Valley, New Holstein, TASK, Water Cities

<b>East Central Officers</b>	
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	Absent
WYSA Rep	Christopher Billstrom
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

Introductions

**January AGM Minutes - Motion to approve.**

*Motion to approve the January 21, 2023, AGM Minutes as made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Justin Oshefsky (Neenah)*

*Motion passed.*

## President's Report

Appointed commissioners.

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

Comments

Talked briefly about the WYSA AGM. More to come from the WYSA Representative.

## Executive Director's Report

- Spring Scheduling –
  - review scheduling dates
    - Thursday, March 9-23, 2023 – Clubs can work with each other to adjust dates changes.
    - Thursday, March 23-30, 2023 – Schedule is frozen to be reviewed by the district.
    - Thursday, March 30- April 13, 2023 - Classic schedule final touches with Rec schedule introduced. (Clubs will need to enter time and field for Rec schedule) **Clubs are highly encouraged to engage team coaches/managers/families for potential conflicts while working on this final stage.**
    - Monday, April 10, 2023 – Request for game changes should be submitted to fellow clubs by this date.
    - Thursday, April 13, 2023 – Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.

### Recreational Teams 8-12 Girls and Coed, 14 -19 Coed

- Tuesday, March 28, 2023- Team application deadline
  - Thursday March 30, 2023- First draft of recreational schedule. Schedulers fill in time and field.
  - Thursday March 30- April 13, 2023- Club review and adjust final schedule. Due same as Classic Schedule
  - Thursday April 13, 2023 - Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.
- Recreational 9 game Recreational League – Motional to approve.

*Motion: Reduce the number of East Central recreational games from ten games per season to nine games per season. Made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh)*

*Motion passed.*

## Treasurer's Report

- March Treasurer's Report  
Information presented is not for public release. Please contact the East Central Executive Director with any information requests.
- Proposed Budget 2023-2024- Document attached. Motional to approve.

- Change to budget:
  - Adult League was added back to the budget and will be a program East Central offers this year and next year.
  - Cost will be \$25.00 per player.
  - Insurance to cover the adult league is shown in the expenses as East Central has obtained insurance to cover that league.

*Motion: To approve the budget for 2023-2024 soccer season made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Sean Breitzman (Neenah)*

*Motion passed.*

## **Commissioner's Report**

- WYSA- State Rep Report
  - Elections
    - Ken Ward – President
    - Chris Lay – Secretary
    - Connor Caloia – Treasurer
      - With these changes to the WYSA Board they will have three new members.
  - The new East Central WYSA Rep is Dust Rhodes
  - Demosphere 25 Minute presentation.
    - No vender changes on the horizon with Demosphere
  - ODP uniform will be new vender. Switching from Steffan's to Soccer.com
- TOPSoccer
  - FIRE - We are having our winter sessions on Monday nights, currently 15 players registered, ranging from 4 to 19yrs old. These sessions are being held at Bay Harbor Elementary, from 7 to 8pm. Our April 10th session will be focused exclusively on blind soccer. We are hoping to have a late spring/early summer invitational as in previous years, but we are having trouble with field availability.
  - There is a national Symposium for TopSoccer coming up April 14-16 in St Louis MO, and we are hoping to attend. Currently I am registered, but we hope to get another 3-5 coaches to attend. (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 Feb. 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.
  - SYNERGY - Registration is now open for the spring session which runs Sundays (4p-5p) beginning Apr 2 through May 7. (Submitted by Jeff Jones)
  - WCSC - Our program ran each Saturday in January. We partnered with the YMCA in Oshkosh and were working with a new director for the program. We had a lot of participation and are looking forward to expanding the TOPS program next year. (Submitted by John Rathert)

- Referee
  - New Referee Courses
    - April 1, 2023, Seymour
    - April 15, 2023, Kimberly

If you would like to host a referee course in your area, please contact Justin for help in setting this up.

