

SES AGM 2018 Community Input

Input	Comment
"Keep up the manager & coach training"	<i>Thanks we hope to and look forward to suggestions on topics</i>
"I appreciate the increased winter training but MU [Minneapolis United] practices 2-3x per week and for more weeks which is superior"	<p><i>Thanks, this is one of the differences between SES and MU that we often hear praised by families who join us or select us prior to MU.</i></p> <p><i>We remain committed to this flexibility and providing an affordable opportunity for kids to play soccer which can be compromised by the costs of hiring field space and paying additional trainers. Our recent expansion in training opportunities is an effort to provide those teams and players interested in a larger commitment to get more touches on the ball while still balancing our other priorities. Southeast supports multisport athletes and this means that numbers at WT can be lower. There is currently no mandate for SE teams to participate in WT and some team organizers have elected not to push WT. The expansion of pool training will provide the flexibility the club needs to coordinate training schedules and maximize use of expensive facilities like domes.</i></p>
"Develop a ball boy/girl program with the University of Minnesota or others"	<p><i>Love it! We encourage such great ideas and welcome further input from whoever made this comment with a plan for how to bring such an idea to fruition for the Club.</i></p>

Question	Response
"Where do I find the rule book?"	<a href="https://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/rules-manual">https://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/rules-manual</a>
"Can the practice field sizes match up with the game sizes?"	Soccer fields can range in size within certain parameters. Generally we attempt to assign teams to practice fields that are the same size as those upon which they will play (generally) and due to limited space and time access to fields, there can be a need to share field space.
"Goalie training?"	<a href="#">FREE Keeper Training details on the SES calendar page HERE. (April 7 at Howe with an April 8 rain date: 9-noon)</a>
"Are there resources for individual skills training?"	There are numerous organizations and programs in the Cities that cater to individual player development. They vary in cost and commitment and target audience, eg age and player position. Contact DOC at <a href="mailto:clubrep@sesoccer.org">clubrep@sesoccer.org</a> for recommendations for your specific case.
"Long term field plan?"	Southeast will continue to develop relationships with MPS and MPRB to maintain fields we currently have access to and look to expand into new areas. Improvements to South HS athletic field and conversion of MPRB baseball fields to multipurpose field space over next 5-10 years should benefit Southeast but these spaces will be in high demand. Southeast needs to continue to invest in winter training so that teams are prepared in the case of limited field training in April. In addition, as development continues in our neighborhoods, a percentage of funds for new developments (such as the grocery store on 46th and Snelling) will go to parks for improvements and resources. That means locations such as Hiawatha School Park will have funds to invest. Get involved and be in touch with those folks to encourage more soccer accessible fields and time.
"How do we increase winter training use/engagement?"	Southeast supports multisport athletes and this means that numbers at WT can be lower. There is currently no mandate for SE teams to participate in WT and some team organizers have elected not to push WT. The expansion of pool training will provide the flexibility the club needs to coordinate training schedules and maximize use of expensive facilities like domes.
"How can we collaborate with other Clubs like informal scrimmages?"	DOCs and other club administrators can develop relationships with other clubs to facilitate friendlies/ Scrimmages. These friendlies are most beneficial in the pre-season but could continue into the season. Southeast will also continue to develop a club culture that encourages teams to connect with each other for scrimmages. Also, MYSA provides a space on their website to connect with Clubs looking for scrimmage partners as well: <a href="https://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/scrimmage-exchange">https://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/scrimmage-exchange</a> (copy and paste into your browser)
"Can we be a 501©(3)?"	We can and that possibility is under review and discussion. We are currently a 501 © (7) or a non-profit corporation
"Can we host a tournament?"	This is an exciting question and prospect for raising our profile and generating potential revenue for the Club. It is also very labor intensive and resource intensive, neither of which SES has in abundance given our reliance upon volunteers, two contract employees and a Park system already overtaxed in terms of finding playing space for all the teams and Clubs and other sports seeking to use their fields. Parties interested in exploring the possibility of a tournament are certainly encouraged to come forward with plans on how to study the feasibility of putting together such an event.
"Should SES consider raising rates?"	Yes, such is under consideration for future seasons.
"Can we leverage University of MN employees to help Pete obtain field time?"	Perhaps. Whoever asked this question, do you have some ideas in mind?
"Fundraiser for Club/team gear and scholarships?"	Establishing a clear, guiding mission and vision were a first step towards many things including fundraising as donating individuals and organizations will want to know just what it is they are supporting. A group is in the formation and discussion stage to work towards the goal of acquiring donations. Moving towards 5013c status or jumping under another organizations' umbrella tax-id # might be a path towards this happening.
"Advocacy? How can we organize for better fields, etc. with schools and park board (SES organizing group communications to Park Board)?"	We are open to ideas in this realm and welcome individuals to join the Board with their ideas or form a project group to explore and pursue such possibilities.