

WDDOA - Summer 2022 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14, 2022
Annual Business Meeting for WDDOA



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Meeting Location: Tele-Conference/Webinar Meeting

Meeting Time: 7:00PM to 8:00PM

Executive Committee Members present: Joe Payton, President, John Buckler, EVP, Dora Boyle, secretary, Stephen Sundquist, Treasurer, and Helen Hays filling in for John Jones, Commissioner of Referees.

ROLL CALL & VOTE ACCREDITATION:

First meeting using proxies, staff still going through attendees, will go ahead with agenda
479/543 teams: Quorum established

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 15, 2021 General Membership Meeting

The minutes were approved

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

REPORTS:

➤ **State Cup / Presidents Cup / Directors Cup**

A lot of WDDOA teams participated across all cups and a number of WDDOA teams advanced to Regional events in hopes of advancing to National Championships:

For 2022 Region 3 Presidents Cup Championships:

In **BOYS:** U15 Rayados Laredo 07/08
U18 NB AJAX 04 Boys White
U19 UCA Champions 03B – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**
In **GIRLS:** U13 Lonestar 09/10G Elite – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**
U14 Lonestar 08G Elite NTH
U17 AYSO United 05G-Hayes
And finally U18 T&C 04G #Emeralds!

For 2022 Region 3 Southern Regional – National Championships:

In **BOYS:** U14 Cap City 08B Sky South – **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**
U19 BVB SATX 03B Olivares
In **GIRLS:** U13 Lonestar 09/10G Red – **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**
U14 LSC-FC Westlake 08G FDL
U15 FC Westlake 07G Elite – **Regional Champions - Advancing to National Championships on Orlando Florida!**
U15 Lonestar 07G FDL – **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**
U16 Lonestar 06G FDL – **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**
U17 LSC-FC Westlake 05G FDL
U17 Lonestar 05G FDL – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**
U18 Cap City 04G Sky North
And finally U18 CSC IMPACT 04G Black

➤ **Officers Reports** (* Signifies positions up for election July 2022)

Executive Vice-President – John Buckler

Very strong showing by WDDOA teams at Regional events

Secretary* – Dora Boyle

No Report

Treasurer – Stephen Sundquist

Great year, solid financial ground.

Commissioner of Referees* – John Jones . Helen Hays for John Jones

Strong STYSA and WDDOA referee showing at Regionals and were selected to advance to national events. Recertification for the upcoming year has started and numbers are growing. Reimbursement program from WDDOA to get certified. There are funds available to help clubs host referee clinics, please contact us. Lucrative opportunity.

President* – Joe Payton

We had a good year and are looking forward to the next year

➤ **Committee Reports**

The WDDOA Director's Council: meets once a month during the year and we are so thankful for their willingness to serve. At this time we would like to recognize and thank them for their service.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **WDDOA Competition Flight Structure - Fall 2022/23 Team / Player Registration**

WDDOA flight structure to remain the same:

- U11 and U12 Alpha will play set 1, geographical brackets, re-bracket, set 2.
- U13 prime will play set 1 for the fall, determines advancement to Frontier qualifier.
- all our other leagues, age groups, and gender get one set of games for September through March, rainout dates in April prior to cup play. Final standings determine qualification for Fall 23. This is a district travel league, please set proper expectation for parents

Team/Player Registration:

- Important dates posted on the website
- Validated team list posted on website, must be reviewed and issues submitted by tomorrow

➤ **Season Navigation Information**

Coaches or Team Managers handle team administrative duties, which are an essential part of our leagues running smoothly. Information and resources are available on dedicated section on our website.

Tools: Website resource page and Gotsport. Coaches and managers must become familiar. Gotsport has many training tools with screenshots and videos. We have posted a lot of those links in the coach / team manager resource portion of our website.

Club admins and registrars create GotSport accounts for coaches and managers. If team information is not available when logged in, you must contact your club admin, it means you are not attached to the team.

Be sure to complete all the compliance training and requirements: background check (to be repeated every 2 years), CDC heads up training (to be completed once), and safesport training (with yearly training component). All of this information is on our website.

Use of club pass: you must know the rules. CPP rules are followed as published. The club pass system is published in Section 3 of the STYSA administrative handbook. On WDDOA website: document that explains the basic mechanics of club pass. WDDOA has adopted a progressive discipline system for club pass violations: forfeits, fines, possibly losing privilege to use club pass, et.

Game cards: print from gotsport. Both teams must bring a game card to the game. Because you can add club pass players all the way up until game start, you cannot rely on one team or another to bring the most updated game card. Handwritten players mean an automatic forfeit, regardless of the reason.

Suspensions: extremely important to keep up with accumulated yellow cards and red cards for each of your players as well as coaches and managers.