*Motion to approve the new recreational referee rates for the coming season.*

*Made by*

*Second by Mike*

*Discussion: Matt KASA*

*Approved*

Divisional Age	2022 Season Center	2022 Season AR	2023 Season Center	2023 Season AR	Duration of game
8U Rec	\$18.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	
10U Rec	\$22.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	16.00	
12U Rec	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$34.00	\$24.00	
14U Rec	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$46.00	\$34.00	
16U Rec	\$44.00	\$30.00	Remove Rec rates from modified rules		
17-19 U Rec	\$50.00	\$34.00	Remove Rec rates from Modified Rules		
High School Rec	\$50.00	\$34.00	\$54.0	\$40.00	2 x 35 min.
Adult Rec	?	?	\$64.00	\$48.00	2 x 35 min.

East Central Recreational referee rates will be adjusted to meet the fees that WYSA has. Fees in blue will be adjusted to the new rate. East Central no longer offers Recreational Leagues at 16U and 17-19U. These age divisions have been turned into a High School Rec League.

Modified Rules will be updated.

*Motion to approve the new recreational referee rates for the coming season. Made by Mike Jones (Neehah) and seconded by Matt Walters (KASA)*

*Motion passed.*

- Adult League
  - East Central will have an adult league this summer.
    - East Central Fee per player is \$25.00 and will include insurance and team scheduling.
    - Clubs may select any registration system of their choosing. Including paper registration.

- They can also charge whatever fee they choose for their club registration to cover their cost.

Club Registrars will place players on a roster provided by East Central

- Rosters will be submitted to East Central upon completion.
- Players will be asked to sign a waiver.
- Have a photo identification card for team check in.
- Clubs will also be asked to submit the fields they will be using for adult league which will be submitted for insurance coverage.

*Motion: To change the East Central fee structure of the adult league to \$25.00 per player verses the \$100.00 per team for the 2023 summer season. Made by Mike Jones (Neenah) seconded by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh)*

*Motion passed.*

- Academy – Meeting held at 6:00 PM March 20, 2023.
  - Went over scheduling and creating a more competitive environment.

## **Old Business**

### **Referee Shortage Protocol**

*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. Made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Justin Oshefsky (Neenah)*

*Discussion:*

- *If the game is played, they **will** record the score.*
- *Coaches should be notified before the game that there are no referees scheduled for the game. If teams show up, they are of the mind that they will go ahead and play the game anyway and the score will be recorded.*
- *The motion was changed to say that the score **will** be recorded if both coaches agree to move forward.*

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*Motion passed.*

## **New Business**

- Gender Rule for 14U coed.

*Motion to have the recreational 14U coed division follow the gender rules when forming teams and playing on game day. Made by Justin Oshefsky (Neenah) and seconded by Mike Jones (Neenah)*

## **14U -High School Recreational Rules**

The following rules are enforced to create fair level of competition and increase the enjoyment of the game.

1. At all recreational levels, slide tackles against another player are illegal and punished by a direct free kick.

All teams must have an Official WYSA Roster. (High School players will also need a clear color photo of each player from neck to head on the Official WYSA roster.) Roster will be presented for verification by the referees.

In the spirit of recreational play each team will have approximately the same ratios of boys to girls on the field.

***At no time will there be more than 8 players of one gender on the playing field.***

Each player is to play 50% of the game time.

Team rosters for 14U and older, may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Every official team roster must maintain the minimum roster size for their age group. [See modified rules for roster sizes.](#)

- Age breakdown of 19U Rec Coed. Limit age on playing up.

It was the decision of the membership that the clubs will be allowed to decide if a player can play at a higher age level for recreational teams. Clubs need to be very clear to parents of the risks involved with playing at a higher age level.

- Rescheduling process was presented for the 2023 Summer Season.

East Central has open up the rescheduling process so that the clubs can manage the schedule. Reminder that the one-week rule applies when making scheduling changes.

