

**Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
East Central District, Inc.
January 20, 2024
8:30 AM
Kimberly Municipal Complex
515 W. Kimberly Ave. Kimberly WI 54136
Evergreen Room**

Roll call was done by sign-in.

Meeting called to order by Scott Frisch at 8:55 AM

Introductions around the room

Member Clubs	Representative	Member Club	Representative
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	NNS	Greg Kulas
Fire	Matt Bellisle	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
FOX Cities United	Marissa Sullivan-Sperger	River Surge FC	Matt Walters
FOX Cities United	Renee Sullivan	River Surge FC	Nate Laabs
GBL	Jacob Depas	Synergy Soccer Club	Jeff Jones
HOV	Becky Pamperin	TASK	Sarah Wolslegel
Kiel	Pat McCarthy	United Soccer of Allouez	Gary Noble
Kiel	Mitch Berg	United Soccer of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Neenah	Rocky Schafer	Water Cities	Mike Bertram
Neenah	Josh Acker	WI United	Dusty Rhodes

Absent: Fondy, New Holstein

Guest	
Manitowoc Futbol Club	Roger Vaca
WYSA	Ken Ward
WYSA	Jay De Bruin

East Central Officers	
President	Scott Frisch
Vice President	Jeff Pozniak
Treasurer	Noe Smart
Secretary	Vicki Anne King
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers
Academy	Nick Josephson
Adult	Vicki King
EC TOPS	Jeff Jones
Games Commissioner	Mike Jones
League Chairperson	Brian Casey
Referee	Justin Oshefsky
WYSA Rep	Dusty Rhodes

Motion: Approval of the October 2023 East Central Minutes made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Brian Casey (Oshkosh)

Motion Approved.

Elections

Vice-President Election:

Per our Bylaws: The Vice-President will aid the president in formulating and administering organizational policies.

He/she will preside over district meetings in the absence of the president. This two-year term will be elected at the district AGM on even number years.

Candidate:

Jeff Pozniak – East Central Vice President

Jeff Pozniak was elected as East Central Vice President by acclamation.

Treasurer Election:

Per our Bylaws: The Treasurer shall report on the receipt and disbursement of district funds. He/she will prepare a budget for the approval of the district board. He/she shall prepare monthly balance sheets. He/she shall serve a two-year term and be elected at the district AGM on even number years.

Candidates:

No candidates came forward for treasurer. Membership requested a short list of duties to see if there was interest in their club. Noe indicated that she would pull together a brief description of what she does and this would be forwarded to the membership.

President Report

Scott asked the membership to share what they are doing to help their club grow. Some ideas that were shared with the membership were:

- Hand out flyers to schools, and daycares in January and February
 - Build relations with public and private schools.
 - Go to the schools and request to start a Kindergarten program.
 - Keep cost low.
- Go to the parents Facebook group page in your community and answer questions about soccer programs for their children.
- Hold little clinics to get kids interested. Have them bring a friend.
 - Ask local high school kids to help with the clinic.
 - Get your high school players interested in coaching.
- Contact past players to remind them to register.
- Look at your Demographics:
 - Start a 4-year-old program.
 - First generation parents that grew up playing soccer.
- Have your club get involved in community events. ie: parades, park clean up etc.
- Use social media that the kids are using.

- Instagram
- Tik Tok

Executive Director's Report - Scheduling

East Central League -Summer 2024 Start Dates for East Central Leagues

updates 1-20-2024

See details about divisions listed below.

Classic-14U and below- Girls and Coed weeks of games	**Classic 15U/19U Coed weeks of games	Recreational – weeks of games	Academy- Saturday Morning Games	Adult – Sunday late afternoon games
8 Games	8 Games	9 Games	8 Games	8 Games
April 28, 2024	April 28, 2024		April 27, 2024	
May 5, 2024	May 5, 2024		May 4, 2024	
May 12, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 11, 2024	
May 19, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 18, 2024	
*May 26, 2024	*May 26, 2024	*May 26, 2024	Memorial Weekend	
June 2, 2024	June 2, 2024	June 2, 2024	June 1, 2024	June 2, 2024
June 9, 2024	June 9, 2024	June 9, 2024	June 8, 2024	June 9, 2024
June 16, 2024	June 16, 2024	June 16, 2024	June 15, 2024	June 16, 2024
June 23, 2024	June 23, 2024	June 23, 2024	June 22, 2024	June 23, 2024
		July 1- 7 2024 - Fourth of July Break		June 30, 2024
		July 8, 2024		July 1- 7 2024 - Fourth of July Break
		July 14, 2024		July 14, 2024
				July 21, 2024
				July 28, 2024
	**Note Membership requested earlier dates for scheduling at the 2024 AGM. Schedule can be adjusted as needed			

Important Notes about Season

The 4th of July lands on a Tuesday East Central will have a 4th of July Break (July 1-6, 2024)

If both teams agree they are free to reschedule games during this week.

