

NRASL JULY 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 16,2012

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PRESENT: C. Moore, G. Panagiotou, J. Jedlicka, B. Smith, C.Jackson, J. Vanover, W. FOx, D. Schuster, J. Hassler, G. Fry, H. Schnell, S. Pangrac, P. Graham,M. Smith

President: Jeff Grau- Continental Cup. Letter from Mayor Gillock thanking us for working to support the Cup. Raised \$1248.00 in concessions and \$500.00 for hosting.

In-House Season : Next Meeting August 20th. Online Reg will end on the 19th. Start Sept. 8-Oct. 13.

Coaches meeting will be August 27th. 6:30pm Root Rd.

Round Table will be August 19th at 7 at Cindy Jackson's house.

Wayne to do flyer for Coaches meeting , will need field layout with numbers. Coaches schedule, t-shirt colors/order will need to be completed.

George to check on training sites and possible switch with football.

Voting/Nomination Changes: Proposed to not have write ins.2nd and approved. In August we will discuss Nominations Committee. If someone wants to run than their intention must be in by October so that they know who their opponent is and explain why they are running etc.

Question as to if Secretary should be changed to voting position.

Apparel: Marcie Smith- Mehco \$6.00 for shirts. Unico \$6-7 depending on size. Board voted to use Mehco as provider. 80 uniforms ordered. Balls in end of month.

Commissioner: Wayne Fox- Saturday August 18th will be Referee Clinic. First 40 kids will be taken. Adults that register do not have to do clinic.

Registrar: Cindy Jackson- About 30 registrations were received at Library.

Cindy to do new contact list.

DOC: Everett Palache- working to update material for the U5/U6 Academy. Possible procoach to oversee the program

VP: George Panagiotou- Tourney Meeting

Admin. met today. As of this point 29 teams are registered, 8 not NR. Victory Park will not be used. Will be at Liberty if needed.

(2) 11v11 at Lear

(2) 8v8

(3) 6v6

(2) U8 modified Will be set for Travel and Tournament

Boys Player Dev.:- Chris Moore was appointed by Jeff Gray and all approved.

2 Options for Travel Training: Back field cut/lined or in the Fall/Spring split boys and girls btwn Victory and Root or Lear. Possible on different nights.

Grau to talk to Miguel about Victory fields.

Boys Travel Director: Greg Fry- Travel revisions - voted and all approved. Paperwork and payments are in. Game 1 August 19th.

NRASL TRAVEL SOCCER PROGRAM RULES AND PROCEDURES

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. Players must reside in the City of North Ridgeville or attend school in the City of North Ridgeville.

i. If player does not reside or attend school in North Ridgeville and roster space is available, the Travel Director, at their discretion, may allow the player to participate.

B. Players must attend a try-out EACH year. Tryouts are held in May or June for the following Fall/Spring season.

C. Players shall meet the appropriate age requirements as specified by their League (Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League (NOGSL), American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) or Lorain County Soccer League (LCSL)).

D. Players must fill out applicable forms including NRASL Registration form, NRASL Application, medical release, and any other forms as deemed appropriate by NRASL or the respective leagues.

E. Players must try-out in the age or grade appropriate group unless otherwise determined by the Player Development Committee (Travel Director, Director of Coaching, and Technical Directors).

F. All players must play in their birth age requirement, no playing down in age. Exceptions will only be made for playing up, and only with the approval of the Player Development Committee. "Dual Carding" will be allowed as needed for team formation.

II. TRY-OUTS

- A. All eligible players will be notified of travel soccer try-outs through www.nrasl.com, school flyers, and/or e-mail.
- B. The Travel Director will determine the dates and times of the try-out. This will be in May or June.
- C. The Travel Director along with the rest of the Player Development Committee will plan, staff and organize try-outs. Members of the Player Development Committee (defined herein) will assist at the try-out noting the number of boys/girls trying out in the various age groups and skill levels exhibited.
- D. The 1st team head coach shall be part of the evaluation process during tryouts along with the Player Development Committee. Assistant coaches and other head coaches within the age group shall manage the players/activities during the tryouts.
- E. All forms and the registration payment are due at the time of tryouts.
- F. Players will be evaluated on their technical, tactical, mental, and physical abilities.
- G. Players must be evaluated in performance, in actual game-like conditions.
- H. Players unable to participate in try-out due to injury, moving into the City of North Ridgeville, etc., may be given a special try-out by the individual coach for that age group, if room on the roster permits. The Travel Director shall coordinate the try-out.
- I. Travel coaches shall notify all candidates either in person, by phone or by e-mail, the results of the try-out within two weeks of the conclusion of the current travel season. Additional time may be granted for the selection of multiple teams where appropriate and necessary.
- J. The NRASL wishes to encourage the maximum participation reasonably possible. The number of players carried on a roster shall not exceed that permitted by the League in which the team is entered. 1st and Reserve team(s) teams will be determined after the try-out by the Player Development Committee. Teams shall be composed of players with similar abilities, typically with the 1st team being

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composed of the better players. There shall not be more than three teams per age group.

III. LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

A. The Travel Director will recommend the specific Leagues and number of Leagues to be entered to the Board upon completion of try-outs.

