

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.  
 East Central District, Inc.  
 January 18, 2025  
 8:30 AM  
 Kimberly Municipal Complex  
 515 W. Kimberly Ave. Kimberly WI 54136  
 Evergreen Room

Membership Attendance			
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	River Surge FC	Matt Walters
Fire	Armando Martinez	River Surge FC	Nate Laabs
FOX Cities United	Marissa Sullivan-Sperger	River Surge FC	John Swartz
GBL	Stephen Lasslo	Synergy Soccer Club	Jeff Jones
HOV	Ryan Driessen	TASK	Sarah Wolslegel
Kiel	Zach Wusterbarth	Allouez	Absent
Kiel	Pat McCarthy	Water Cities	Eric Leverance
Neenah	Rocky Schafer	Water Cities	Linda Steffes
New Holstein	Dan Cardinal	WI United	Dusty Rhodes
NNS	Absent		
Oshkosh	Matt Callahan		
Oshkosh	Jenny Malarick		

Guests	
SC Wave Titledown	Ivette Gor-Don
SC Wave Titledown	Jonathen Gor-Don
Manitowoc Futbol Club	Absent
WYSA	Jay Debruin
East Central Officers	
President	Scott Frisch
Vice President	Jeff Pozniak
Treasurer	Absent
Secretary	Vicki King
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers
East Central Academy	Absent
EC TOPS	Jeff Jones
Games Commissioner	Mike Jones
League Chairperson	Brian Casey
Referee	Justin Oshefsky
WYSA Rep	Dusty Rhodes

Meeting call to order at 9:00 AM

East Central has 34 voting members – (17) Quorum is the minimum number of members that must be present at the meeting to make the proceedings valid.

Introduction:

## **Approval of Minutes**

- 2024 October All Club Board Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve the 2024 October All Club Board Meeting Minutes made by Mike Jones (East Central Referee Commissioner) and seconded by Brian Casey (East Central League Chairperson).*

*Motion passed.*

## **Elections President – Two-year term**

- Justin Oshefsky was elected East Central President by acclamation.
- Secretary – Two-year term
  - No nominations for the Secretary position. It was decided that a write-up on what the position entails would be sent out to the membership to see if someone would be interested in the position.

Discussion: Vicki King agreed to stay until a new Secretary could be found.

*Motion to nominate Vicki King as Secretary until a permanent person could be found for the Secretary position. Motion made by Jeff Jones (Synergy) and seconded by Matt Walters (River Surge)*

*Motion passed.*

## **President's Report:**

**Age Change possibility for Fall 2026 and beyond** - US Youth Soccer has decided not to make any changes to the age brackets but have indicated that next fall clubs/districts may change to school year age groups if they wish. It's been brought up in conversation on whether the district would entertain that change. There are of course many obstacles and issues that would come up if the district changed but the state and regions did not. I thought at this time a discussion amongst the group would be appropriate.

*Discussion: Membership discussed their concern over the age change of divisions.*

- *Smaller clubs wanted to go back to school year calendar brackets.*
- *It was felt that it was painful when there was a movement from the school year age bracket to a calendar year. Making that move back to the school age bracket would hurt teams that have been playing together for a long time.*
- *Tournaments outside the district would present an issue for clubs to produce a team roster at the correct age.*
- *Fifi runs their programs under a calendar year.*
- *East Central will do what WYSA does.*
  - *There will be a discussion about this topic at WYSA AGM.*

**Club cooperation with trapped 8th graders** - Our district clubs vary a great deal in size and each year the number of 'trapped' 8th graders (boys in fall and girls in spring) also varies from club to club. This past fall we had two clubs working together to place a team, Scott worked with Electric City years ago in the same way as well. At the same time, we have had some players in clubs not get to play in a season due to low numbers. Do we want to look at a process that would make it easier for clubs to combine players into teams so that the kids

can participate and compete while their club teammates are away at high school soccer? Currently our only means to make this work is by dropping kids from one club and moving them temporarily to another, but there is likely an easier way if everyone can come to a consensus. If there is interest in this path, we can discuss it now and hopefully work out a process for it to be ready by fall of 2025.

