

East Central Report

MASC Representative: William Randolph
For June 2009

Meeting Date and Time: Monday June 8, 2009 @ 8:00pm

The district Calendar of events can always be viewed at: <http://www.eastcentralsoccer.org/Events/general.jsp>

Reminder: The second player payment is due to EC by June 20th. EC wants to remind the clubs that they need to use the SAME spreadsheet they used for the first payment. The spreadsheet will calculate the difference that we need to pay or collect depending on which way the numbers went.

They stated that the player fees will be going up next year. Here is a breakdown for the new fees:

Classic ->	State Fee:	\$ 13.50
	EC Fee:	\$ 3.00
	Total:	\$16.50

Recreational:	State Fee:	\$9.50
	EC Fee:	\$1.50
	Total:	\$11.00

EC is planning to list the players and do the schedules for the 2009-2010 season in LeagueOne. Wayne expects to offer a training class in August on it.

Clubs are advised to start the process now if we are going to use the Club online registration package. It takes time to get everything set up. Brooke Kirkpatrick can answer any questions you may have.

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Website: The district is not going to use the Active websites. The price was raised to \$100 per month. Active is buying out the competition. It was also stated that "count me in" went bankrupt. Some clubs recommended Cornerkicks. Others stated it was too inflexible. You are limited to their choice of templates. EC is looking at using a different hosting site that will be less expensive – now that the State has purchased the scheduling portion.

MASC is on a THREE month probation. The club was placed on probation because Doug Paul placed an advertisement into the Post Crescent newspaper prior to the allowed date. What does this mean? By being on probation, if anything else comes up during the specified period, MASC can be placed in the status of "bad standing". If that happens, we will not have insurance for our players and none of our teams will be accepted in any of the sanctioned tournaments.

I have a couple of problems with the probation:

- 1) I do not like how it was handled. I did not find out about the probation until it was already decided MASC was on probation. When I asked why we were not notified before the ruling was made, Carl stated we were notified – he spoke with Kurt.
- 2) Doug, or his team, placed the club in Jeopardy. Shouldn't this roll downhill?

The district was presented with a series of votes on the season and schedule changes for the 2009-2010 season. It is VERY important everyone knows about these before we do our classic team tryouts. There were some clubs that were very upset by the results of the voting.

- 1) The district voted to replace the National, World, and American naming convention with A, B, and C. This relates more closely with the rest of the state and country.
- 2) The district voted to have the U19 classic season start at the same time as the U19 rec season. Apparently, they are at different times this year. So, this means that U19 classic will start mid May instead of June.
- 3) The vote to move the High School GIRLS season to FALL was voted DOWN. This means that the High School Girls teams will stay in the spring and will have their own season that is different than everyone else.
- 4) The district voted to shorten the regular season so that it ends prior to July 4th. (except for HS Girls).
- 5) The district voted to host the LCS in July for those teams that want to participate.
- 6) The district did adopt the new Spring and Fall seasons. They voted to start the two season schedule for the U11 and U12 level only for the 2009-2010 season. All other age groups will only have a spring season. The club, or team will need to decide if they are going to play in the fall league also.
- 7) The district voted to leave the U13 and U14 levels alone for next year. Those levels will likely be offered the fall session for the 2010-2011 season.
- 8) The district did vote to adopt Carl's written rule about the age of the player when playing "UP". Essentially, the player can only play up 2 years based on the players age eligibility. So, a 9 year old player may only play on a U9, U10, or U11 team.

It was stated that the season change decisions only apply to the Classic teams. I asked about recreational and was told that would have to be a different decision. Dale, the chair for the committee, stated that the few clubs with Rec programs will need to determine whether or not we will adopt the season changes also. I do not expect the recreational teams to play in fall – they may not even have that option. But, I did expect the recreational teams to finish by July 4th also.

What does all of this mean?

- 1) The U11 and U12 age groups for the classic teams will have the opportunity to play in the fall league right away this season. This means that the club or the coaches for those teams need to determine if they will play in the fall or not – before the tryouts. Most of these tryouts are listed for June 28th on our website. There was a U12 coed tryout on the 12th.
- 2) The club, or classic teams, need to determine if they will participate in the LCS or not.
- 3) The number of games available will change for the spring season and for the fall season.
- 4) We need to evaluate our player fees for next year – before we accept or pass out registration forms. I plan to put together a spreadsheet outline the different seasons and costs for the teams – to make sure we have our player pricing correct. The teams playing in the LCS still need to pay the referee fees. Hopefully, I will have this finished before the meeting.
- 5) We need to set a date (August 15th?) that all classic teams need to have their registration forms in – if we are doing the fall session.
- 6) The High School Girls teams will likely play a normal season. They will not be able to play in the LCS – because they will only have 2 weeks in June before the LCS will start. So, it is expected that the HS Girls will play 2 weeks in June and the month of July.