- i. NOGSL - Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League
- ii. AASL - American Amateur Soccer League
- iii. LCSL - Lorain County Soccer League

B. The Board will vote on the Leagues based on the recommendations of the Travel Director.

C. The Travel Director will recommend a representative to each League in which NRASL Travel Soccer teams participate. In the event no volunteer comes forward to accept appointment, the representative shall come from the U12 1st team participating in that League. The alternate representative, if no volunteer comes forward, shall come from the U11 1st team participating in that League. League representatives shall serve a one-year term beginning each try-out.

IV. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. The Player Development Committee shall carry out the functions as stated in these rules and to otherwise assist the NRASL and the Travel Director in the administration of the NRASL Travel Soccer Program.

B. The composition of the NRASL Player Development Committee shall be:

- i. Travel Director(s)
- ii. Director of Coaching
- iii. Technical Director(s)

V. TRAVEL TEAMS

A. At the try-outs, the Player Development Committee will determine the number of travel teams that can be accommodated, given the field availability and number of players that will be trying out for that age level, as well as other relevant factors, such as coaches. This would warrant everyone wanting to be part of the travel team at that age would have the opportunity. Team(s) for each age group will be filled depending on interest at that age. Additional team(s) authorized for each year will depend upon the number of qualified players available, past performance of the team and coaching availability. The Player Development Committee shall make recommendation of the number of teams to field as soon as reasonably practical following try-outs. Recommendations on the team formation will be determined by the try-out and player evaluations conducted by the prior year coaches.

B. A copy of the final team roster, all information obtained during try-outs and any additional comments by the coach will be given to the Travel Director. The Travel Director will keep the records on file.

C. Proposed roster(s) shall be presented to the Player Development Committee and the 1st team head coach by the Travel Director. Final approval of rosters by two-thirds majority of the Player Development Committee is required.

D. This procedure will be followed each subsequent year.

E. Travel teams will be selected for a one-year time period or as determined by the League entered.

F. All teams must meet the requirements of the League entered.

G. All teams will be determined by birth years only that coincide with Leagues to be entered into.

H. All teams will be recognized and named, "North Ridgeville".

I. Travel teams entering tournaments will be referred to as, "North Ridgeville", to tournament directors.

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VI. PLAYERS

- A. Players must play on the team in the age bracket set by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN) or grade appropriate team. All special requests will then be reviewed and decided by the Player Development Committee, all proposals of teams will then be presented to the Board for approval.
- B. If during the course of a season there are no longer enough players to continue fielding a team, roster changes are permitted. Roster changes are at the discretion of the coaches affected and the Travel Director, and must be approved by the Board so no unethical situations transpire.
- C. Age appropriate players must fill teams first. Dual carding of players, specifically to form two teams, will only be done on a limited basis, and with prior approval of the Board. Players must be placed (rostered) on the age appropriate team.
- D. Fees assessed for teams that are created must be paid by two weeks after the original try-out.
- E. The NRASL Travel Soccer Program Agreement and Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to the Travel Director at tryouts.

VII. COACHES

- A. Persons interested in coaching a travel team shall submit a letter/registration form to the Travel Director. The Director of Coaching will evaluate all applicants and submit his decision to the Travel Director.
- B. Criteria for travel team coaches will be filled based upon:
- i. Qualifications; background in coaching, coaching licenses, knowledge of the game
 - ii. Approval of the Risk Management program (Required form from all Leagues)
 - iii. Appropriate NRASL Travel Soccer Coaching Forms
- C. Returning coaches will have priority for the birth year they coached the prior season. This is subject to approval of the Director of Coaching and Travel Director based on criteria above.
- D. All travel team head coaches and assistant coaches must have a minimum of an United States Soccer Federation (USSF)/OYSAN U9 to U12 Coaching Certificate complete within one year after being named a coach. This is in accordance to the NOGSL, AASL and LCSL, respectively. By the end of the U12 season, the NRASL encourages that the coach from that U12 team further his training by taking the USSF/OYASN D Course and obtain the D Certificate. Equivalent coaching certification may be substituted American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) or National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association (NSCAA). The coaching license will fall under the direction of the NRASL Coaching Director and his/her plan of preparing travel coaches. Additionally, travel team head coaches and assistant coaches shall meet all certification requirements of the Leagues and tournaments in which their teams are entered.
- E. Failure to meet the certification requirements constitutes grounds for dismissal.

F. Assistant coaches are selected based on the recommendation of head coaches and the approval of the Director of Coaching and the Travel Director. Official assistant coaches will be listed on the team roster(s) and will have the same rights and privileges accorded to head coaches. Conversely, they are required to act in accordance with the procedures and NRASL philosophies on travel teams, based on the same requirements head coaches meet according to B, C, and D above.

G. In the event someone wants to register a complaint involving a travel coach, parent or player, the complaint shall be in writing to the Travel Director with a copy to Director of Coaching. The Travel Director shall first discuss the complaint with that coach, player or parent involved. If any persons are

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dissatisfied with the recommendations and actions of Travel Director and Director of Coaching, the matter shall be submitted in writing to the Board.