*Discussion: Membership discussed making sure we have teams at the right level of play*

- *Placing teams in different divisions.*
  - *If a team should be placed in a lower division the club should explain why they want a different placement. East Central looks at the age of team and past playing history.*
- *Is there a way to make it easier for two clubs to create an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team so that the players can find a team to play on?*
  - *Currently clubs are dropping players and registering them to another club to make a team. Then moving the players back after the season.*

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

### **East Central League -Summer 2025**

#### **Start Dates for East Central Leagues**

Draft 8-30-2024

**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 27, 2025			April 26, 2025	
May 4, 2025	May 4, 2025		May 3, 2025	
May 11, 2025	May 11, 2025	May 11, 2025	May 10, 2025	
May 18, 2025	May 18, 2025	May 18, 2025	May 17, 2025	
*May 25, 2025	*May 25, 2025	*May 25, 2025	Memorial Weekend	

June 1, 2025	June 1, 2025	June 1, 2025	May 31, 2025	June 1, 2025
June 8, 2025	June 8, 2025	June 8, 2025	June 7, 2025	June 8, 2025
June 15, 2025	June 15, 2025	June 15, 2025	June 14, 2025	June 15, 2025
June 22, 2025	June 22, 2025	June 22, 2025	June 21, 2025	June 22, 2025
		July 1- 6 2025 - Fourth of July Break		June 29, 2025
		July 7, 2025		July 1- 6 2024 - Fourth of July Break
		July 14, 2025		July 13, 2025
				July 20, 2025
				July 27, 2025

### **Important Notes about Season**

- East Central will have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Break (July 1-6, 2025)
- If both teams agree they are free to reschedule games during this week.
- o \*Note Games that are normally played on Monday of a holiday weekend will be moved to an alternative date.  
i.e.: Memorial Weekend

o 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 1, teams will also start playing weekday games. The full game duration will be played for all these games.

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

**Note: Easter is April 20, 2025, 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 2025*

- *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 2025*

- *\*Girls Divisions – 11U, 12U, 13U, \*\*15U(8th grade girls)*
- *Coed Divisions – 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 17U, 19U*

*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-15U Girls**

#### **All Deadlines are at noon of the date listed.**

- February 1-20, 2025- Team submitted to East Central League
  - o Submitted teams through PlayMetrics
  - o Enter Blackout out dates when submitting teams for scheduling.
- Thursday, February 20, 2025- Clubs will receive a complete list of all teams.
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - Placement committee releases team placement
- Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Final day to appeal team placement.
- Thursday, February 27, 2025– Appeals have been satisfied, and scheduling begins.
- Thursday, February 27- March 6, 2025 – 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.

**Thursday March 13, 2025, at noon. Any game that does not have a field and time assignment will lose their home game and it will be assigned to the traveling team. This club will also be put in bad standing. See rules about bad standing on the East Central website.**

Thursday, March 6-27, 2025 – Clubs can collaborate with each other to adjust dates changes.

**Tuesday April 1- 10, 2025 - 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 7, 2025 – Final requests for game changes

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.

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

- **Tuesday, April 1, 2025** – Teams submitted to East Central League
- **Tuesday April 1, 2025-** First draft of recreational schedule. Schedulers fill in time and field.
- **Tuesday, April 1 -10, 2025** - Club review and adjust final schedule. Changes due same as Classic Schedule
- Thursday April 10, 2025 - Schedule is frozen and goes live. See rescheduling process.

### **Academy**

- Tuesday April 1, 2025 - Team applications due *\* Note Easter is April 20, 2025. Club scheduler contact must be available.*

Thursday April 3, 2025 - First draft of Schedule Week 1 and 2

Friday April 4, 2025 - First Phase Revisions due back to Scheduler Week 1 and 2

Monday April 7, 2025 – First Phase Schedule posted Week 1 and 2

Monday April 7, 2025 – Team additions and subtractions

Monday April 14, 2025 – Second Phase Draft of Schedule Weeks 3-8

Thursday April 17, 2025 – Second Phase Revisions due back to scheduler Weeks 3-8

### **Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday.**

Tuesday April 22, 2025 - Schedule posted Weeks 3-8

## Adult

Monday May 5, 2025 - Team application deadline

- Team name
- Field name and address
- Coach, cell phone number, and email address

Monday May 12, 2025 – Schedule created, and games clustered for referee assigning.

