

Washington Youth Soccer

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Terry Fisher Executive Director, CEO

Oversight Committee Meeting October 3, 3009

Meeting called to order

Roll Call:

Present were:
Doug Andreassen
Terry Fisher
Brenda Heintz
Troy Maxcy
Jan Glick
Lance Calloway
Tracy Murphy
Ron Lambalot

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Agenda Items:

Teams playing in OR

Troy Maxcy proposed:

Teams playing in OYSA Fall League, Washington Youth Soccer State Cups minimum placement proposal:

Teams qualified for Premier Gold or Silver may enter into the US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships or Washington Youth Soccer Challenge Cup.

Teams qualified for Division I, II or Classic may enter into the US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships, Washington Youth Soccer Challenge Cup or Commissioners' Cup.

Proposed by Troy Maxcy, seconded and passed with one abstention.

 Commissioners' Cup rules: Gail Rules passed as updated

3) State Calendar: Kasey

D4 White paper (attached): Discuss within districts and come back next meeting

Discussion of adjustments going forward

D4 proposal for girls calendar; Lance indicates boys have same problems; Stu – tryout

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Terry Fisher Executive Director, CEO calendar needs to be set by the top tier, otherwise too much churn on the lower level teams

4) PDL: Terry

Dual registration

Tom Ament has document to disseminate by Sunday night Meeting with PDL on Thursday

5) Technical Director: Terry

Gary White hired as TD; start Nov 1

17 candidates evaluated; not all with interviews

No info on candidates provided to committee per August meeting request

6) League Fees

Lance to look at proposal for tiered player fee – select vs. rec

Troy not in favor

RTC is no fee system run by state and Sounders; fundraising to establish a fund to enable it to be \$0 to each organization

7) Player cards

Liability issue for illegal player Discussion of membership cards and their need Should be able to just use "official" rosters

Also potential liability dealing with membership cards

Unplanned Items:

- 1) Discussion of subcommittees
- 2) Communications person hire is on hold
- 3) Tournament cards/administration; Lance to chair committee
- 4) CAP info to go on website next week
- 5) Governance board looking for recommendations for more members
- 6) Discussion of relationship with Sounders; overbranding?
- Operating document committee should have an updated set of documents coming soon

Adjournment

Next Meetings November 14, 2009 at 9:00am and December 12, 2009 at 8:00am.

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Problem:

Current Washington Youth Soccer policy on tryouts prohibit any tryouts for the formation of competitive teams until one week after the final game of the Championship Cup – currently scheduled to be held in early May. This delays team formation for all competitive teams in the state and greatly shortens the summer tournament season.

Discussion:

Changes were made to the state soccer calendar prior to the 2008/2009 fall season. Those changes affected cup dates – moving the Challenge and Championship Cups to effectively the spring (April-May time frame). While this is agreed by most to be a very positive move for the Championship Cup and its participating teams – allowing those teams who do well in our Championship Cup to now go basically directly from the state's Championship Cup into Regional's, it has a negative effect on the remainder of the competitive community within the state. The negative effect is created by the existing Washington Youth Soccer policy on tryouts for the formation of competitive teams within the state. Due to these changes last year, the long established running of the Viking Cup in the North Kitsap area over Memorial Day Weekend came to an end. As none of the competitive teams that typically attended the Viking Cup in the past were allowed to conduct their annual tryouts until the conclusion of the Championship Cup, none of them had yet completed their team formation process prior to Memorial Day Weekend. This in effect is a great example of the Tail wagging the Dog. In effect, we are preventing a majority of our competitive players/teams from conducting their normal business by the relatively small number of teams participating at the Championship Cup level.

Let's take a look at the current Washington Youth Soccer policy. This policy effectively delays/prohibits tryouts for all but a very small number of teams who are still completing in the last stages of Championship Cup. The supposed purpose behind this policy is to ensure that the highest caliber teams in the state are complete with Championship Cup and thus allowed equal access to the entire tryout player pool. The implication seems to be that Championship Cup teams fear they would lose players if tryouts were held and they could not participate or that players trying out and being accepted to non-Championship Cup teams would possibly not tryout later and be accepted to Championship Cup teams. This would potentially cause clashes between clubs/teams vying for players. So, to prevent this possibility or potential of conflict by a very small number of players/teams, we have instead imposed this forced delay in the tryout process for a majority of our competitive players (the Tail wagging the Dog). This does not seem fair or reasonable as this also effects the summer tournament season within the state. A tournament season

that has evolved over the years to suit our members desire to compete and prepare for the upcoming Fall Season and to allow those who host such events to raise the capital they need to operate their organizations throughout the entire year. Money brought in by these tournaments helps pay for player and coach training, fields, equipment and even scholarships both for high school seniors and players who may not otherwise be able to afford to play. This does not include the positive financial and visibility advantages to the local communities where the tournaments are held.

Resolution:

Many have noted solutions for the problems identified above. Basically we have two distinct items to consider in addressing them. First and foremost, we must address the current policy concerning tryout dates for the formation of competitive teams. Second we should again look at the Calendar regarding the Cup dates. Why has the Challenge Cup been delayed? Why should it not be played at or around the same time as the Commissioners Cup? None of the Challenge Cup winners are moving on to any Regional Cup competition, so why delay?

We would request that the Washington Youth Soccer Oversight Committee reevaluate the current policy affecting competitive team tryouts and see what can be done to remove the detrimental effect the existing policy has had on the Viking Cup as well as other long standing tournaments. Any change that would allow a majority of the competitive teams across the state to commence their team formation processes commencing in March as they had in years past should allow for the return of the early summer tournaments (Viking Cup and others). If youth soccer within Washington Youth Soccer is to flourish, this problem must be solved and solved now.

This proposal does not recommend any changes to the current Recreational state program or tournament (President's Cup).