

ASA Rec Committee Meeting

May 6, 2014

Attendees: John Mingus, Tiffany Sawers, Matt Craig, Mary Bevis, Tommy Lo, Sharon Davidson, Chad Gent, Dave Hurren, Bob Bigney, Chuck Schulz, David Gould, Ron Malachowski, Chris Madison, Phil McCarty (Revs), Dan Lopez, Justin Wilt, Dave Turvene (Revs).

The meeting started at 7:33pm.

1) SELECT PLAYERS

Dave Hurren made a motion to discuss changes to the three bullets proposed in Dave's document. The committee approved.

- a) Timing: when can a player's select status change? The current policy does not specify the timing. Bob suggested that the travel and ADP programs make it clear to the kids being offered that, because there are limits on the number of select players on rec teams, accepting the invitation to join the travel/developmental program could impact their participation on their recreational team. David Gould spent many hours in the fall researching how often rec teams are over the select limit but have not reported accurately and found the occurrence to be very rare. However, there were a large number of select players who were not marked as select in their rec registration; this occurred primarily because they accepted the invitation to join select after they had already registered for rec. For the most part, this did not put the rec teams over their select limit. Dave Hurren proposed adding a timing clarification as follows: "For the purposes of an upcoming season, a player's select status is determined as of that season's Team Formation Date." The proposal passed with one vote against. Chuck will update the admin document.
- b) Select Status Verification: this issue will be tabled until the database is enhanced to support the cross-checking of select status between the select and rec programs.
- c) Roster Priority: this is already in the rules. The select players for a rec team are granted on a registration first come first serve basis utilizing their rec team registration date not the select team acceptance date. This means that given a team with one over the select limit, the last player to accept an invitation to join select might have priority over other select players if they registered for rec first. The other select players may even have been existing select players for years. There was some concern expressed about this scenario. Chris Madison says that Falls Church gives priority to the existing select players.

David Gould would like more information surrounding the entire select player issue. David would like to hear from the community and other clubs.

2) AGE GROUP ASSISTANTS

John Mingus drafted a proposal and emailed it to everyone. The committee decided to pilot the program for 1st, 3rd and 6th grades if possible depending on the volunteers that are interested.

3) AGE VERIFICATION

The ASA Board asked the staff to develop 3 options to verify ages. Age verification can be done electronically or by coming into the office. A player can't be assigned to a team until the age is verified. The age verification will be done in phases based on age group. The first phase will possibly be targeted to K, 1st and new players. Another facet of the verification will be to perform name verification to identify a consistent name to attach to a player over their playing career.

4) TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP

Tommy will take the lead on developing a process for rolling out and executing a means for identifying and highlighting sportsmanship award winners.

5) DIVISION PLACEMENT IN 1ST GRADE

1st grade AGA will assist with division placement in 1st grade to ensure more balanced games. AGAs for all age groups can assist with division placement.

6) STORAGE POLICY

Club managers should work with ASA staff to get storage space for their club's equipment.

7) MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER WORKING GROUP

There are kids new to Arlington or ASA and there is no connection to these kids since none of the rec clubs are closely tied to the middle schools as they are with the elementary schools. Justin proposes a working group to connect with the middle schools to get the word out and to advocate for ASA soccer. ASA could also provide assistance to the middle school resources. Tiffany Sawers volunteered to help with this. More volunteers will be sought, particularly among coaches. Volunteers do not have to be a club manager.

8) BOB'S STUFF

Bob is doing some pre-K soccer programs in affordable housing areas via the Arlington County Dept of Health.

Bob reviewed the idea of a staff person to provide assistance to K coaches and families.

Bob reviewed the idea of the club head coach.

Bob reviewed the idea of a junior soccer coach program for high school kids interested in coaching. These kids could then move on to be assistant and head coaches.

9) ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Chuck will update the admin document with the changes from today.

ASA banquet is June 8th. Justin will need the volunteer of the year award nominees from each club.

June 9th is the ASA membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.