

NBSC 04/07/16 Travel Coaches Spring Meeting

Board Members Present- Erskine Glover, Rona Hales, Archie Mattis, and Carlos Almeida.

President – Erskine welcomed all. He has the remaining home game cards to distribute. We are behind in collecting tuition and fees from a lot of teams. These teams need to make their payments within the next two weeks. He told the Coaches to get the fees caught up. Get the payment information from Archie. He hoped we all had a good indoor training experience. There will be a new uniform package beginning fall 2016. We will know soon if yellow is an option. White is thinner and gets dirtier easier. Still working on if whether the logo will be heat sealed or a patch. The American flag will also be placed on the apparel as well. Larry just got a 3 year deal with Adidas, where NBSC will receive approximately \$10-\$11,000.00 back from them, for Coaches shirts, jackets, etc. Coaches need to encourage parents to buy from Soccer Post. Coaches need to wear Adidas gear on the sidelines at the games. All players need to purchase this package. The tops, shorts and socks will be different, while the warm up will still be the same. The Board will distribute the numbers that are to be used, this will stop any duplicates. There will be no names on the backs. It originally was a safety issue, but now it is a cost issue as well. Some Coaches requested a change in this, allowing teams to pay the difference to have the names placed on the backs. Erskine will get back to the Coaches with an answer. EDP and MAPS uniforms will be customized, meaning they may not have home and away shirts since the each team's shirts will be so unique. Please note that these uniforms will cost more. Any "headers" being taken by any player, U10 and under, will result in the other team getting an indirect kick.

Travel Try-Outs – the first round will be held on 05/03/16 and 05/04/16. Parents will be notified of the results by 05/06/16 if they child made it to the second round happening about a week and a half later, during the week of 05/16/16. Older group try-outs, U15+, will occur on dates different than those stated. Those coaches need to lock down a commitment in June with a non-refundable registration deposit. Older teams may have more Trainer/Coach situations. Try-outs will be age run. We will have true age groups as much as possible. Some players will have the availability to play up. U9, U10, U11, and U12 can play up. Those results will be given out and all players need to be signed by Memorial Day. Players trying out will be evaluated by the Trainers. Erskine, Archie, and Oscar will discuss the results and inform the Coaches. We all need to realize that there may be some hard conversations with Coaches and the try-out players, along with their parents. Erskine stated that our goal is to have at least 1 team at each age group, U8-U20, to develop the teams with travel caliber players. Not to have an "A" and "B" team so far removed from each other. We must rebuild our girl's program.

U6/U7 – Erskine is concerned that we are not ready for this young age in travel and what would this do to the Rec. program. MNJYSA made this structure where the two versing teams, 12-14 players on each team, will actually be playing 2 games simultaneously, 4v4. Bringing in younger ages will also bring in additional costs for training. A discussion ensued regarding this topic. Player costs, trainings, and commitments are factors that need to be considered. U7 may be a better place for us to start. The new calendar ages and different sized fields for our Rec. program will begin in the fall 2016. This will keep Rec. in line with Travel.

Cancellations – for games, only the Township closing the fields, or the Referees, can cancel a game. No one else can do that. Our town is getting a reputation of having last minute issues regarding games. This season, we have less flexibility with our home game schedule, due to EDP and MAPS. Make up games can occur after 3:30pm at Community Park on Saturdays, and the Work House on Weeknights (same night as the team's training), and Saturdays. For trainings, only the Township closing the fields, or the Board, can cancel trainings. Coaches do not have the authority to cancel trainer run trainings, but they can cancel a practice that a trainer is not scheduled to run, only the coach.