

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association – Central District  
Minutes of Meeting held August 5, 2009

Attendance: Tom Skarbek, Stacie Dykins, Maggie Girard, Robbie Rickert, Bob Smith, Cliff Parker, Eris Hall, Artur Kapuscinski, Chris Donahue, Eric Hall, Stathis Manousos

Tom Skarbek, District Vice-President opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

### **Reports**

#### Team Registration

Team registration must be complete by August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Player Registration

Registration for Fall 08-09 has been completed. The Central District is the only District with an increase in registrations and with 95% of registrations loaded on the system. Other Districts are way behind in uploading. Ron and Joe are very helpful in addressing any issues with registration, and have greatly facilitated the process for the Central District clubs.

Registration for Fall 09-10 will be conducted using Blue Sombrero. Upload player information on Blue Sombrero and submit teams for approval. Birth certificates or proof of prior CJSA registration (pass or roster) will need to be sent to Ron Filipek. The fax number is 888-999-8941. Passes and rosters will be printed from the Blue Sombrero system. Use last year's stock for passes.

#### CJSA membership

Hartford Youth Soccer will no longer be a member club as of September. The club has registered only one team.

All clubs must submit club affiliation forms to CJSA by the end of August to be in good standing. Some clubs have not yet submitted forms.

A new club has been approved by CJSA. The name is WAMOGO. Three towns that belong to a regional school district have joined together to form the club so the students can play together.

#### Treasury

Our balance as of August 5 is \$57,462.64; \$25,000 is in CDs. All bills have been paid. The CDs are due for renewal in September. Currently, there is \$20,000 in one and \$5,000 in another. Tom asked for a consensus and there was unanimous agreement to add \$10,000 to each CD.

### **Announcements**

The club President's meeting is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in East Hartford.

### **Connecticut and State Cup Committee Action**

Changes have been made in the Cup Rules. A copy of the changes is attached.

The changes include:

- 1) Fee increase for protests to \$300.
- 2) Scores must be reported on line cannot be reported by phone.
- 3) Minimum field and goal size.

### **Potential Change in Residency Requirements for Teams**

A discussion was held regarding a proposal that the residency requirements regarding players rostered to a team for Connecticut Cup play be eliminated. As the District generally follows this rule with certain exceptions permitted, changes would affect the District. The strong sentiment expressed by those present was that no changes should be made as unfettered ability to pick players from any town could cause significant difficulty for many clubs. The District currently has rules in place to allow teams to form and play even if residency rules are not met and that these are sufficient to allow teams to form and players to have a team to play on.

### **Miscellaneous**

A discussion was held regarding the protest committee process. Concern was expressed by a club involved in a Cup protest that there are no minutes and no ability to communicate for the club that the protest is against.

NEXT MEETING: October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Girard, District Secretary

**State Cup Competition Proposed Policy Changes**  
**Change to be in compliance with US Youth National Championship**  
**Rule change:**

**401-2 State Cup Age Divisions** Each spring season CJSA shall administer a State Cup competition to determine CJSA representatives to US Youth Soccer Region I Championships in the U12-U19 and U12 small sided age divisions for both boys and girls (U12 full sided spring 09). All teams entered in the U-12 must have no less than nine (9) rostered players whose birth dates are within the twelve (12) month period of the cut-off dates for U-12.

**“(1) For teams competing in the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.**

**“(2) For the teams competing in the Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, and Under 19 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age of any younger age group, through the Under 14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.”**

- **Special Eligibility Rules.**

1. The team may not be a SELECT team.
2. The team must compete in at least a four-team sanctioned league during the current seasonal year within CJSA OR (b) administered by Region I of the US Youth Soccer (except for the U19 age group for boy’s and girl’s).
3. The team must have at least fifty percent of its players registered with CJSA.
4. A U12ss team must not allow more than fourteen (14) or less than seven (7) players, a U12 full sided-U15 team must not allow more than eighteen (18) or less than seven (7) players and a U16 and older team must not allow more than twenty-two (22) or less than seven (7) players on its team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Game rosters shall be prepared by the team and submitted prior to each game. The game roster for U-12ss shall have a maximum of fourteen (14), U12 full sided – U19 eighteen (18) and a minimum of seven (7) players on it. Every player on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team. All rosters must include jersey numbers for each player.

**“A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating in the National Championships:**

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5. The team may not RELEASE, voluntarily or involuntarily, any player from its roster UNLESS a written request, stating the reasons why this action has been requested, has been made to and approved by CJSA on a form provided. A team may RELEASE

## **Proposed changes for State Cup/CT Cup Policies**

### **Add terminology to existing policies**

- **Entry Fees.** **Entry Fees are non-refundable.**  
**Fines.** Teams may withdraw from the Cup up to seven days prior to the draw without further penalty.  
**However, State Cup teams withdrawing or forfeiting after such date but prior to Cup finals, will lose their bond and will be fined \$300. Teams advancing to the Region I Championships that withdraws from the Region 1 Championship less than 31 days prior to the start of play will be subject to an additional fine of \$1500.00 per team and any team that withdraws from the Region 1 Championship less than 5 days prior to the start of play will be subject to an additional fine of \$1500.00 per team. All clubs are responsible for their teams and may be fined and/or sanctioned by CJSA for problems incurred by them on and off the field. State Cup winners that withdraw from Region I Championships will also lose their title of State Cup Champions.**
  
- **Field Size.** The **minimum field size** is one hundred (100) yards long and fifty (50) yards wide for full sided games; **the recommended field** width is 50 to 60 yards and the recommended field length is 75 to 85 yards for small sided games. **The minimum goal size is 6 x 18 for Small Sided matches.** If you draw a home game and your field does not comply with the above noted minimum dimensions, you **MUST** notify a member of the Cup Committee upon receipt of these rules. Referees are instructed to check field sizes.
  
