

Attendance: Carolyn Mandarano, Anthony Leuci, John Premus, Eric Poupon, Derek Bobowick

CFC WEST PROGRAM (Girls and Boys)

1. Girls Development Academy, Monday 6-7pm @NMS, April 18th start
2. Boys Development Academy
 - a. Girls Teams: U11 – U13 (one team @ each age group)
 - b. Boys teams: U12 – U15 (two teams @ U12 only)

RECREATION UPDATE

1. Spring Season registration – 140 new players, 49 in rec
2. Uniforms U4 and U5
3. Spring Rec+

TRAVEL LEAGUE

1. Boys & Girls U16/U19 Travel teams (need any Coaches, Managers)
 - a. All covered
2. Spring Brackets / Placement – are we good?
 - a. We are all set
3. Trainer Contract Agreement – status on signatures

MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT (MMD) – May 28/29

1. We have just over 60 teams signed up so far, the goal is to have 96 teams registered
2. Will we have food coupons for referees that will be working the tournament?

REFEREE UPDATE

1. Spring Preparation & MMD
2. Heading Policy Enforcement
 - a. All the referees were trained on the new policy
 - b. We are not sure that all of the parents are aware of the policy, parents should be reminded that the policy is new and that these are youth referees.
 - c. To be clear any team U11 and younger are not allowed to intentionally head the ball

ADMINISTRATION AND FIELD MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1. Storage and supplies (nets, goals, med kits, balls, etc.)
 - a. Sandbags were stolen from Tilson (4 – 60lb bags)
 - b. The club has purchased portable goals that will go out to coaches for use
 - c. Tilson is looking at other ways to secure goals aside from sandbags.
 - d. The high school has removed their nets from 4 goals on their back fields, Park and Rec is looking at who should replace them
 - e. The board has 2 nets we could use to resolve ½ the problem

FIELD SCHEDULER UPDATE

1. The spring has been very tough, specifically travel
2. Rec we are working through, U14 girls is playing with Ridgefield, little more complex
3. Rec+ has a high number of players which is great, Newtown was able to make multiple teams

SPECIAL NEEDS

1. Starts this weekend, high school boys are covering
2. Program time 10am to 11am
3. Located at Newtown High School
4. Carolyn Mandarano and Maureen Trivers will attend this Saturday's program

COACH ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Question asked "What is the relationship between NSC and CFC? Some players on the U11 Girls Travel team are feeling pressure to either participate or not. Are they supposed to participate? Are they missing out on something if they don't participate?"
 - a. It's a cooperative relationship to offer different avenues for player development
2. Is the board concerned about the impact of club teams (CFC) and Travel on Rec soccer, the number of players is dropping and the development level of the players seems less and less each year. It feels as if the clubs and Travel are poaching players from Rec.
 - a. Yes, it's a growing concern as there are more club teams (not town teams) coming in the future, specifically on the boys side.
3. Can the tryout process truly be a tryout process where kids have to make the team?
 - a. Can be considered, right now the goal is to increase the number of players starting at U4 and U6, the board does not want to discourage any player from playing "up" into travel or a club team.
4. Has there been consideration to have an A and B travel team and the B team is still required to play in the Rec league?
 - a. Board will consider the idea
5. Our website says that the ball size for U8 should be size 4, the US Soccer website says size 3, the Board recommends to follow what is on the NSC website
6. Can we (the board) send a reminder email that players are to provide their own soccer balls and the recommended sizes.
7. All other sports in town are coached by parents, why do we have to pay for Travel soccer coaches (non-parents)
 - a. Could a parent coach?
 - i. Yes, they would need to be licensed and assessed by the club
 - ii. We did used to have parent coaches, there were "political concerns" so the club went to 3rd party coaches
 - iii. Every other town operates on certified, licensed coaches and Newtown followed suit feeling that it was the best way to remain competitive
8. The NSC is offering new clinics to both Rec and Travel leagues, Finishing, Defensive etc. players are encouraged to participate, 8 sessions for \$36, professional trainers, begins this week.

9. The NSC will send an email to both Travel and Rec leagues reminding about the clinics offered
10. June 4th (Saturday) the Houston Dynamo will be coming in on Friday night (June 3rd) and will be playing our U11 girls on Saturday afternoon. Saturday Morning we will be hosting a community event that's TBD. There is also a consideration in helping to do some landscaping at the new Sandy Hook School. Red Bulls and New England Revolution as well as the women's professional team will be sending players as well. The event will be held from 3-6 at Newtown High School. The U11 game will be in the middle, small events will be held on the rest of the field. There is a possibility of an additional event on Sunday. This is open to Newtown families only right now to keep traffic/volume manageable. The head of the Houston Dynamo wants to make this event larger and larger each year, potentially grow into a tournament, a "Kindness Cup".
11. Silent sidelines is May 21st and May 22nd.
12. Is there any thought on having an evaluation program for the recreation players?
 - a. Yes, it's been under consideration for some time now