H. All problems involving policies, procedures, decisions and/or disciplinary actions shall be submitted in writing by the coach or parent to the Travel Director. If a member of the Board is involved in the problem he/she will step aside until matter is resolved. The report will be signed, dated and notarized by parties involved, and then submitted to the Board to keep on file for three years with the NRASL Commissioner.

VIII. FEES

A. Travel fees will be determined by the Board based on fair and equal estimation of expenses.

B. Each team will be responsible for its own tournament fees.

IX. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

A. A coaching package per team as determined by the Travel Director and approved by the Board.

B. Field to conduct practices, and to play games, including any necessary permits.

C. Paint for lining of fields, corner flags and goals.

X. CONDUCT

A. Travel team soccer players and coaches shall adhere to the Code of Conduct prescribed by:

i. The League

ii. The NRASL

B. Complaints from the Leagues about players, coaches and parents will be referred to the Travel Director. The Travel Director will then report the issue to the Board for a resolution of the matter.

C. Coaches set the tone for everyone associated with their team, players, parents and spectators. Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the philosophy of the NRASL.

XI. RULES

A. All rules such as stated below, but is not excluding others, shall be in accordance with OYSAN guidelines or the specific League.

i. Duration of the game

ii. Rosters

iii. Sites of games and practices

iv. Uniforms

v. Timing

- vi. Ball
- vii. Schedule changes
- viii. Officials
- ix. Seasons
- x. Team and spectator positions
- xi. Ejections, suspensions and expulsions

XII. UNIFORMS

A. Travel uniforms will be purchased by all players/parents that are participating in the NRASL Travel Soccer Program.

a. Uniform Package will consist of uniform jersey, alternate jersey, shorts, and two pairs of socks. Optional items shall be hoodie/jacket and an equipment bag.

B. All orders for travel will be done by the Uniform Coordinator.

C. NRASL Travel Soccer Program colors will be navy blue and gold. These are our prominent colors to be used in travel uniforms. White trim and accents may be
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utilized. For a particular age group, the uniform shall be the same for those with a unique jersey number given to each player in that age group. NO sponsor logos, advertising or insignias, other than the manufacturer's mark and NRASL Travel Logo (if provided) shall be placed on the uniforms. NO DEVIATIONS! OYSAN nor respective Leagues, do not allow sponsorships on youth uniforms. A banner could be used and set up at games to recognize sponsorships of teams.

XIII. PROCEDURES

A. Each player shall register at tryouts providing a copy of their birth certificate and signature. Forms can be obtained and submitted to the Travel Director or the League representatives. Coaches will also receive copies of emergency contact forms.

B. The NRASL is to assess fees to cover the cost of uniforms, League fees, equipment and any other needs of their team(s).

C. Preliminary schedules shall be released to coaches within a week of release from the travel leagues. It is the coaches' responsibility to review the preliminary schedule within a week of receipt for school or other events that might lead to large absences on game day.

D. Any changes in game time or date must be communicated by the head coach to the League representatives and Travel Director within a week of receipt of the schedule. Every effort must be made to play games as initially scheduled. Multiple changes are especially discouraged. Any cost incurred due to game changes, field set up changes, etc. shall be charged to the travel team.

E. NRASL will provide to the Travel Director with the referee fees needed for the games. Fees will be provided to the travel coaches.

F. NRASL will provide head coaches with 24 cones, 12 penneys, a whistle, gameball, backpack, dry-erase clipboard, coaching shirt, first aid kit with cold packs. Gameballs and first aid kits will be provided annually.

Voted on and agreed original date May 2005

Revised March 2008:db

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Revision May 2012: gdf and jch

Revision July 2012: gdf

Field Manager: Pat Graham-Painted fields last week in July. (Continental Cup took 5 hrs)

Need to order 8x24 nets- Brett for price \$1800? Good on paint have about 25 gallons of the paint but need city sprayer for that goes with that paint.

Have 10 of ours.

Academy Director: Scott Pangrac- Need to replace Pug goals. Coaches packets. Electronic for drills etc to save on paper but will need to copy schedules, flyers, contact info.

Concessions: Holly Schnell- Still have some stuff from C. Cup. Need times and schedules of Tourney games. Bag Tags taken care of.

Secretary: Judy Vanover- No Report

Web Master/Girls Travel Dir: Jeff Hassler- Girls Schedule comes out the 20th. Start the 26th. (4) U9 teams . Need coach for the 4th team. will have 8v8 U14 team.

AASL Rep. : Debi Schuster- deadline for game changes is Friday. Tri-City will consist of Brookpark and Berea players. Need travel birth certificates. Cindy will get to her.

NOGSL Rep: Brett Smith-

5% coupon for Lone Tree for those that bring in they will give back to us. Met with Crushers. Donating \$500 for Auction for us. Have \$9 seats and if we buy 500 tickets at \$9.00 they will give us \$ back. We can rent out whole park of 3000 seats, dunk tank , mascot , set up goals for us there and kids get to play with he players. Championship game under the lights at some point, all star night under the lights.

Treasurer: Jeff Jedlicka- Account balanced.

Adjourned at 11:17pm