



**Washington Youth Soccer
 Soccer Oversight Committee Meeting
 January 16th, 2010**

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Roll Call

- Ron Lanabalot – District I Commissioner
- Brad Masters – District II Commissioner
- Warren Wheelock – Interim District III Commissioner
- Kasey O'Leary – District IV Commissioner
- Jack Mathis – District V Commissioner
- Mike Terris – District VI Commissioner
- Steve Seddon – District VII Commissioner
- Jeff Hulse
- Tracy Murphy – Soccer Across WA Chair
- Gail Zimbelman
- Leslie Poirier
- Lance Calloway

Agenda

Approval of minutes for meeting held on November 14, 2009 with an addition that states from Lance Calloway "Some Members of the Soccer Oversight Committee shall include those that are elected at the Annual General Meeting."

Reports

- Diversity – presented by Tracy Murphy – Attached
- TOPSoccer – presented by Marty Torrez – Attached
- District 5 Reorganization – presented by Terry Fisher
 - Job Description for Regional position is being formulated and circulated in draft form for review. Recommendation to consider this change after May AGM was discussed.
- PDL/RCL Update – presented by Terry Fisher
 - Still uncertain conclusion to process, discussion points include recommendation to soften Fall 2010 timeline and be cautious and slow through process
 - Committee had a varied opinion about best path to pursue.
- Strategic Plan Update – presented by Terry Fisher – Attached





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Old Business

- "Carry Over" Language for Discipline – presented by Lance Calloway
 - Rule 605, 1 Discipline adopted unanimously
 - "All sanctioned activities/events of Washington Youth Soccer shall be governed by reports of misconduct"
- Roster Freeze Proposal – presented by Terry Fisher – attached and approved unanimously

New Business

- State Calendar – presented by Terry Fisher – Framework to be brought forward at next meeting for review
- Select/Development Committee – presented by Terry Fisher – to be populated and work to begin as soon as possible
- Recreational/Local Committee - presented by Terry Fisher – to be populated and work to begin as soon as possible
- Technical Proposal – presented by Gary White – Washington Youth Soccer U12 leagues to play 9 v 9 format – attached

Good of the Game

Adjournment at 12:45 PM

Next meeting to be held on February 13, 2010 at 9:00AM



Affiliates:
FIFA
US Soccer Federation
US Youth Soccer

Soccer Across Washington Briefing

Report submitted by Tracy Murphy
1/9/10

SAW held a committee meeting December 16th, Terry, Gary and David also attended; we are working on our 2010 plan. This plan greatly involves David & Gary as we promote the game to the communities and educate the coaches. We have another meeting planned at the end of January.

We have contracted with Bill Umana to coordinate 4 E Clinics (Yakima, Marysville, Tukwila and Vancouver) and one D Clinic in Tukwila. We are excited to work with Bill again to make the Spanish Coaches Clinics a success in 2010.

2010 will be La Liga Hispania's 20th anniversary and we will be working with them to promote a youth tournament at Starfire the weekend of May 7th. We are also working with La Liga Hispania on a Spanish radio soccer program that is one hour a week.

Tacoma United (18) teams: We held all coaches wrap-up meeting December 4th, we had excellent participation and we are starting to formulate the 2010 strategy to increase the numbers of players in Tacoma. Metro Parks in Tacoma will no longer be offering soccer at the older ages; we are working with Nortac, South Tacoma, Tacoma United and TPCJSA to bring these players and coaches into the Washington Youth Soccer family.

I have met with a group and will be working with coaches and administrators in Wenatchee/Leavenworth/Cashmere and have approximately 12 teams that we will be registering this spring. I have also met with and will be working with a group from Marysville; they have approximately 15 teams that we will be registering this spring.

I have met with volunteers from Vancouver, currently Troy Maxcy is heading that group that will promote a camp over Cinco de Mayo weekend in Vancouver, and a month later we will host an E Clinic. We will also promote the E Clinic to the Hispanic coaches in Oregon.