After the game: both teams required to sign the card. Verify the score is correct, that any cards given to players or coaches are assigned on the game card to the right person. This will be your only opportunity to have the

referees make the necessary adjustments with the other team present. Cards are not reversed at the WDDOA office.

Who handles the game cards after the game? For neutral games, after signatures, the referee will keep the game card and take it to the site coordinator. For home and away games, after signatures, the winning team gets the game card or, in case of a tie, the home team gets the game card and mails it to the WDDOA office. Game cards must be received within 72 hours of the game. Every game card gets audited.

You must know the rules. Rules of Competition are available on the website.

➤ **Scheduling Procedures: Initial Schedules, Reschedules, Rainouts**

Initial schedules will be published Friday August 5th and available to coaches and managers in Gotsport, not on the website. Coaches and managers must be attached to the teams to see the schedules, and must be fully compliant with kidsafe, CDC, and safesport. Final schedules will be posted on the website Friday September 2.

Virtual scheduling meetings for all prime brackets and most challenger brackets. Challenger brackets have both neutral and home and away, sometimes brackets end up with very few neutral games overall. In those few instances, no scheduling meeting. The scheduling meetings will occur August 12th, 13th, and 14th, and possibly Monday August 15th and Tuesday August 16th if necessary.

For reschedule requests, (requests, may not be approved!), instructions are on the coach/team manager page on the WDDOA website: process, deadlines, and fees.

➤ **Fall 2022 Virtual Cards for All Teams: SCL / WDDOA Flights**

All teams in SCL and WDDOA Flights use virtual cards, so the office does not issue physical player cards unless the team is participating in the National League Frontier Conference. An ID-type photo must be uploaded into Gotsport for each player for the virtual player cards. ID photos should not be changed once formatted.

➤ **Season Preparation Meetings**

New type of administrative meetings this year: interactive virtual meetings for coaching staff to provide guidance on league requirements, deadlines, game-day procedures, etc. Clubs will be assigned dates between August 8th, 9th, and 10th, more if needed on the 17th and 18th. Zoom meeting links to be sent next week.

➤ **WDDOA Rule Changes: Proposed Changes #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6**

Six rule changes to you today, most of them are housekeeping rules for processes that have already been used and in place for a few years, or updating obsolete naming conventions. Voting procedures on screen, voting instructions provided.

Rule Change #1, cleanup from commissioners to directors: Motion Centex 05B, Second Lonestar 09B Elite NTH, no discussion, poll launched, 97% in favor 2% abstain, motion carries

Rule Change #2, cleanup rule on voting procedure : Motion LT Elite 07 White, Second SA City 12B Red West, no discussion, poll launched, 87% voted, 93% in favor, motion carries

Rule Change #3, Rules of Competition updates: Motion Centex 05B, Second LT Elite 10B Red. Discussion. Poll launched, 89% voted, 88% in favor, 1% against, motion carries

Rule Change #4, Commissioner of referees duties update: Motion Lockhart United 08B, Second Lonestar 09B Elite NTH, no discussion, poll launched, 87% voted, 91% in favor, 0 against, 9% abstained, motion carries

Rule Change #5 Cleanup USYSA to USYS: Motion Lonestar 08G Elite NTH, Second LT Elite 10B Red, No discussion, poll launched, 90% voted, 92% approved, 1% no, 7% abstain

Rule Change #6, update to the timing of publishing Rules of Competition with no changes unless coming from above: Motion Lonestar 10B Elite Red, Second Lonestar 2012B Elite Silver. Poll Launched, 91% voted, 88% in favor, 5% against, 7% abstained.

➤ **WDDOA Election of Officers**

John Buckler in charge of election process. 3 positions open: President, Secretary, Commissioner of referees. Joe Payton, Dora Boyle, and John Jones have all agreed to serve. Open nominations from the floor. Tony Roidriguez nominated Helen Hays for Commissioner of Referees. Helen declined. John asked for a motion to approve the candidates by acclamation

LT Elite 10B Red motions, SA City 12B Red West seconds. Process of raised hands in the module. 261/338. All candidates approved by Acclamation.

MEETING CLOSURE:

➤ **For the Good of The Game**

STYSA has a new president, Charles Rotramel, WDDOA looks forward to working with him.

WDDOA 11th Annual Pink Out the Pitch – October 22-23, 2022

Pink out the pitch, we really want to encourage teams and coaches to participate. We did see some tutus on the sideline last year so we definitely want to set the bar higher and do it bigger that ever.

South Texas has announced partnership with the soccer parenting association to improve sideline behavior and provide education and guidance to clubs and parents. WDDOA to join the Sideline Project and will encourage all parents, coaches, referees, and spectators to join the movement and take the Sideline Project Pledge.

Information will be posted on the website. Also www.thesidelineproject.com. The goal of these efforts is to hopefully provide a positive youth sporting experience where all children feel inspired, develop important life skills, and establish healthy habits they will take with them for life.

➤ **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm