

East Central Soccer District: All Club Meeting- May 2026

Vision: To be the unified cornerstone of soccer in Northeast Wisconsin, ensuring every player has accessible competition that maximizes participation and sustains growth across all age levels.

Mission: We are the operational district that organizes core competitive and recreational league platforms. Serving youth and adult players across the region, we ensure competition remains close to home for accessible development. Our purpose is to foster community and drive the collective growth of the sport.

Location: Van Zeeland Nursery

Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance	Club	Attendee Name(s)	Attendance
President	Justin Oshefsky	Absent ▾	FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Virtual ▾
Vice-President	Jeff Pozniak	Absent ▾	Howard Fire SC	Matt Bellisle	Virtual ▾
Treasurer	Jenny Malarick	In Person ▾	Fox Cities United Soccer Club		Virtual ▾
Secretary	Vicki King	Absent ▾	Green Bay Lightning		Unmarked ▾
Director of Operations	Melissa Pierson	In Person ▾	Heart of the Valley Soccer Association		Virtual ▾
WYSA State Board Rep	Dusty Rhodes Rhodes	In Person ▾	Kiel Soccer Club	Zach	Virtual ▾
Games Commissioner	Mike Jones	Absent ▾	Neenah Soccer Club		Virtual ▾
League Chairperson	Brian Casey	Absent ▾	New Holstein Soccer Assoc.		Virtual ▾
TOPSoccer Commissioner	Jeff Jones	In Person ▾	Niagara Northern Stars SC	Greg Kulas	Virtual ▾
Referee Commissioner	Josh Viste	Virtual ▾	Oshkosh United Soccer Club	Matt Callahan Jim Thomas	In Person ▾
Academy Commissioner	Josh Oshefsky	In Person ▾	River Surge FC	Matt Walters	Virtual ▾
Adult League	Vicki King	Absent ▾	SYNERGY SC	Jeff Jones	In Person ▾
			Thunder Area Soccer Kids (TASK)	Sarah	Virtual ▾
			United Soccer of Allouez	Abdul	In Person ▾
			Water Cities Soccer Club	Linda	In Person ▾
			WI United FC	Dusty Rhodes	In Person ▾
			FC Wisconsin North		Absent ▾
			Lakeshore United FC	Marti	Virtual ▾
			SC Wave Titledown		Virtual ▾

Agenda Items:

Call to Order- 7:03pm; Dusty Rhodes motion; Matt Callahan second

Approval of prior meeting minutes:  March 2026_All Club Meeting Minutes
Dusty Rhodes motion to approve; Josh Oshefsky second.

Prior Action Items

- ☐ Secretary Recruitment: Clubs are requested to identify candidates for the Secretary role to alleviate Vicki King of her interim commitment.
 - ☐ Draft a clear call for a volunteer secretary role for the East Central board, including that the role counts toward the volunteer's own club hours, and share in Playmetrics
 - ☐ Post it on East Central's social channels so clubs can share it.
 - ☐ Review if we need to adjust by-laws if parent assumes responsibility
- ☐

Item 1: President's Update: Justin Oshefsky

- *Justin unable to attend - discussion led by Melissa*
- Dusty Rhodes's role as state representative - no other nominations - let's make it official
 - Matt Callahan motion to approve; Abdul seconds; no objections; motion carried.
- State League Follow Up Discussion from last meeting
 - 91 East Central Club & Guest Club teams playing in State League
 - Proposal to form a "East Central Premier Level" next year in anticipation of state level teams being grouped as a "State Northeast" division.
 - Deadline will be 1 week prior to WYSA State League deadline.
 - Plan would be to meet with those clubs prior to deadline to discuss, allowing teams to still apply to state league if desired
 - Need to confirm whether teams could participate in President's Cup
 - Discuss week nights vs. weekends - East Central would have the opportunity to flex as the group needs; could be put up for discussion amongst the group as it forms
 - Suggest some sort of naming / education to parents to ensure they understand
 - Opportunity to extend reach into some central WI areas (e.g. Steven's Point)
 - Age group - starting point - Dusty Rhodes proposed U11-U19
 - Melissa to create and send a survey to clubs asking which age groups they would place teams in for the proposed East Central premier-level league, to gauge interest and potential team counts.
 - Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/HfBiKtWGn6t8uPfM6>