*Note Games that are normally played on Monday of a holiday weekend will be moved to an alternative date.
i.e.: Memorial Weekend

Recreational 16U-19U coed teams and Classic 15U-19U classic boy's teams will start the season playing Sunday late afternoon games. During the week of June 2, teams will also start playing weekday games. The full game duration will be played for all of these games.

February 1, 2024 – Update or add fields/permits in Demosphere.

Scheduling Dates - All deadlines are at noon of the date listed.

Note: Easter is March 31, 2024, Clubs should think about Spring Break when preparing for schedule

- *Clubs should contact teams to determine scheduling conflicts such as band concerts, Prom, and end of year class trips.*

Division Information:

East Central will offer the following Recreational Division in Spring 2024

- *8U-12U recreational for both Girls and Coed*
- **14U recreational coed*
- ***High School Recreational Coed – 15U and up*

East Central will offer the following Classic Divisions in Spring 2024

- **Girls Divisions – 11U, 12U, 13U, **15U*
- *Coed Divisions – 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 17U, 19U*

**East Central NO LONGER offers a Summer Girls High School Division*

Please be advised that when the placement committee reviews the teams and their request for placement they may be placed in a division that will promote the best possible competition.

Dates for the scheduling process

Classic 11U-19U boys, 11U-14U Girls

All Deadlines are at noon of the date listed.

- Thursday February 1-22, 2024- Team applications
 - o Submitted teams at <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/district/scheduling-process>
- Thursday, February 22, 2024- Clubs will receive a complete list of all teams.
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - Placement committee releases team placement
- Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Final day to appeal team placement.
- Thursday, February 29, 2024– Appeals have been satisfied and scheduling begins.
- Clubs should submit blackout dates to the East Central master sheet.

- Thursday, February 29- March 7, 2024 – Schedule with date assignments sent to clubs. Clubs will work to put fields and times into the schedule. Keep traveling teams in mind when assigning times. **This is the time to review blackouts and move them to a new date. Other clubs do not need to be consulted to make this change if it is on one of the primary or secondary dates for that division. If the home club does not move the blackout dates by the end of this timeframe the opposing club can contact the district scheduler to request the date be changed. Home club will still need to put in field and time.**
- Thursday, March 7-28, 2024 – Clubs can collaborate with each other to adjust dates changes.
- Tuesday April 2- 11, 2024 - Classic schedule with Rec schedule introduced. (Clubs will need to enter time and field for Rec schedule) **Clubs are encouraged to engage team coaches/managers/families for potential conflicts while working on this final stage. Coaches should not contact other coaches to request changes to the schedule. They must use their club scheduler to work out any conflicts.**
- Monday, April 8, 2024 – Final requests for game changes
- Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.

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

- **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** - Team application deadline
- **Tuesday April 2, 2024**- First draft of recreational schedule. Schedulers fill in time and field.
- **Tuesday, April 2 -11, 2024** - Club review and adjust final schedule. Changes due same as Classic Schedule
- Thursday April 11, 2024 - Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.

Academy

- ~~Monday April 1, 2024~~ – **Note that the date was changed after the meeting to March 25, 2024.** Team applications due *** Note Easter is March 31, 2024. Club scheduler contact must be available.**
- Thursday April 4, 2024 - First draft of Schedule Week 1 and 2
- Friday April 5, 2024 - First Phase Revisions due back to Scheduler Week 1 and 2
- Monday April 8, 2024 – First Phase Schedule posted Week 1 and 2
- Monday April 8, 2024 – Team additions and subtractions
- Monday April 15, 2024 – Second Phase Draft of Schedule Weeks 3-8
- Thursday April 18, 2024 – Second Phase Revisions due back to scheduler Weeks 3-8
- Monday April 22, 2024 - Schedule posted Weeks 3-8

Adult

- Monday May 6, 2024 - Team application deadline
 - Team name
 - Field name and address
 - Coach, cell phone number, and email address
- Monday May 13, 2024 – Schedule created, and games clustered for referee assigning.
- Tuesday May 14, 2024 - Schedule goes live. Sent to referee commissioner for scheduling.
- Sunday June 2, 2024 - First week of games

Discussion:

- Membership wanted to have more dates available for 15/19 Coed games. Clubs will have the opportunity to move games off of any dates that they have conflicts with.