## RESCHEDULING PROCESS

The goal of the scheduling process is to complete a schedule prior to the start of the season that can be played with minimal changes once the season begins.

1. The district has adopted a **One Week Rule** and all requests to reschedule a game for conflicts must be made more than one week prior to the originally scheduled game date/time.
2. Clubs should work out between each other whether they feel the reschedule is a reasonable one.
3. Any fees associated with the reschedule is charged to the club by your referee assignor.
4. The [Forfeit Rules/Fines](#)

### **Rescheduling a game once the schedule is live:**

**Reschedules** If a game is being postponed prior to teams being at the field, the Home Club should be communicating with their team, the visiting team, and the club's Referee Assignor to make sure they are all updated that the game will not be played.

1. Home Club Scheduler should put the game in a TBD status while seeking a new date and time to reschedule the game. Home Club Scheduler just removes the date and time from the game and saves it to the schedule. Teams playing each other will remain on the schedule in a TBD status.
  - a. Either team can suggest a new play date, but it will be up to the home club to update the schedule and contact their referee assignor.
  - b. Suggestion that you offer a couple of play dates as options to keep the process moving.

## ONE WEEK RULE

Sometimes changes happen at the LAST MINUTE and we all struggle to adapt. But when a game gets rescheduled at the last minute, it affects two teams of players, their families, coaches, and referees assigned to that game. Upwards of 100 people or more can be impacted and often in a negative way. To add a little bit more certainly into our soccer lives, the district has adopted a **One Week Rule**. All requests to reschedule a game for conflicts must be made more than one week prior to the originally scheduled game date/time. Once you get one week out from your scheduled game, everyone with great certainty can plan that the game will be played.

For the complete policy on the [One Week Rule, click HERE](#).

### One Week Rule

**Any rescheduling requests must be made at minimum ONE WEEK before the date of the regularly scheduled game.** Any requests made less than one week in advance will be denied.

*Example: If a game is scheduled for Monday, June 13th at 5:30 PM the request to reschedule must be submitted no later than Monday, June 6th - 5:30pm.*

*It will be the responsibility of the club to bring any requested reschedules less than one week of game time to the attention of the East Central Soccer District for them to respond to.*

In instances where rescheduling requests are denied or submitted late, the expectation by the district is that the regularly scheduled game will either be played or the applicable forfeit and its fees will be levied.

The intent of the One Week Rule is to give certainty to families, players, coaches, and the assigned ref crew that when the calendar reaches the point one week out from a scheduled game that in almost every situation that game will be played unless game day weather or field conditions dictate otherwise.

In today's crazy and uncertain world, we know there will be the **rare extreme circumstances or tragic events** that supersedes the importance of soccer and dictates a game be rescheduled. When those situations happen, we can and will make exceptions.

## FORFEITS

There will always be a few times each year when a forfeit is necessary and prudent but unfortunately forfeits have started to become much more prevalent in our leagues and the rationale behind them more diverse. Teams are frequently choosing to not play an opponent because:

1. They feel they cannot be competitive.
2. They can't field enough players to be competitive.
3. They are missing key players which may make them uncompetitive.
4. They are missing their coach.
5. Or they don't want to travel to play the game.

None of the above instances are approved reasons to forfeit a game. We do what we do so that kids can play soccer. We do our best to make our divisions as competitive as possible but there will always be instances when games are not competitive. Deciding to forfeit not only takes the opportunity to play soccer away from your own team but away from your opponents as well.

Should you still choose to forfeit rather than play the game, East Central has instituted Fines/Fees that will be invoiced to the club of the team forfeiting. You can find more information on each specific type of forfeit and those fines/fees by clicking [HERE](#). For instances of forfeit not specifically spelled out, the East Central Games Commissioner has the authority to issue rulings and assess fines. Clubs are responsible for the actions of their coaches and teams. Failure to pay forfeit fees levied by the district may place a club in "poor standing." Clubs whose teams have excessive forfeits, as determined by the district, may be warned and or placed in "poor standing" by the district.

