

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
 East Central District, Inc.
 All Member Meeting
 Minutes
 October 21, 2024
7:00 PM
 Kimberly High School - LGI

Meeting call to order by Jeff Pozniak (Vice President East Central)

Introductions were made around the room

Attendance

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Niagara North Stars	Greg Kulas
Fond Du Lac	No Representative	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Fox Cities United	Ryan Decker	River Surge	Nate Laabs
Green Bay Lightning	Jacob Depas	River Surge	Matt Watters
Heart of the Valley	No Representative	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Howard Fire	Heidi Haroldson	Thunder Area	Adam Schaumberg
Kiel	Zach Wusterbarth	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Neenah	Josh Acker	Water Cities	Eric Leverance
New Holstein	No Representative	Wi. United	Vicki King
SC Wave	Guest		

East Central Officers	
EC President	Absent
EC Vice President	Jeff Pozniak
EC Treasurer	Absent
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	Jeff Jones
WYSA Rep	Absent
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

President's Report

• East Central AGM

- Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025
- Location: Kimberly Municipal Center
- Time: 8:30 doors open for a continental breakfast. Meeting to start 9:00 AM
- Coaches Convention January 8-12, 2025. Chicago. <https://unitedsoccercoachesconvention.org>
- Investigating employing a paid service for the treasurer position

Executive Director's Report

- Review Spring Scheduling timeline for due dates.
 - It is important that clubs meet deadlines. Most important is making sure that clubs get the fields and times in so that the traveling team can see the schedule. Note the highlighted section in the Dates for the scheduling process.
 - By March 13, 2025, 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.
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East Central League -Summer 2025 Start Dates for East Central Leagues

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 4th of July Break (July 1-6, 2025)
- 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 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
 - Submitted teams through PlayMetrics
 - 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 referee commissioner for scheduling.
- Sunday June 1, 2025 - First week of games

Treasurer's Report -No reports

Commissioner's Report

WYSA – State Rep Report

- 2025 WYSA AGM will be March 8 at American Family Field
- Birth yr vs School yr tentatively trying to get decided by November (July 31 cutoff)
 - 60% school to 40% birth nationally - WI was 70% school vs 30% birth
- 11/15 Deadline for WYSA sanctioned tournaments applications.
- NEW ref courses are 3 hours of on-field instruction only
 - active space, which could be either an indoor gym/field house or indoor soccer court, restrooms
 - venue availability from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM, or from 12:00 PM until 4:30 PM, on either a Saturday or a Sunday.
 - Class times are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, but additional time is needed for set-up, take down, lay of the land, etc.

- Grant for New Ref course reimbursement ends 12/31

TOPSoccer

- FIRE TOPS: Fire had 12 players register for our first Wausau/Point session. A lot of buddy help from the UWSP students. Looking at renting a larger facility because the gym is a little tight at times. Planning a winter session, not sure about dates yet. Starting our November sessions in Suamico on Tuesday evenings. Submitted by: Armando Martinez
- Kimberly TOPS: 25 players enrolled for the 2024-25 season, with more coming in each session. We have 1 week left of the fall season and then our winter/spring session will begin January 11 through April 26. The River Surge soccer club (especially Amanda Conrad) has been a tremendous help to us with providing volunteers. Submitted by: Jane McCormick
- SYNERGY TOPS: Fall session opened Sunday, Oct 6, 4p-5p Purdy Performance and runs every Sunday thereafter through Nov 24. 13 players are signed up with volunteers from the club and West De Pere HS. Submitted by: Jeff Jones
- Water Cities TOPS: No Report

Referee

- The East Central and Bay areas have 542 registered referees.
- This fall only 3 games (known) have not had referees (Mike and I assignments). Will have the breakdown at AGM.
- All four national referees were re-accepted. Three of the referees are locals: Ryan Shanklin (Appleton) Katie McCormick and Peter Bernardy of De Pere! Congratulations.
- Wisref is looking to hold new referee classes. Emails have been sent out by East Central. We are looking for a gym/training space in the Green Bay area for a minimum of 4 hours on Sat/Sun morning or afternoon. Please contact me if you have any questions or have leads on available spaces.
 - Dates for gym spaces
 - February 16, 2025
 - March 8, 2025
 - March 30, 2025
 - April 12, 2025
- Referee assignors do not get notifications of games change. If your club makes a game change you will need to notify the referee assignor so that the game can be updated on the assigning tool.

League Chairperson

- Brian will be contacting clubs with teams at the younger age groups to discuss how to improve competition at East Central level.

Games

- 402 total games
 - 28 yellow cards
 - 4 Red cards –
 - One coach
 - Three players

Adult League – No Report

Academy

- 10U teams had some issues with the level of play. Steps are being taken to help resolve this issue for spring.
- 8U teams. Clubs need to make sure that teams are not using players as goalkeepers. The academy is a place to work with teams to develop players.

Old Business

Motion was made by Brian Casey (Oshkosh) and seconded by Mike Jones (East Central Games Commissioner) to approve Clubs in Good Standing policy.

Discussion:

- *The policy has been presented to the membership before, but it seems East Central did not pass a motion on the policy.*
 - *An addition to the policy was added to help with fee collection. See the highlighted section below.*
- Motion approved.*

Definition of ‘Clubs in 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. 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.

A. WYSA defines ‘good standing’ this way: A team or organization shall be considered in good standing if all of its players have been properly registered with their National State Association or approved organization and so long as the team or organization is not subject to any disciplinary sanctions prohibiting travel or hosting imposed by the National State Association, US Youth Soccer or approved organization.

B. East Central further defines a club in ‘good standing’ as:

I. Attending East Central meetings

II. Having no past-due invoices

III. Completing district-requested actions on a timely basis. This includes but is not limited to:

- a. Submitting applications for teams for league play
- b. Field information uploaded for league play
- c. Meeting district scheduling deadlines for league play
- d. Player info uploaded
- e. Game results reported
- f. Payment of dues, fines and referee pay
- g. Responding to district inquiries

IV. Teams appearing at scheduled games

V. In compliance with East Central’s Policies and Procedures, having not intentionally nor egregiously violated East Central, WYSA, nor US Youth Soccer policies and procedures.

VI. There will be no service for a new season until the prior season is cleared and the upcoming season is paid in-full. Services withheld can include:

- a. registration of teams and players
- b. scheduling of teams for league play
- c. clubs may be required to pay for team scheduling services (no longer being invoiced by the district registrar)
- d. issuance of player pass cards
- e. insurance coverage
- f. ability to vote at district meetings

Any club in bad standing must prepay all district fees for league entry.

The duration of a sanction will be determined by the district, and a club's return to good standing will only come after a written request by the club to the district is considered, and the club's president meets with the (executive?) EC board, with the club outlining the steps they are taking to ensure they have addressed the issue(s).

If a club returns to bad standing after reinstatement, sanctions can be more severe and of greater duration.

New Business

- Election of Officers: President and Secretary
- Treasurer position

If anyone is interested in one of these positions, please submit your name to Sue Ann Evers. A short write-up about your soccer experience would be appreciated.

Adjournment at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King
East Central Secretary