Treasurer's Report

January Treasurer's Report

The information presented is not for public release. Please contact the East Central Executive Director with any information requests.

Invoices are sent two times a year. After the fall schedule has been completed and at the end of the spring season.

- You can pay East Central Invoices by using the link on the invoice.
- Please make your payment to the district in a timely fashion.

Budget for 2024-2025 was presented. No increase in fees.

Motion: Approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented. Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Renee Sullivan (Fox Cities United)

Motion passes

WYSA Representative

Commissioner: Dusty Rhodes

-State going with Playmetrics for 24-25 and beyond. There will be more information to follow. They are planning to be at AGM to begin teaching clubs how to use the system.

-Player policies have been updated for Tryouts, Youth Academy, Poaching & Competitive Player Transfers

-NBC Sports is now the host for the WYSA website.

-WYSA AGM set for 3/2 at Lambeau Field

-Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame 2024 Induction Ceremony will take place 3/9 in Milwaukee

-13U will use size 4 ball starting in fall

-Coaching Education recently sent out a list of educational topics for clubs and districts to set up for their coaches this winter. They are also taking requests for February and March courses.

-State League & Youth Academy applications will open 1/2 with a due date of 2/12. The spring season will run April 20 – June 16.

-Tournament Sanctioning applications were due 12/4. Approvals for 2024 events will be complete by 12/15.

-Applications for the WYSA Futsal event for teams 9u-12 (boys and girls) are due 1/19.

-ODP pool training is underway. This year there are 24 pools in the program: 13 on the boys side and 11 on the girls with 670 total players

-Currently there are 170 players enrolled for winter Devo sessions across 5 locations. (Milwaukee, Madison, Appleton, Plymouth, Wisconsin Rapids)

-Eau Claire United has launched their TOPSoccer program.

Annual Coaching license renewal starting with 24/25 season. Will have universal expiration date

\$30 fee – background check down to county level and subscription to USYSuniversity included in the fee

24/25 Fees

Item	Increase	New Fee	Notes
Club Affiliation Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00	increased in 2017
Pre-K Player Registration Fee	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.00	increased in 2019, reduced in 2023
Risk Management	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	increased in 2018
ODP			
State Pool	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00	increased in 2018
State Team	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	increased in 2018
Presidents Cup			
13U & 14U	\$ 50.00	\$ 975.00	increased in 2022
15U & 16U	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,050.00	increased in 2022
17U & 19U	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,075.00	increased in 2022
State Cup			
15U & 16U	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,100.00	increased in 2022
17U & 19U	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,125.00	increased in 2022
Midwest Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	
SECL			
11U - 15U	\$ 25.00	\$ 425.00	increased in 2018
16U-19U	\$ 25.00	\$ 300.00	increased in 2018
State League			
11U - 15U	\$ 25.00	\$ 425.00	increased in 2018
16U-19U	\$ 25.00	\$ 300.00	increased in 2018

Discussion:

- WYSA will have Playmetrics at the AGM and clubs should send representatives to updates on the new software.
 - Clubs do not have to use Playmetrics as the new registration tool. They will be able to upload the player registration if they choose to stay with the system they have.
- Annual Coaching license renewal starts with 24/25 season.
 - The universal expiration date will be June 30. The universal date will help in reminding coaches when their license is up for renewal. The fee has increased so that the background check goes into county level to insure coaches are safe to be with youth players.

TOPS Representative

Commissioner: Jeff Jones

FIRE SOCCER: We had 25 players for our 4 sessions in November. Opened registration for February sessions, we are having 3 sessions Sunday mornings at Purdy Performance. We have reserved the Capital Credit Union Park for an event on April 27 at 5pm. We will send a flyer at a later day. Registration will be free for that one and all other groups are invited if they bring their own buddies. Finally, Brooklyn Turner received the 2023 TOPSoccer coach of the year award at the Anaheim convention from USYS. (submitted by Armando Martinez)

RIVER SURGE/KIMBERLY TOPS: Kimberly had an 8 week fall session. Volunteer (buddies) numbers were low. Winter/Spring session begins January 13. I began working on a new strategy for volunteers/players with

the FC RiverSurge club. We now have a new volunteer sign up form, online. Also, flyers about our program have been created and sent to

Kimberly. Kaukauna and Xavier schools. A big thank to Matt Walters and Amanda Conrad for all their assistance and support.

Lawrence soccer program is back providing volunteers for the Winter/Spring program. They have generously offered the use of their soccer field (Banta Bowl) on April 27. This was a huge success with the players when it was offered last year. Lawrence coaches Will Greer and Joe Sager are great supports of our group. (submitted by: Jane McCormick)

SYNERGY SOCCER: For 2023, we had 15 players for 5 x 60m sessions in Apr/May and 12 players for 5 x 60m sessions in Nov/Dec. Some of our core players did not participate in the fall sessions due to medical issues. The 2024 spring session will be scheduled for the Apr/May timeframe. Volunteers from West De Pere HS and the club support the program (submitted by Jeff Jones)

WATER CITIES SC: No update available.

Finally, Brooklyn Turner received the 2023 TOPSoccer coach of the year award at the Anaheim convention from USYS.

Referee Representative

Commissioner: Justin Oshefsky

NEW Referee online certification has already started. In Person requirement date/times will be posted mid-January. Wisref.org has the information. The new referee registration includes online coursework along with 4 hour in person training.

We could use a new referee host in the Green Bay Area Jan-April. Needs to have a classroom setting along with gym/open space.

Overall Referee shortage in the area. We need an additional 20-30 refs in the Green Bay area to get games covered. We also are in need of refs for outlying areas (Kiel, New Holstein, New London, Greenville, Seymour) Many of these games were short refs in the spring/fall seasons.

Referee assigning will no longer be using game officials platform. The state has decided to use Ref Insite. More information to come for clubs/referees.

Ball sizes will be changing during the 24/25 season. Next fall will be the 1st season of the new sizes. U13 will be using a Size 4 ball.

Discussion:

- With the new referee system Ref Insite the referee assignors are asking that you give them plenty of time to make changes. It is a new system and there will be a learning curve to overcome.
- To hold a referee clinic there is a need for 14 people to sign up.
 - WYSA will underwrite the cost of the missing participants in order to help clinics run.
- Reason for the new ball size for the U13 players.
 - Following US Soccer Recommendations
 - Player Safety - Concussion protocol.
 - The players are getting accustomed to a larger field size and a smaller ball will be more manageable for them.

- Request to have some materials to pass out or send to members in their clubs in order to get more people taking the referee courses.
 - Clubs have pointed out that families going to tournaments could referee some games to help defray travel expenses to the tournament.
 - Point out how much money a referee gets per game.
 - WYSA is still doing reimbursements of referees training until the end of the 2023-2024 season.

Scott Frisch is going to work on some materials to present to the clubs. He will present it to the membership in March.

Adult Representative

Commissioner: Vicki King

Report:

Review of slide tackle rule and look to possibly remove slide tackling from Adult League

Review of minimum number of the same gender required to be on the field; currently rule is two, suggestion was made to have three players of same gender.

Review of players from other club teams substituting on teams

Slide Tackling

Current rule states that the Adult League players may slide tackle.

Motion:

Slide Tackling will no longer be allowed at the Adult League Level. Made by Justin Oshefsky (East Central Referee Commissioner) and seconded by Mike Jones (Neenah)

Motion Passed

Gender Rule:

Current Rule

Gender Rule- There must be two (2) female players on the field at all times. If at any time a team does not have two (2) female players on the field that team will play down the number of female players missing: If at any time a team only has one (1) female on the field, that team will only be allowed 10 players total on the field. If at any time a team has zero (0) female players on the field, that team will only be allowed 9 players total on the field. If BOTH TEAMS have zero (0) female players, the game may be played 11v11 if no female players are present.

Motion:

Gender Rule: In the spirit of recreational play each recreational 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.

Made by Dusty Rhodes (WI United) and Seconded by Mike Jones (Neenah)

Motion was tabled.

Motion Discussion:

The rule did not meet the correct requirements as we want it to reflect a different player ratio. The motion was tabled and adjustments to the motion will be made. Using the word gender instead female or male. The new rule will be presented at the March Meeting for approval.

