

Berkshire County Youth Soccer League
Coaches/Team Rostering Meeting
August 12, 2008

BOD members present: W. Metcalf, D. Larocque, C. Schnopp, J. Hunt, B. Koziara, T. Alfonsi, B. Monteleone, B. Yehle, R. Swann, C. Dumas, D. Supranowicz

Club coordinators/coaches present: see meeting log

Meeting convened at 7:08 PM.

Address by W. Metcalf: Bylaw checks.

- *Spectators: should be on sideline not behind goal; should not be coaching players; should be helpful to young refs.
- *Bylaws shall be amended to reflect new language governing the use of alcohol/tobacco products at BCYSL sanctioned events
- *Club coordinators/coaches are expected: to maintain control over game spectators; correct poor behavior; model appropriate behavior. Zero tolerance policy is not open for interpretation. Report unresolved problems to BOD.
- *Reminder that at no time is it acceptable for unrostered players to participate in official games.
- *Possibility of a U8 Division.
- * Instructional videos are available(at the meeting)free of charge.

Address by B. Koziara: game rules

- *allow no one behind goals; coaches can help young refs by addressing such issues.
- *players must be rostered to be insured.
- *games may be cancelled up to two hours prior to game time.
- *"no show" teams forfeit the game.
- *options for games with no official:
 - coaches agree to have teams play an unofficial "friendly" game.
 - no play
 - coaches may agree on an appointed official and play official game as scheduled.
- *three quarters of a played game is considered official.
- *heed to rain/lightning storms; be safe and move to appropriate shelter.
- *equipment: shin guards and cleets; earings and casts are restricted.
- *rosters/cards must be official.
- *reminder to coaches: game ejections receive a red card; violations will be listed on website and factored in as season tie-breakers
- *score should be reported to B.Yehle by the Tuesday night following a weekend game; score cards must be signed by game referee to be considered official.
- *yellow cards allow players to be accountable for their actions and count as tie-breakers.

- *Coaches are expected: to have cards/rosters; not to ask for changes; to be ready on time; to give feedback to Head Referee for program improvement purposes.
- *coaches can expect: referees to be early and dressed in appropriate attire; to start game on time
- *zero tolerance for: loud, critical, taunting and or sarcastic behavior. Max. three coaches on sideline; accept that referees make mistakes.
- *Berkshire County won three sportsmanship awards at MTOC.
- *no fee for roster changes up until first game of season.
- *all braces worn by players must be wrapped in a protective material.

Address by C. Filios(scheduler/assigner):

- *games canceled at field before play time, ref does not receive compensation.
- games discontinued after start of play due to inclement weather, ref will be compensated.
- *likely that the new younger referees will be available for and assigned to more fall season games.
- *referee issues should be referred to the respective club coordinator.
- *coaches please be aware that a single referee is not able to see the whole field at all times and may miss a call.
- *coaches should become familiar with Arbiter for access to schedules, ref assignments, ref/coach contact info; coaches will receive a message with instruction on how to sign on to Arbiter.
- * questions may be directed to C. Filios.
- *preliminary schedules were distributed at meeting; coaches/coordinators encouraged to review for conflicts/errors and submit game change form to correct problems.
- *advisement that game changes are problematic; once schedule is official,
- *preliminary schedules were distributed at meeting; a \$25.00 fee will apply to all non weather related change requests once schedule has become official.

B. Yehle clarified any confusion that he is the BCYSL web master/score reporter not a coach.

Open discussion; questions asked and answered.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully recorded and submitted,

Cathy Schnopp
Secretary, BCYSL