- **Game day.** All preliminary games will be played on the assigned day unless, by mutual agreement, the game can be played before the assigned date. If both teams wish to play prior to the assigned date but mutual agreement cannot be reached as to the time and/or date of a cup game, the Cup Committee will have final say as to time, day and location of the game without benefit of input from either team. **Both teams involved will be fined \$60.00 and will be charged with a home game.** Conflicts arising from other events or the coaching of more than one team will not be considered a cause for rescheduling games.

- **Rescheduling of Games.** In the event a game is rescheduled, canceled or abandoned because of inclement weather, the game shall be played the following day unless an exception is granted by the Cup Committee. You must also notify the Age Group coordinators must be notified by a member of the home team. CJSA will not reschedule our games when there is a conflict with another event. If you are the home team and know twenty-four (24) hours or more in advance of your game that there are field problems, call your Cup Chairperson. If your field becomes unplayable on the day of competition, the home team **MUST** notify the visiting team **AND** your Cup Chairperson by 10:00am or three hours prior to the scheduled game time – which ever is earlier. If the fields have not been deemed unplayable prior by some authority, the referee will determine if the game can be played. Coaches must call a member of the Cup Committee for direction and notify the referee assignor. Every attempt will be made to play the game as scheduled beginning with using the visitor’s field.
- **Coaches, Teams and Spectators.** Both teams should, whenever possible, be on the same side of the field with all spectators on the opposite side. Coaches must remain in their technical area **or ten (10) yards of the center line of the field; on his/her own half of the field and on the same side as the “bench”**. A three (3) yard spectator line is recommended. **Coaches are responsible for their own conduct AND the conduct of their players and spectators. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated. Misconduct by coaches, players, parents and/or spectators may be referred to the CJSA’s Appeals/Discipline Committee for disciplinary action.**
- **Reporting Scores. Scores must be reported online and received by midnight of the scheduled game day. All Cup scores will be posted no later than Monday night on the CJSA website. Your Cup Coordinator will NOT accept scores via phone calls.**

The Cup Coordinator will determine home fields in accordance with Policy 501-16.

Failure to report your score by midnight of scheduled by game day will result in:

- 1) loss of home field but charged with a home game;
- 2) obligation to pay referees.

#### 501-9 Rules and Coaches Responsibilities regarding Referees

- **Referees. The Diagonal System of Control (DSC), using only US Soccer currently registered referees, shall be used for all CJSA State Cup matches and from the round of 16 in the CT Cup. Failure to provide three (3) US Soccer currently registered referees for the quarter and semi final matches will result in the game being rescheduled at the home field of the team which had traveled. Center Referee must be at least two age groups older than the level they officiate in U14 and below matches. (See Rule 4212). A thirty (30)**

**minute grace period will be granted for the arrival of the referee. If the referee does not show up for the match, the home team shall notify the Cup Committee of the referee's failure to appear within the grace period. The away team will become the home team for the rescheduled game.**

- **Referee Assignments.** Referees are assigned by the District Referee Assignor (DRA) of the home team (except for State Cup U18 & 19, which will all be assigned by the SYRA). No referees will be assigned by the club or home coach. The club referee assignor shall contact the District Assignor for all cup matches. **The Cup Committee and CJSA recommend that a neutral (out of town) referee be used for all Cup matches and that assistant referees be assigned by the District.** In situations where three (3) USSF referees are not available, one USSF referee shall be used with each team providing a club assistant referee. The dual or two (2) person system is not permitted in CJSA games or competition.

**401-7 Protests** -Each seasonal year the CJSA President shall appoint, with the approval of the CJSA Board of Directors, a Cup Protest Committee composed of three (3) members of the CJSA Board of Directors. In the event that a member(s) is not available the President may appoint another member of the CJSA Board of Directors to serve. The Cup Protest Committee shall hear all protests of State Cup and Connecticut Cup games. The committee shall interpret the rules of the competitions and the decisions of the committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

**Protests must be in writing and be accompanied with the appropriate fee and may only be lodged by a CJSA registered Team Official or the team's Club President. Protests relating to the grounds, goal posts, field, etc must be in writing and presented to the referee along with the appropriate fee before the start of the game. Protests based upon the judgment of referees will not be entertained. Fee - \$300 Additional information concerning protests may be found on the CJSA website - [www. CJSA.org](http://www.CJSA.org) - Protests, Section 12. Written complaints may be filed with the CJSA State Office without fee but they will not result in a change of game results.**

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