Item 2: Vice President's Update: vicepresident@eastcentralsoccer.com

- Unable to attend; no items to discuss

Item 3: Treasurer's Update - Jenny Malarick

- Bank Balances – Current as of May 11, 2026
 - EC Checking: \$63,090.69
 - EC Ref Savings: \$1,551.42
 - CD Rec (ends 7/26/26): \$12,248.10
 - CD Extra Funds (ends 7/26/26): \$5,654.56
 - CD TOPS (ends 7/26/26): \$12,668.79
 - CD EC Ref (ends 7/26/26): \$7,074.51
 -  2026 April Statement of Activity.pdf
 -  2026 April Bank Statement.pdf
 -  2026 April Balance Sheet.pdf
- Billing Date: Bills will come out on July 1 st (Spring)
 - Linda Motion to approve; Dusty Rhodes seconds
 - Motion approved with no objections

Item 4: Operations Report: Melissa Pierson

- Playmetrics discussion -
 - Clarified that issue was not native to playmetrics- believe teams were using different views and selecting dates without awareness of downstream impact to other clubs. Training is needed to avoid this next year.
 - Nate proposed a meeting of schedulers prior to next scheduling season to make sure we're all following the same process.
 - Melissa will reach out to confirm schedulers at all clubs; meeting will be planned prior to fall scheduling window
 - Encourage teams to not reschedule in initial draft date and log blackout dates.
 - Need better communication and collaboration among clubs; too many rescheduling issues this spring.
- Unable to move all club meetings to new Sunday's at current location; will attempt to adjust for fall / winter to accommodate coach's schedules
 - Clubs tend to have board meetings on 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month; could consider 1st sunday of month
- School Age Changes
 - Team Naming for 26-27 - proposal ahead of 2026 Tryouts
 - Maintain "CYGNET" but replace year with age level
 - Example: Old (Birth Year) - Oshkosh United 2014 Girls Select White
 - Example: New (School Age) - Oshkosh United U12 GIRLS Select White
 - Melissa to confirm where the U goes – assume U is the Prefix
 - Matt Callahan - request to discuss about playing down guidelines

- Example given - U12 that is in school with U11 kids - at what point do we introduce the disruption? In theory, displacing kids that have been formed as teams.
 - Consider exemption form that confirms grade or requires some form of evidence of grade
 - June or July birthdates are no brainers; maintain limit of 3 players
 - Club responsibility to address state league and tournament exemptions
 - Melissa to develop form
 - Dusty Rhodes Motion to allow up to 3 players per age group can play down based upon proven birthdate and grade. Matt Seconds
 - Jeff noted that smaller clubs often combine groups to form teams
 - Applies only to East Central
 - Motion to approve proposed by Dusty Rhodes;
 - Abdul opposed; motion passes
- Reminder re: Tryout Window Dates
 - Tryout Window: May 30 – June 26
 - Uniform Offer Date:
 - U11-U14: June 12, 2026 at noon
 - U15-U19 Boys: June 19, 2026 at noon
 - U15-U19 Girls: June 26, 2026 at noon
- East Central T-shirts for league winners (discussed at AGM). Club desire to proceed?
 - Assumption that we can get the cost around \$10/shirt; possibly less with volume
 - Melissa to get rough #s to Jenny - 18 teams x ~15 kids = 270 shirts (assume \$3K)
 - Jenny doesn't see it being a budget issue
 - Potential for sponsor to cover
 - Melissa to pursue

Item 5: Commissioner Reports

- **WYSA State Board Rep Update - Dusty Rhodes Rhodes**
 - Nothing to report since AGM (board meeting tomorrow)
- **TOPSoccer Report - Jeff Jones**
 - Armando hosting event on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - TOPSoccer for Blind Event
- **Games Commissioner - Mike Jones**
 - *Mike unable to attend; Melissa proposed discussion below.*
 - Referee Fees for HS Rec Leagues
 - With this age group only playing 2x35 no way should they be paid the same as a 17/19U game that is 2x45. Same with the high school girls east central division in the fall. We currently pay the

same as 17/19U but that should be voted on and agreed upon since they play a 2x40 minute game.

- Motion by Jenny; second by Matt
 - All in favor - none opposed; motion carried
- **League Chairperson - Brian Casey** - Not present
- **Referee Commissioner - Josh Viste** - No topics
- **Academy Commissioner - Josh Oshefsky**
 - Reminder to please talk to all U8 coaches about “keeper” issues. Directors need to own this communication down to the coach level
 - Academy coaches contact info populated for communication purposes
 - Models for next season: combination of scheduled dates & big play dates?
 - Josh and Melissa to explore options for a model for clubs to react to; could be used for next season
- **Adult League Commissioner - Vicki King**
 - 18 teams this spring
 - Decision to skip play during Captains cup and encourage teams to play; discount will be provided to East Central teams
 - Scheduling open in Playmetrics

New Business: None

For the Good of the Game: Discussion of state league players dropping down to play in East Central - difficult to police. Clubs asked to be thoughtful in not dropping players from State league, particularly into Classic 2. Important for clubs to be good stewards of the game and ensure fair play.

Time of Adjournment: Matt to adjourn; Dusty Rhodes second - 8:25 adjourned .

Next Meeting Date and Time:

- Exec Board: Monday, June 15 7:00 - 8:00pm - Virtual
- All Clubs: Monday, August 17 8:00 – 9:00pm at Van Zeeland’s Nursery & Landscaping

Supporting Notes:

Communication from Melissa Z @ WYSA re: Playing Down

Policy 162-001 on age exemptions will remain in effect. It’s important to note that these are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A blanket exception based on the grade circumstance will not be applied. Clubs with players in those situations will have to apply and relevant to the decision will be the competitive level of the team. In the past we have not allowed exceptions for State League teams, however that stance may become more liberal in the future. Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Policy 162-001: WYSA Age Exemption Policy

Exceptions for age eligibility or roster size may be granted at the discretion of WYSA based on the specific circumstances of each request. Consideration will be given to factors such as player safety, developmental appropriateness, and alignment with the goals of the program. All requests must follow the established application process, and approval is not guaranteed

East Central Clubs in State League Summary

Club	Total
FC Green Bay	3
FC Wisconsin North	3
Fond du Lac Soccer Association	14
Fox Cities United Soccer Club	3
Green Bay Lightning	1
Lakeshore United FC*	27
Marathon County United	2
Neenah Soccer Club	6
Oshkosh United Soccer Club	8
River Surge FC	6
SC Wave Titledown	8
United Soccer of Allouez	2
Wisconsin United FC	8
Grand Total	91

New Action Items

- ☒ ~~Melissa to create and send a survey to clubs asking which age groups they would place teams in for the proposed East Central premier-level league, to gauge interest and potential team counts.~~
- ☐ Draft and circulate parent-facing language explaining the proposed East Central premier-level league option (how it differs from State League, how it works, and how clubs will decide which level to join), once the board decides to move forward.
- ☒ ~~Melissa to create and send a survey to clubs asking which age groups they would place teams in for the proposed East Central premier-level league, to gauge interest and potential team counts.~~

- ☒ Update the board records and any required state nomination documentation to reflect Dusty's nomination as WYSA rep.
- ☐ Melissa to contact every club to confirm the correct scheduler contact for that club.
- ☐ Melissa to schedule a PlayMetrics scheduler training session before the fall scheduling window to align on blackout dates, scheduling rules, and avoiding double games.
- ☒ ~~Melissa to confirm the correct age group naming convention (e.g., U12 vs. 12U) and communicate the finalized structure to clubs so everyone uses the same format.~~
- ☐ Explore sponsorship options for East Central championship T-shirts (e.g., for the 11U girls and 14U boys champions) and, if a sponsor is found, proceed with ordering the shirts.
- ☒ ~~Melissa to share information on Captains Cup registration and discount rates.~~
- ☒ ~~Melissa to develop exemption form and policy for "playing down"~~
- ☐ Josh and Melissa to explore potential changes for Academy that balance group play dates and individual "home" games