The Sounders FC made a donation of \$6,000.00 to Soccer Across Washington, at this time the money is slotted for goals, paint and nets.

Lastly the community of Brewster is on my radar, and I hope to have a program started there in 2011.

Good of the Game: Tacoma United BU-15 Mojonera won President's Cup. The boys are over the moon – the game went into overtime, and was finally won during kicks from the mark.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact me at

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TOPSoccer Report to Washington Youth Soccer Oversight Committee

January 16, 2010

REPORT

- 1. TOPSoccer Symposium and Region IV Meeting** in Denver, April 9 - 11. Gary is sending David Griffith so that we will have more than one TOPSoccer instructor for Coaches Courses. After David attends we will determine an agenda for the coaches course to be held in conjunction with the NW Cup in Spokane.
- 2. Northwest Cup- Spokane- Aug 14, 11AM to 1 PM-** 3 state committee members will attend
 - Want to incorporate classroom informational sessions or an abbreviated coaches course.
- 3. Contacting Military Installations**
 - **Fairchild- (Spokane) Youth Sports-** left a voice mail with Family Services (no name) contacted them to inform them of Spokane TOPSoccer. No response.
 - **Fort Lewis/McChord-** meeting with Cynthia Williams-Patnoe, Youth sports and Fitness Director, on Wednesday Jan 13
 - **Bremerton and Bangor-** can't find numbers or email for (no on base housing?) have 4 programs in the area.
 - **Everett-** website gives no email or numbers that the public can access as it is restricted. Scott is still trying Everett and Whidbey Island
- 4. Training Video-** hoping to be completed to take to National Convention the end of Feb
- 5. Activity Rings-** hoping to be completed to take to National Convention the end of Feb
- 6. Registration-** will be making changes, meeting with Jill and plan to be live by May 1st.
- 7. Duties of the state committee-** we discussed having committee members take a point of focus instead of all of us doing everything. Points of focus include outreach, liaison with premier programs, referees, coaching education, buddy training and education, facilities, and fund raising to get started. Then each committee member would find their own volunteers to work on their focus point together.
- 8. What can the state do for us?**
 - Encourage Premier/PDL programs to start or adopt a TOPSoccer program.
 - Ask how they can help us secure fields at Arena Sports and ask if we can get a discount for that use.
 - Staff outreach booths at Parks and Rec and similar resource fairs and include TOPSoccer information.
- 9. Presidents Cup-** went very well. Liked having it the same weekend as Finals
- 10. Wenatchee-** gave start up equipment to Mike Osborn

I have a number of issues to discuss under new business

Rule 605 DISCIPLINARY

605.1 Notes and definitions:

- (a) Reports of Misconduct include cautions and sendoff (yellows, reds) and any supplemental reports submitted by the game official(s).
 - (1) Players receive cautions and sendoffs. Players are shown cards.
 - (2) All other participants as defined by WSYSA Rule 214.4 (b) receive either warnings (caution/yellow card equivalent, or dismissals/ejections. (sendoff red card equivalent.) Participants (other than players) are not shown a card.
 - (3) The seasonal year shall be as defined in the WSYSA Bylaws.
- (b) Penalty points will be accumulated over the seasonal year. Yellow cards will be accumulated at one (1) point each, red cards at three (3) points each.
- (a) Any players, coaches or other team officials who are shown the red card/sent off the field of play for a violation of the Laws of the Game, will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled match. A more severe penalty may be applied by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) The referee must send a written report for any carded/cautioned/sent off/warned/ejected players(s), coach, or team officials to the WSYSA disciplinary system within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the match.
- (c) ALL sanctioned activities/events of WSYSA shall be governed by reports of misconduct.