Tuesday May 13, 2025 - Schedule goes live. Sent to the referee commissioner for scheduling.

Sunday June 1, 2025 - First week of games

## **Treasurer's Report**

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Brian Casey (East Central League Chairperson) and seconded by Zach Wusterbarth (Kiel)*

*Motion passed.*

## Commissioner's Report

### • **WYSA- State Rep Report-Dusty Rhodes**

- We will revisit the girl's tryout dates in January, and I expect the tryout policy will be amended to push that group back.
- We are waiting for USYS and US Soccer to share more about player registration. The 2025/2026 season will continue to register players by birth year. Organization members will have discretion in 2026/2027, but no decision has been made for USYS yet. We expect to know more about it the week of the WYSA AGM
  - 2025 WYSA AGM will be March 8 at American Family Field with Hall of Fame Ceremony in the evening
  - Wisconsin will hold a C and B license in 2025
- The Women in Sport Symposium is taking place in Brookfield Conference Center on February 22, 2025

### • **TOPSoccer-Jeff Jones**

- FIRE SOCCER: Wausau/Point - had 14 players in fall and now a new session is open for February Sunday mornings. Howard/Suamico: had 10 players for the November session and will have a session February-March at Purdy. (submitted by Armando Martinez)
- Oshkosh United: Jim Jungwirth is now coordinating the program in conjunction with the YMCA. Currently active with 20 players running 6 Saturdays from Jan 11 through Feb 15.
- Kimberly/RSSC: Kimberly TOPS soccer has started its winter/spring season. It will run in Jan/Feb and April. We have over 25 kids in our program and are growing. Thanks to Lawrence soccer teams and Riveredge, we have plenty of volunteers. (submitted by Jane McCormick)
- SYNERGY SOCCER: 24/25 fall session (Oct/Nov; 8 Sundays) had 12 players registered. The 25/26 fall session will run Oct/Nov. (submitted by Jeff Jones)
- PlayMetrics does not have a level for TOPSoccer and needs to expand the age range to accept older players. In the meantime, WYSA provided a spreadsheet template to submit for player registrations.
- WYSA is submitting an application for a USYS TOPSoccer grant which may be used to waive the state's player registration fees for TOPSoccer.



- **Referee-Justin Oshefsky**

- Registration for new referees is now available! A new referee is someone who has not previously been registered as a referee
- More information can be found at <https://www.wisref.org/becoming-a-referee/>
- Referees would need to complete the online coursework and attend a field session. (No more Classroom)
- Recertifying Grassroots Referees only need to complete the online requirements
- We are looking for venues for field sessions in Green Bay. If you have any leads, please contact Justin Oshefsky! (Gym, Turf in Feb, March, April)
- 543 registered referees. We experience a lot of shortages this coming fall season, more so than spring. Anything we can do to help referee shortage is greatly appreciated by all refs and assignors. We still need to actively recruit refs in the Green Bay area!

Please note that East Central follows USA policies. Referee abuse is serious and will not be tolerated.



## REFEREE ABUSE PREVENTION

POLICY 531-9 PENALTY OVERVIEW / YOUTH & AMATEUR

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL* OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

### KEY PENALTY FACTORS

- Single offenses are at minimum the prescribed game penalty or time penalty for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be both game and time depending on severity / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive double punishment
- Third time offenders receive a lifetime ban
- More than one offense at the same time is at least the punishment for the most serious offense
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a "minor multiplier" resulting in triple punishment
- One offense warning per league to be managed by states and leagues collaboratively
- Game consequences are inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given
- Optionality for 50% penalty for first offense from a minor

PHYSICAL* OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

(\*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

Effective March 2025



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- **League Chairperson - Brian Casey**

- League adjustments to keep teams in East Central longer
- The following teams and playing records were shared to the membership as a discussion point. You will see that many of the same teams played in East Central and then decided to play in the State League. East Central would like to retain these teams in the district longer so that the teams will not have to pay high state league prices and will not have to travel great distances to play games.
  - One issue is that the team applications for WYSA and for East Central are at different times.
  - It is felt that we need some type of gate keeper to make sure that the right teams are moving up to the State League.
- East Central would like to open a discussions with Portage and Wisconsin Rapids to see if they would like to guest play in our district. Brian Casey will reach out to these clubs to see if we can work out an agreement to help retain teams in our district longer.

