

Rec Committee Meeting 1/10/12

Present: Lions, PK, AK, Revs, Optimists, South Arlington, Tornados

### **1) Special Requests**

The rules will be updated to allow each team to request make requests for

- a) Two half-day segments (I.e., Saturday AM, Saturday PM) or
- b) one complete weekend bye

As managers we will need to closely police requests to ensure that

- a) each team only gets 2
- b) the request is legitimate and will result in a team having fewer than the number of players on the field available (i.e., 11 for U13, 8 for U11, 6 for U9).

*Passed unanimously*

### **2) Matchup games**

The rules will be amended so that for U9 and up, divisions with 8 teams or fewer will end the season with a single match-up game (1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, etc). These games will be hardcoded in the system and *no special requests will be allowed that weekend. Also, for coaches with 2 or more teams, these games will not be de-conflicted.*

*Passed unanimously*

### **3) Red Card**

The Rules will be updated to include the following language:

- ***A player receiving a red card may be subject to additional penalties imposed by ASA staff, the ASA Recreational Committee, the ASA Board of Directors and/or their established subgroups.***
  
- ***Referees for all ASA games will be instructed that, if the behavior of a coach, assistant coach or spectator, in the opinion of the referee, violates the ASA Code of Conduct, the referee may show that person a red card and require the person to leave the playing area before the game continues. Failure to comply with the referee's instructions will be cause to terminate the game.***

***(see also: Conduct of Coaches; Conduct of Adults)***

*Passed unanimously*

### **4) Uniform Discussion**

ASA is looking into a centralized uniform distribution system.

Cost of uniforms would be included within the current registration fee.

Exact details need to be worked out but likely process would involve coaches picking up uniforms from a central location in late August. A local partner would be used to warehouse additional uniforms.

Club colors would be maintained. This creates a major sponsorship opportunity. The managers present appeared generally supportive of this proposal. Justin is to contact the managers who were not present to discuss the proposal.

#### **5) Earlybird Discount**

No strong sentiment for offering earlybird discount

#### **6) Date automatic placement turns off**

Automatic placement will stop February 29

Club managers are reminded that any exceptions for players not playing their age/grade need to be sent to Bob Bigney for approval. This includes players currently on teams.

#### **7) Coach Recruitment/Volunteer Coaches**

As volunteer coaches come in, Bob will vet them and encourage them to sign up. It was noted that if they are in the pending assignment pool, managers can't reach out and assign them and currently need to get staff assistance. Way to reach out to these coaches and allow managers to access information will be explored./

#### **8) Fall Survey Results**

Big takeaway-- coaches are key sources of information. As managers we need to remember this and use them as a conduit to get information to parents.

#### **9) Challenge Program Survey Results**

Chris shared results.

Most participants said they had interest in participating in one time of program or another. Decision was made to keep the discussions about program going.

Decision was made that to get this program going will take input from Travel, Rec and the Board.

Decision was made to take proposal to board to set up an ASA-wide task team to get program started with a goal of starting in fall 2013.