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605.2 Line of Jurisdiction

- (a) Each WSYSA Member Association shall deal with all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by that Member Association.
- (b) Each WSYSA District shall deal with all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by that District.
- (c) Each WSYSA sanctioned tournament shall adjudicate all reports of misconduct arising out of the competition conducted by that tournament.
- (d) Any actions against a player, coach or other team official, or team by Districts or Member Associations that may be cause for the player, coach or other team official, or team to sit out games shall not be considered unless WSYSA is notified of the District or Member Association disciplinary actions(s) fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the WSYSA sanctioned tournament. Any suspensions occurring after the fifteen (15) day window requires immediate notification of WSYSA. If so properly notified in writing, the Tournament Disciplinary Committee shall honor such disciplinary actions as handed down by the respective District or Member Association disciplinary committee.

- (e) A WSYSA Disciplinary Committee shall adjudicate all reports of misconduct arising out of competitions conducted by WSYSA.
- (f) The host District for the Inter-District League(s) (IDL) will administer any disciplinary problems within the League. However, the District Disciplinary Committee must adhere to the WSYSA Penalty Code established in the Governing Documents. Furthermore, any disciplinary action taken against a player, coach or other team official, team, administrator, parent or spectator must be reported to the WSYSA Disciplinary Committee within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the league season.
- (g) Disciplinary includes the satellite committees and WSYSA-administered Disciplinary Committees. Any decision made by a Disciplinary Committee shall be honored by succeeding Disciplinary Committees.

605.3 Sanctions

- (a) Cautions/Yellow Cards
 - (1) Players/coaches that accumulate three yellow cards/warnings during the league season will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled league match. The player/coach will sit out one additional match for each additional yellow card/warning received during the league or cup season.
 - (2) Yellow card/warning accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player or coach receiving their third or subsequent yellow card/warning in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next match. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) Ejections/Red Cards
 - (1) Players/coaches receiving a red card/dismissal, will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled match.
 - (2) Sanctions: The Disciplinary Committee may not impose a sanction that exceeds those provided herein (minimums) without notice and an opportunity for a hearing. A more severe sanction may be imposed for more serious offenses. The Disciplinary Committee may also forward any report of misconduct on to any appropriate committee, and shall forward any cases involving assault or abuse under USSF 531-9 or WSYSA Rule 214.4 to the WSYSA Appeals Committee.
- (A) **SERIOUS FOUL PLAY**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: when a player, in a violent or dangerous manner intentionally holds, trips, pushes, charges or tackles an opponent from behind.

- (B) **VIOLENT CONDUCT**
Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Examples include but are not necessarily limited to: striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator, or unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.
- (C) **SPITTING AT ANOTHER PERSON**
 - (i) Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches for spitting at another person.
 - (ii) Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches for spitting on another person.
- (D) **DENYING GOAL BY HANDLING THE BALL**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
- (E) **DENYING GOAL BY OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
- (F) **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**
 - (i) Player: Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: not directed at another. Foul or abusive language said loud enough for the game official to hear, but not directed at a specific individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
 - (ii) Player: Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: directed at another. Word or actions directed at an individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
 - (iii) Player: Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches
Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of four (4) matches
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: directed at a referee. Word or actions directed at an individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs. Includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.
- (G) **SECOND CAUTION/WARNING**
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match. Receives a second caution in the same match, resulting in a red card ejection.

605.4 Point Violations

- (a) When a player/coach accumulates points as provide for in 605.4(b), (c), (d) or (e) below, the player or coach will be required to attend a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee to determine if the player or coach should be suspended for a term not to exceed the remainder of the current seasonal year and the subsequent seasonal year. The Disciplinary Committee has the option of suspending the player/coach, but allowing any suspended player/coach to participate under probation. Should the player/coach violate the probation, the Disciplinary Committee will notify the player/coach of the reinstatement of the balance of the original suspension. The player/coach may file a petition for reinstatement of their eligibility to compete on any team, or coach within WSYSA, accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 for a player and \$250.00 for a coach.
- (b) Players/coaches that accumulate three red cards/ejections in a seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (c) Players that accumulate seven (7) points from red and/or yellow card accumulation during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (d) A coach of a team receiving fifteen (15) points accumulated from red and/or yellow cards during the seasonal year, will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- (e) The coach of a team that has four players who received red cards during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Roster Freeze Date

In the past, Roster freeze dates were established for teams prior to Cup for a number of reasons that are no longer relevant.