## U12 Boys Spring to Fall 2024

Rank	Team	G P	W	L	T	G F	G A	G D	PT S
1	Portage County Youth Soccer Central FC U12C Reed	8	5	2	1	22	13	9	16
2	 SC Wave SC Wave Titletown Elite 2013 Boys	8	5	2	1	29	15	14	16
3	 Wisconsin United FC WIUFC 2013 Boys Elite	8	4	3	1	28	10	18	13
4	United Soccer of Allouez Allouez Stampede FC 2013-B 12	8	3	2	3	17	10	7	12
5	Wisconsin Rapids Kickers WR Kickers U11/12 SL Johnson	8	0	8	0	5	53	-48	0



## East Central Schedule Spring 2024

2013/11U Coed Classic 1	Pts	GP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD
Oshkosh United 2013 Boys Select Green (WI)	21	8	7	0	1	32	15	17
WIUFC 2014 Boys Jrs Howard	21	8	7	0	1	35	14	21
River Surge 2013 Boys Blue	13	7	4	1	2	28	21	7
SC Wave Titledown 2013 Coed U11 (WI)	12	7	4	0	3	32	13	19
Allouez 2013 Boys Stampede FC (WI)	10	8	3	1	4	22	18	4
WIUFC 2014 Boys Jrs De Pere	1	8	0	1	7	9	45	-36
Neenah SC 2013 Boys 11U Red (WI)	1	8	0	1	7	11	43	-32
2013/11U Coed Classic 2	Pts	GP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD
Oshkosh United 2013 Boys Select White (WI)	19	8	6	1	1	38	15	23
	18	8	6	0	2	28	13	15

- Games- Mike Jones

## 2024 East Central Games Commissioner Report

					Yellow Card Information				Red Card Information			
	Total			# of	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Age	Games	Spring	Fall	Teams	Players	Players	Coach	Coach	Player	Player	Coach	Coach
12U Rec	81	81	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14U Rec	39	39	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HS Rec	25	25	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Rec	62	62	0	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	207	207	0	44	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Yellow Card Information				Red Card Information			
	Total			# of	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Age	Games	Spring	Fall	Teams	Players	Players	Coach	Coach	Player	Player	Coach	Coach
11/12U Classic	530	275	255	124	2	3	2	0	1	0	1	1
13/14U Classic	176	91	85	42	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	0
15/16U Classic	141	85	56	33	17	15	0	0	4	1	0	0
17U+ Classic	55	55	0	13	33	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
HS Girls	61	0	61	14	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	963	506	457	226	55	29	2	2	8	3	1	1
Grand Totals	1170	713	457	270	65	29	2	2	8	3	1	1



- PlayMetrics – Mentor clubs
  - If you need help with the PlayMetrics software East Central can suggest a mentor club to help you with it or contact PlayMetrics for help in getting things ready for scheduling.
- Review of East Central Policies and documents.
- Review bylaws.
  - <https://eastcentralsoccer.demosphere-secure.com/district/policies-forms/east-central-policies-and-forms>
  - Looking for typos, bylaws that are out of date.
  - Members will submit to Sue Ann any suggestions to make changes. East Central reviews and will adjust at future meetings.

### **Announcements/For the Good of Soccer**

Doris Schommer was awarded Administrator of the year and will also be inducted into the hall of fame.

*A motion was made by Brian Casey (East Central League Chairperson) and seconded by Jeff Jones (Synergy) to purchase ½ page ad at \$125.00 to congratulate Doris on her accomplishments.*

### ***Motion Passed***

*A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Casey (East Central League Chairperson) and seconded by Matt Callahan (Oshkosh United)*

**Adjourned at 12:22 PM**

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King  
East Central Secretary