

River City Youth Soccer League Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 15th, 2023 - 7:00 pm
Mountain Mikes, 1319 Fulton Ave. Sacramento

Attendees:

- A. Call to Order –
- B. Guest Speaker –
- C. President's Report –
 - 1. Nominees/Election
 - 2. D6
- D. Club Manager Hot Topics –
- E. Officer's Reports
 - 1. Vice President/Sportsmanship/PAD –
 - 2. Secretary –
 - i. Approve Jan, 2023 RCYSL Board meeting minutes
 - ii. Larkspur field update
 - iii. SJSUD Fields Update
 - 1. Handbook revisions re: user categories, season dates, and use during school breaks/holidays
 - 2. RCYSL spring '23 use of Sierra Oaks
 - 3. Post-season tournament/Dec use of SJUSD fields
 - iv. Substitute Secretary for June 21st meeting
 - 3. Treasurer –
 - i. Financial Status update
 - 1. Budget Committee – late April/early May, Exec Board
 - 4. Registrar –
 - i. Spring League
 - ii. Mandatory Registrar Meeting Feb 21
 - 5. Referee Coordinator –
 - 6. Coaching Coordinator – nominees?
 - 7. Scheduling Coordinator –
 - 8. Webmaster – nominees?
- F. Old Business –
 - 1. Combined League Play: Common Rules & PAD – need committee? New President to appoint committee?
 - 2. Referee recruitment & training committee update (Erik Hall)
- G. New Business –
 - 1. U6 Micro Soccer Rules (for intra-league play)
 - i. adding FEC, confirming SISC, RSC, SOSC
 - 2. Rules Changes to U10
 - 3. Rules Changes to coach/team/spectator location (see attached paraphrased comments & draft Rule change)
 - 4. Rules Changes to Referee Fees
 - 5. Union Coaching training
 - 6. Spring League '23 fields and ancillary costs
- H. Good of the Game –
- I. Adjournment –

Spectator/Team Location Rule

BAC: Credential players and coaches on the same side, and the opposite side of spectators.

Union: Spectator behavior needs to be respectful, part of the coach job is to teach the kids sportsmanship and appropriate sideline behavior, coaches have background checks, too much intermingling w/ uncleared, untrained personnel if players/coaches are on the same side as spectators – need players/coaches on the same side and opposite of spectators

SOSC: Coaches on the same side as each other benefits RCYSL coach responsibilities of supporting the referee, as the RCYSL coach can hear frustration building and discuss it earlier with the coach rather than the first intervention being with the referee – sees benefits and challenges to both sideline scenarios, so no strong preference; hopes to emphasize appropriate spectator behavior prior to start of the season

SISC: teams on opposite sides allows coach to roam sideline further to coach both offense and defense, particular for younger kids (U10/12) – opposing teams, coaches and spectators on different sides

RSC: players and coaches on the same side, and the opposite side of spectators; parents on opposing sides seem to behave worse – more “Us” vs “Them”; also makes it harder for spectators to be de facto coaches

DDSC: teams on one side, spectators on the other; will update our map signage so home and away know where to sit

APSC: teams and coaches on one side, spectators on the other; coaches next to each other creates a better opportunity to build respect amongst competitors and foster a more sportsmanlike environment

RCYSL Treasurer: as a 20+year referee, won't take games where players & coaches aren't separated from spectators b/c 1) it slows the game down and does not allow for the referees to monitor the substitution properly, 2) spectators don't interfere as much w/ coaching, referee can contact both coaches simultaneously if there is an issue, asking BOTH coaches to address the spectators (remember Talk, Warn, and Red should be the proper method of handling a situation with a coach regarding a spectator), and 3) player and coaches separated from spectators is required in competitive clubs, state teams, regional & national teams, college, and pro, let's be consistent

RCYSL Referee Coordinator: Teams on one side and spectators on another as simpler to control both coaches to request assistance to discipline parents or spectators.

RCYSL VP: Coaches and players should stay within their designated bench areas, regardless of positioning as this helps referees identify team personnel from spectators; kids lack the ability to hear and/or process feedback and do something meaningful with it in live action