The mission statement of the State is currently set to remove barriers to player movement to the appropriate level of play.

However, providing unlimited player movement between teams without proper constraints may lead to more recruiting abuses and the devaluation of players with current commitments.

Moreover, as it was expressed in the last oversight committee meeting, a set date for player audits (the establishment of fees) was most commonly referred to as the roster freeze date, which confused that function with Cup eligibility issues.

So, as a simple proposal, we should redefine the two separate functions.

- 1) Roster freeze dates should be defined as the date that Cup eligibility for all players on the roster to that team is made final. My recommendation would be to establish this standard as 1 month prior to the start of the Cup tournament that team is entered into.
- 2) Player audit dates should be defined as the date that player counts for Associations are authorized as legitimate for player fees. I would suggest that this date be established as October 1st and/or March 1st if we are to include girls HS teams that may only be playing in spring season prior to Cup.

For possible further review of the oversight committee is the function of transfer and added player limits for teams. This may need either a separate date to demarcate those transitions or a redefinition of the rule under the Seamless Soccer guidelines. A question that comes to mind is should it be on a team or a club or an Association basis? What is the desired function of a limit to player movement in a system that expresses its foundation in a player's freedom of movement between levels?

League Roster Freeze dates will be September 31st each year.

Roster Freeze dates for State Cup Play will be Monday prior to the first game, at 5:00 PM that day per age group and gender.

Technical Proposal

Washington Youth Soccer U12 leagues to play 9 v 9 formats

The move to a 9 v 9 format is recommended both by US Youth Soccer and US Soccer and the research I have done supports the theory that the small-sided games principle is based on sound educational and developmental evidence.

Children learn in a progressive and sequential way using a building block approach. According to existing research the belief is very much that the 11-a-side game is a game designed by adults for adults and should be seen as the last part of the learning journey. According to current research (Winter; Insight,; Manchester United), the ability of children to make decisions in a difficult, ever changing environment will be dictated by their developmental age, their preparation and the complexity of the situation. Professional educators and soccer coaches from around the world agree that the small-sided game is the best developmental tool for the younger youth player considering all the information. At U12 the 9 v 9 game will serve as a better means of teaching the technical and tactical [decision making] parts of the game in preparation for the 11 v11 format at U13 and above.

Top educators believe that the large size of an eleven-a-side pitch, even at its smallest dimensions is too big for children U12, due to the fact that they spend large amounts of time running around or standing still without even touching the ball with very limited passing interaction as well as skill and technical development. The limited time a child touches the ball will not allow appropriate time to develop the basic skills of which many of our international counterparts carry out so successfully. Ultimately, this has resulted in relatively low skill levels amongst young players in Washington and the nation, which in turns leads to a number of children becoming disenchanted and leaving our sport.

Some Thoughts about the U12 Player

The U-12 age group seems to be the stage in youth soccer that causes the most discussion concerning player development. Are these players young adults or are they still children? As soccer players, they are still very young. Although there are some areas of the game where the players are beginning to make progress, this is an age where ball skill and soccer instincts must be encouraged above the results. Physically, eleven and twelve year olds' bodies are beginning to change. Often, this results in awkward growth spurts, rapid bone growth often results in painful joint conditions such as Osgood-Schlotters syndrome in the knees.

Consider This: At the latter stages of the youth level (U-10 through U-12), the goal is to provide training and game environments that promote the continued growth of ball skill, an increased game awareness, and an appreciation for taking calculated risks in the attack creating an environment that the players enjoy. The smaller -sided game model at U12 is an effective method for developing ball skill and game awareness because it increases opportunities for players to have contact with the ball and to both attack and defend without the tactical regimentation that can occur in 11 v 11 soccer.

GAME APPLICATION

Game Form: 9 v 9

Game Duration: 2 X 30

Substitution: Free

GK Status: GK share time in order of priority

Field Size: 55-60x80-85 yards for 9v9 (U-12)

Ball Size: 4