Discussion Adult League format

- **It was suggested that we present a 7 v 7 format on a 12U field for the adult league players.**
 - **Less physical on the players**
 - **A concern that clubs need to find a different field size.**
 - **Suggestion that we offer this in the fall to see if players will sign up for this format.**
 - **Suggestion to contact the players to see if they would be interested in playing using the 12U size.**

Academy Representative

Commissioner: Nick Josephson

Coaches:

Coaching was adequate as many games stayed competitive. Some coaches are still unaware of the competition guidelines. Please encourage your coaches to play an extra player when the score is getting out of hand. As well as, if you are the team putting on a show, find a way to take advantage of the game time. (i.e., building from the back, give and goes, overlaps)

Officials:

The quality of our officiating was pretty good throughout the Spring/Fall seasons. Although, many games were done with 1 or 2 individuals. Clubs should be encouraging new officials, and our Academy games are a great way to start off.

Athletes:

From what I witnessed, athletes have been respectful to the officials, coaching staff, and each other. I know just about every player and each team played better and harder from week 1 to week 8 and is a testament to their respective clubs' training.

Numbers:

- Teams
 - Girls
 - U8 - (12 teams)
 - U10 - (14 teams)
 - Level 1 - (3 teams)
 - Level 2 – (11 teams)
 - Boys
 - U8 – (15 teams)
 - U10 – (15 teams)
 - Level 1 – (4 teams)
 - Level 2 – (11 teams)

Teams Levels are very skewed. Level 1 teams end up playing the same teams repeatedly throughout the season. Sometimes, a level 1 team does play a level 2 team, the result of this ends poorly as there is no benefit for either

team or player. I would ask that, if you do feel you have a level 2 team and would like to challenge that team in the spring, to request playing a couple level 1 teams throughout the season.

Facilities:

We would like more locations to host the Academy games on Saturday morning.

Future:

Adding a 3rd division may help diversify competition? Level 1 still being top and level 3 teams comprised of newer players still learning with level 2 wanting a few challenges as well as equal competition.

Old Business:

Proposed Changes to the East Central Reschedule Process:

Changes we would like to see made during either the open scheduling phase or once the schedule has gone live.

- Team Coach that wants to request a scheduling change should contact their club DOC and/or Scheduling Person and ask for the reschedule and provide a reason why. No coach from Club A should be reaching out to the coach from Club B.

- Club DOC and/or Scheduling Person then makes the decision if it warrants asking the other club - aka coach cannot make the game or missing 1 player, not valid to move the game

- If it warrants a request, then the club Scheduling Person emails the other club DOC, Scheduling Person & Coach (all 3 should be included in the email) with at least 2 if not 3 dates for the reschedule after they have looked at both the current East Central schedule for both teams & the blackout dates for each team (if they are provided)

- The other club then needs to get back to the club asking for the reschedule with-in 24-48 hours

Teams should also provide a team contact on the application different from the team coach. Email & phone # for both.

Current EC Rescheduling process - once the schedule is set

<https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/district/scheduling/rescheduling>

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. If the game is rescheduled with-in one week of the game being played and referees have been assigned, the club requesting the reschedule has to pay the referees in full. Referees need to be paid in full within 1 week of the rescheduled game.

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.

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.

2. Clubs, **NOT COACHES**, should work out between each other whether they feel the reschedule is a reasonable one.

- Team Coach that wants to request a scheduling change should contact their club DOC and/or Scheduling Person and ask for the reschedule and provide a reason why. No coach from Club A should be reaching out to the coach from Club B.
- Club DOC and/or Scheduling Person then makes the decision if it warrants asking the other club - aka coach cannot make the game or missing 1 player, not valid to move the game
- If it warrants a request, then the club Scheduling Person emails the other club DOC, Scheduling Person & Coach (all 3 should be included in the email) with at least 2 if not 3 dates for the reschedule after they have looked at both the current East Central schedule for both teams & the blackout dates for each team (if they are provided)
- The other club then needs to get back to the club asking for the reschedule with-in 24-48 hours

3. Any fees associated with the reschedule is charged to the club by your referee assignor.

4. The **Forfeit Rules/Fines** have been updated.

Reschedules: If a game is being postponed prior to the teams being on the field, the Home Club should communicate 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. The Home Club Scheduler should put the game in a TBD status while seeking a new date and time to reschedule the game. The 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: offer a couple of play dates as options to keep the rescheduling process moving.

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 the 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 instance, 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 instance, 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:

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

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.**

One team has less than 7 players:

- The 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.**

Discussion:

- Clubs, please make sure your coaches know that they must work with their club scheduler. Coaches should not be contacting coaches to change the game schedule.

