

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
East Central District, Inc.
Member Meeting
Membership Meeting
August 19, 2024
8:00 PM
Google Meet

Meeting call to order 8:03 PM

Attendance

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Niagara North Stars	Greg Kulas
Fox Cities United	Marissa Sperger	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Fire	Matt Bellisle	River Surge	Nate Laabs
Green Bay Lightning	No Representative	River Surge	Matt Walters
Heart of the Valley	No Representative	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Kiel	Zach Wusterbarth	TASK	Sarah Wolslegel
Kiel	Patrick McCarthy	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Neenah	Mike Jones	Wi. United	Vicki King
New Holstein	Angie Koeck	Water Cities	No Representative

Guest Club: SC Wave Titletown – Therese Probst

East Central Member Clubs not present: Green Bay Lightning, Heart of the Valley, Water Cities

East Central Executive Board

President	Scott Frisch
Vice President	Absent
Treasurer	Absent
Secretary	Vicki King
WYSA Rep.	Dusty Rhodes
TOPSoccer	Jeff Jones
Referee Comm.	Justin Oshefsky
League Chairperson	Brian Casey
Games Comm.	Mike Jones
Adult League Comm.	Vicki King
Academy Comm.	Absent
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

President's Report

- How did scheduling go using the new PlayMetrics tool?
- Scott will be sending out a survey link to have club members fill out their observations.
- Link below.
 - <https://forms.gle/qDoRvF3iQNJN3L7B9>

Executive Director's Report

- Scheduling complete for Classic and Academy fall programs.
- Game Cards: East Central will be following the same rules as WYSA concerning game cards. East Central thinks there will be less confusion at the field if we are following the same guidelines.
 - Game cards (printed in color) are expected at all East Central Games
 - If the coach does not have an East Central Game Card, referees will accept, in a pinch; East Central roster or WYSA roster. Only players on one of the three documents will be allowed to play. The game will be played but the referee will note that a game card was not presented, and the club will be contacted.
 - It was determined that no fines will be issued this fall for missing game cards while the clubs adjust to the new scheduling software this fall.
- Coaches that may be on the coaching side of the field and are not listed on the game card must present their coach pass card to the referee at check-in.
 - How to print a Coach pass card: Go to the roster on the WYSA side and click more actions on top right. Click print member cards, Click select members, and you can select the coach.
- At this point, the only teams that need player pass cards are E64 teams or tournaments requiring them. No teams in East Central will need player pass cards.

Treasurer's Report -No report

Commissioner's Report

- **WYSA – State Rep Report – No Report**
- **TOPSoccer**
 - Fire has a session tomorrow (Tuesday 8/20) at UWGB with the women's soccer team. Three sessions with the Stevens Point group Sunday mornings in October. Regular sessions in November, also probably Sunday mornings.
 - Synergy will start their program in October.
 - River Surge- inactive
 - Water Citers – unknown
- **Referee**
 - WYSA Game Day protocol for referees has changed this season for State League games.
 - No players pass.
 - A new Game Card for every game that includes Coaches and players information.
 - Printed copies only. Digital will be accepted for state league games in an emergency, but the referee should write an incident report for this situation.

There are 493 registered referees in the area. (increase). We always need more "active" referees. We will be short on games this fall due to the number of referees needed.

Clubs (especially in the GB area) We are looking for places to hold new referee clinics in the winter. Please contact me if you have a place we could use!

The following information will be sent out to the referee before the start of the EC season. Coaches and clubs please know referee shortage protocols for EC games.

- Please read over this information for East Central level games:

- Referee Information: <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/referees>
- Modified Rules: <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/referees/modified-rules>
- Referee Shortage

Protocols: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LnEwN2HW6JpzA4MXTWxh4KLx6Zli9asXyesx3qYkZjU/edit>

- **League Chairperson**

- The competition committee had more appeals this year as teams would request level 2 but because East Central League did not have enough teams to have both a classic 1 and classic 2 division. The teams were concerned that they would not be able to compete at a classic 1 level. Brian indicated that really the division is playing at more of a 1.5 classic level.
 - A lengthy discussion on ways to keep good competition in the district rather than seeing teams go to state league and play neighboring clubs that they could have stayed in the district to play. Clubs/parents could avoid all the travel and expense of state league.
 - Issues are that parents like the idea of fancy league titles and chase that dream.
 - While other parents do not want to travel so they have their kids do other things
- It was determined that we should talk to clubs in our area to propose that clubs stay in the district to play another season before going to state league. Especially if the league already has a good competition level. Good discussion among the clubs is needed to get this accomplished.
 - Have a discussion at the end of Fall games and early in June to see if teams would commit to stay in the East Central League especially if a good competitive league was present in the prior season.
- Some members think that many teams playing state league is just the way things are now, and you cannot change the environment.
 - If clubs do not offer the state league division as an option, the players will just go to another club to play in the state league.

- **Games** – East Central games are starting this week.

- **Adult League**

- There were fifteen teams participating in the league for the spring, six clubs participating.
- Eight of yellow cards, no red cards
- Suggestion to keep record of wins/losses.

- **Academy** – no report

Adjournment 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King
East Central Secretary