


Redwood League Minutes for Sept 16, 2002

Looks like a lot of people thought that the Sept meeting was next week. Meeting began @ 7:30 PM. Attendance was recorded through a sign-in sheet.

Referee Disputes - Mike Love said that if you have a problem with a referee, the only thing you can protest is whether or not the referee is certified. If he is not, or if he refuses to show you his credentials, then you can write that on the game card as a grounds for protest. That is your only real grounds for protest. The league playing rules are now posted on the website, please review these before filing any complaints.

Referee Abuse - We have already had three incidences of this and we are only 2 weeks into the season. The Board encourages referees not to tolerate take any abuse, and to be strict in quieting dissent from the sidelines. In one Abronzino game in Santa Cruz, the situation got to the point where the assignors would not send a licensed referee to the game for fear of referee safety, the game had to be rescheduled, and some coaches were eventually suspended.

Poaching - Mike says the District is bouncing poaching complaints back to the leagues to investigate. The league is in turn going to turn the issue back to the club to investigate. If a player wants to leave a team, it is best to give that player his credentials. Do not withhold paperwork to retaliate. Alyssa mentioned that there have been alot of delays in transfers this season, so please do not do this to the kids.

PIM on US Club Soccer and Super Y League - Read the PIMs  that were posted in the Announcements. RWL is constrained from allowing your team to attend a non-USYSA sanctioned tournament such as those sponsored by the San Diego Nomads.

Tournament Hosting - A tournament allowed a team that was U12 in Fall-2001 to register as a U12 team in Aug-2002, using their Fall-2001 paperwork. The team should have registered as U13 for the tournament, however, under the tournament's rules, this team could not be officially disqualified. So make sure that, if you accept last year's paperwork, that you are not confusing the true age of the teams you are accepting, and that your tournament letter states clearly which age group the teams are in. (The team in question ended up leaving the tournament after the first day and receiving their money back.)

Teams that should be moved to Class 1 - There is a rule that allows a tournament to move a team up from Class 3 to Class 1 if they feel that the team is over qualified for Class 3. Likewise, the RWL could decide to move up a team that they feel is too strong for class 3 RWL play. Mike asked the club presidents to be aware that he is going to keep his eye on teams that are over-powering other teams in RWL and could elect to move these teams up to Abronzino next year even if those teams do not so request it. RWL would also like the Clubs to step up and recognize such teams and encourage them to move up to class 1 as appropriate, e.g., if they win their RWL division once.

U14-U19 District Cup - RWL is hosting 9 teams of U17B C1, 5 teams of U17B C3, 4 teams of U19B C1, and 4 teams of U19B C3. Thanks to Juventus, Ravenswood, San Carlos, and Burlingame, for providing fields, nets, goals, corner flags, and lines for these games. RWL responsibilities might consist of check-in, calling in scores, field marshalling. Victor thinks that RWL will have to provide referees for these games. Every team that is playing will have to provide 3 people that can help do field support. We need to do a good job here, or the District may decide not to accept younger RWL teams to the U11-U14

District Cup.

Coaches Meeting - Most coaches either had a license or were registered to take a class. Two teams have already appealed the loss of the 3 points for not attending the meeting. Alyssa will provide a complete list of non-attendees as well as teams not having coaches licenses. One team offered to help with D2Cup rather than suffer the 3 point deduction. The board said they would discuss off-line, but almost everyone at the meeting agreed it is better to enforce it. There was some discussion on whether this is the right punishment for the crime.


Registrar Update - Alyssa is getting inundated with emails from individuals asking if their paperwork is ready yet. Alyssa reiterated that she will not respond to individuals and will only talk with the club registrars. Please do not ask her for status. Also, we are repeating last month's announcement that player passes are taking 14 days to process. Also note that the previous D2 registrar resigned recently and was replaced by Bob Joyce, so processes are taking a little longer. E.g., document translation forms have to be signed by Bob, and he does not travel up to Alyssa's house to do this. Also note that passes will not be released unless you turn in the necessary fees: \$30 for a new player (payable to RWL) or \$5 (payable to CYSA) for a transfer.

Need for Coaches Classes - If your club can host a class, please contact Terry Pipp. The E course requires one night of classroom instruction and 2 days of field classes.

Referee Classes - Ravenswood is interested in holding one soon.

Red Cards - Mike has already received two red card suspensions for coaches. Note that any suspension for a coach is double that of a player's suspension for things such as verbal or physical abuse. Physical abuse of referee can lead to a criminal complaint. Any red card going to the district, Dave Mann will make available at his home or office for pickup on Thursday. Dave will email the league presidents on Thursday the list of passes that are available. Dave will mail the passes back to Mike. Under the special circumstance that it is a one-game suspension and the player has two games that weekend, Mike has authorized Dave to release the pass as long as the coach fills out the RWL red card report form, or a signature on the game card to show that the player sat out. Note that if you play a player in a game that he was supposed to sit out, then that game will be forfeit because you used an illegal player.

Abronzino - 7 teams did not show up to the mandatory Abronzino meeting. Victor is going to be strict and apply the minus-3-points rule against those teams. There has been some problem at Abronzino games at MHSC where a number of games are only using 2 refs instead of 3. Some of the coaches asked where that unused referee money is going, and is it going to be refunded to the teams?

Other Reminders - Association, Tide, and State Cup apps are all due in Pleasanton by Nov-1. Don't wait until the last minute, you must get Mike Love's signature by giving it to Alyssa. Don't mail it to Mike, cuz he doesn't want to mail it back to you and then feel responsible if it gets lost. See this Announcement --> . If you have players on your team who are coming onto your team from outside District 2, make sure your InterDistrict Release form for that player has been processed, as this will be checked if you make it to the finals. You would have to get a copy of this form fr

Website - Only 9 teams have not yet reported any game scores in the RWL, which is good responsiveness. A message will be sent to those who have not reported anything over the next few days. Question about the usefulness of posting home game schedules on the team docs.

Proposed lecture or clinic on preventing ACL injuries - MJ contacted the Stone Clinic in SF about speaking at a RWL meeting to talk about this topic. The Board suggested that we poll the coaches to see who would attend.