GOOD STANDING

For any organization to thrive it needs good partners, within the organization and outside. Partners with common goals, mutual respect, and professionalism. For soccer to thrive and grow in our area the district needs good partners.

If one of those areas goes missing, the entire organization struggles. For example, one club failing to participate in a timely way in the scheduling process could mean delays or changes in league schedules that affect hundreds of families.

None of us are perfect, and there may be times when each of us, partners in this district, needs guidance to get back on course so the district can improve and hopefully grow for the betterment of the kids in our area.

A club's standing in the district is one of tools available to us to help ensure that the clubs that wish to be a part of USYS/WYSA soccer in Northeast Wisconsin are upholding/maintaining the values we have.

What does it mean to be in good standing? It's straightforward – on a high level:

Attending East Central Meetings

If there are things the district needs your club to do? Do them in a timely way.

If your club owes money (dues, expenses, fines)? Pay on time.

Drilling down, examples include but aren't limited to:

Completing duties in a timely fashion

Applications for teams for league play

Field info uploaded for league play

Meeting district-defined deadlines in the scheduling process

Player info uploaded

Game results reported

Payment of dues

Payment of fines

Referee payment

Responding to inquiries from the East Central district

Behavior of staff, parents and players put the sport, East Central, WYSA and USYS in a good light.

Discussion:

- Ken Ward indicated that he can follow-up with USYSA Policy on Good Standing.
- More to follow on this policy.
- Another issue is that there is not a commitment from the non-East Central team. Team called and indicated that they were not attending East Central game because they were going to another game in the state.

Non-East Central Team Application

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All games must be played with the following guidelines:

- Field name and address must be submitted on the Guest Member application.
- Fields must be within an hour's drive (maximum 60 miles) of opposing EC member clubs.
- When the distance for a scheduled game is greater than an hour's drive (maximum 60 mile) and the Guest Member Club is the home team, the away team may request a neutral field to be assigned for that game. Individual clubs will be required to monitor this distance and request a neutral field.

Non-East Central Team Fee for playing in East Central Soccer District is per scheduling event:

Application date _____

Season applying for _____

District affiliated with _____

Team Name _____

Team Age _____

Division you wish to be scheduled for:

Age _____ Gender _____

Level of play _____

Field name _____

Address _____

Non-East Central Team Fee for playing in East Central Soccer District per scheduling season.

***Fees for Non-East Central teams shall be the East Central Team Fee X 1.5**

Fees for 2023-2024				Non-EC Team
Player Fees: Rec, Academy, Competitive, & Adult	\$1.75	per fiscal soccer year		
Team Fees: Academy 8U	\$45.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$ 67.50
Team Fees: Academy 10U	\$80.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$120.00
Team Fees: Classic 11U/12U	\$90.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$135.00
Team Fees: Classic 13U and older	\$105.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$157.50
Team Fees: Recreational 8U	\$46.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$ 69.00

Team Fees: Recreational 10U	\$80.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$120.00
Team Fees: Recreational 11U/12U	\$95.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$142.50
Team Fees: Recreational 13U and older	\$100.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$150.00
Team Fees: Adult Per Player	\$25.00	per scheduling season	1.5	\$ 37.50

Please submit this form and fee to the East Central Soccer District. Should your team not be accepted your check will be returned. Check payable to East Central Soccer District, P.O. Box 143, Kimberly, WI 54136.

Once a team is accepted the fee is nonrefundable.

By submitting this application your club agrees to review and follow all East Central policies and rules for the program you are registering the team for. Guest Clubs that submit their teams for approval will be expected to follow all East Central rules and policies if accepted into the program. Approved teams will need to submit an approved roster to the East Central District Registrar prior to competing in the first competition within the East Central District. Guest Clubs must attend the "ALL CLUB" meetings the district holds for that season. Guest Clubs will not have voting rights. Noncompliance with East Central District policies, procedures and rules may result in the club being moved from Good Standing to Bad Standing within the East Central District. Clubs with a Bad Standing ranking with East Central can cause teams to not be accepted in future programming within the East Central District.

Meeting Schedule can be found at this link: <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/district/board/district-meeting-schedul>

Motion to approve the wording above for the 2024-2025 Soccer season was made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Brian Casey (Oshkosh)

Motion approved.

New Business

- Encourage your members to go to the WYSA AGM held in Green Bay on March 2, 2024

Adjournment at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King
East Central Secretary