Type of Forfeit	Fine/Fee to be invoice to club			
	Classic	Academy	Rec	Adult
Refusal to Play Forfeit	\$250.00	\$100.00	0	\$250.00
No Show Forfeit	\$250.00 plus FULL referee fees	\$100.00	0	\$250.00 plus FULL referee fees
End of Season Forfeit	NO Forfeit fees will be accessed	NO Forfeit fees will be accessed	0	NO Forfeit fees will be accessed
Short Players at the Field Forfeit	NO Forfeit Fees but Refs at field should be paid	No Forfeit Fees but refs at field should be paid	No Forfeit Fees but refs at field should be paid	No Forfeit Fees but refs at field should be paid
Non-Specified Forfeit	Forfeit Fee TBD by East Central Games Commissioner	Forfeit Fee TBD by East Central Games Commissioner	Forfeit Fee TBD by East Central Games Commissioner	Forfeit Fee TBD by East Central Games Commissioner



## 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.

**No Show Forfeit** - Team does not show up to the game without any pre-notification of intention to forfeit or contact is less than 24 hours before the game. Referees and opposing teams may be present.

- Fee: \$250.00 Classic and Adult plus FULL referee fees (No show team's club will pay the referees)
- Fee \$100.00 Academy per team (No show team's Club will pay referees)
- Only referees in attendance will be paid.
- Game result will be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team.

**End of Season Forfeit** - For instances when a game at the end of the season is postponed due to weather or unplayable field conditions and there are no viable dates remaining within the season to reschedule the game.

**A. If both teams agree to NOT PLAY:**

- The district will set the scheduled game status as TBD.
- The game will go as "unplayed" and not have any weight in the standings.
- No fees are assessed to either team's club.

**B. If only one team wishes to reschedule the game to a date past the typical end date of the season**

- The game will go unplayed since both teams cannot agree to a playdate.
- The district will set the scheduled game status as TBD.
- The game will go as "unplayed" and not have any weight in the standings.
- No fees are assessed to either team's club.

**Short Players at the Field Forfeit** - For instances when one team or both teams are short players at the field at game time. Minimum players required to start a game for one team are as follows:

<b>GAME FORMAT</b>	<b>Minimum Players for a Team to Start Play</b>
<b>11 v 11 Game</b>	<b>7 Players</b>
<b>9 v 9 Game</b>	<b>6 Players</b>
<b>6 v 6 Game</b>	<b>5 Players</b>
<b>4 v 4 Game</b>	<b>3 Players</b>

**Both teams have less than the minimum number players**

- Coaches should mutually decide before kickoff to one of the following options:
- Play the game with a predetermined small-sided number of players on the field. (6v6, 5v5, etc) Final game score will count as game result and be recorded with the district.
- Play a "Friendly" between the two teams. Game results will not count. Game will be rescheduled the same as if the game was "Weather Postponed."
- Play a "Friendly" between the two teams. Game results will not count. Mutually agreed that the game will NOT be made up in the future. Notify the district to place the game as TBD in the schedule, the game will go as "Unplayed" and not have any weight in the standings.

- No game is played. Game will be rescheduled the same as if the game was “Weather Postponed.”
- **Referees should be paid by both teams with any of the above scenarios.**

**B. One team has less than 7 players:**

- Game will be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the team with at least 7 players.
- Coaches should mutually decide before kickoff to one of the following options:
- Play a “Friendly” between the two teams with a predetermined small-sided number of players on the field. (6v6, 5v5, etc.)
- Play a “Friendly” between the two teams, sharing players to make the game the most competitive.
- **Referees should be paid by both teams with any of the above scenarios.**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM*

*Made by Chris Billstrom and seconded by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh)*

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King  
East Central Secretary