



Holliston Youth Soccer Association Board Meeting

Date	Start	End	Next Meeting	Next Time	Prepared By
03/03/2016	7:30 pm	8:30 pm	04/07/2015	7:30pm	Marc Wolfgang

Purpose of Next Meeting	Location
Monthly Board Meeting	Holliston Fire Department

Role	Name	Email	Attending
Executive Board of Directors			
President	Garth Fondo	garthfndsw@yahoo.com	
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Treasurer	Matt Fitzpatrick	hysafinance@gmail.com	X
Secretary	Marc Wolfgang	mwolfgang@ceruleanrx.com	X
Past President	Chris Guccione	cguccione@ameresco.com	
Legal Counsel	TBD		
Board			
BAYS rep	Tony Capela	t2kcapela@gmail.com	X
Registrar	Sandra Kantrowitz	HollistonSoccer@yahoo.com	X
Girls Travel	Jeremy Cordon	jercordon@gmail.com	X
Boys Travel	Tony Capela	t2kcapela@gmail.com	X
U10 Girls	Matt Fitzpatrick	matthew.fitzpatrick22@gmail.com	X
U10 Boys	Kevin Fitzgerald	kevinfitz00@gmail.com	
U8 Boys	Jay Robie	jayrobie@comcast.net	X
U8 Girls	Jonathan Roy	jonaroy@icloud.com	
Clinic	Jason Dufault	dufaulthysa@gmail.com	
Intramural Coaching Education	Marc Wolfgang	mwolfgang@ceruleanrx.com	X
Travel Coaching Education	TBD		

Role	Name	Email	Attending
Intramural Referees	Jeff Geoffroy/Sean Perera	jeffgeoffroy@gmail.com seanperera321@gmail.com	X (SP)
Travel Referees	John Potemri	Jpotemri@yahoo.com	
Field Scheduling	Dawn Neborsky	dawnmich3@yahoo.com	X
Marshall St. Director	Chris Guccione	cguccione@ameresco.com	
Field Equipment	Bill North	billnorth@me.com	X
Equipment	Bill North	billnorth@me.com	X
Publicity Director	TBD		
Spookerfest	Gaynor Greenberg	gaynorg@aol.com	
Webmaster	Rob Sidloski	robert.sidloski@gmail.com	
Other			
Adam Beard, dakinbeard@gmail.com			X

Review of minutes from last meeting

- Minutes approved

Opening Remarks – President’s Report

- Working on a standard HYSA coach’s welcome communication to include Zero Tolerance, best of what has been communicated in the past, summary of age appropriate guidelines, etc... that all coordinators will be required to distribute. Coordinators may also add to it at their discretion. First draft will be distributed next week for review.
- [U.S. Soccer, the governing body for the sport in the United States, announced Monday](#) (Nov 9th 2015) that there should be no heading for any players age 10 and under, while heading should be limited only to practice for those ages 11 to 13.
 - **ACTION:** MWolfgang to include “no heading” in the coaches education package

Treasurers Report

- Winter is slow, no report

BAYS Report

- Refer to BAYS email message at end of minutes regarding changes
- New grade based system to go into effect next Fall
- Will not need to change goal or field sizes as current sizes fit within allowable ranges
- Need to draft some messaging for the parents regarding the 2016-17 changes that will be included in the April registration email campaign
 - **ACTION:** SKantrowitz working on messaging
- Web site will need to be updated to change out the “U#” to grades
 - **ACTION:** SKantrowitz to work on this with RSidloski
- Need to determine if U10s will move to 7v7 or remain at 6v6. Was noted we could be flexible and decide on a season to season basis based upon team and roster sizes.

Registrar Report

- 723 players registered for the Spring, big number and includes 7 HS players so far
- U8G, U14G and U14B currently waitlisted

Girls Travel Report

- rosters are going out this weekend
- U14 all set now with 3 teams
- BAYS placements have been released, U14G A team requesting to be moved down to Division 2
- JCordon to attend the BAYS placement meeting next Thursday

Boys Travel Report

- U14 has 3 teams
- U12 has 3 teams
- U11 has 4 teams
- U10 team was moved down a division
- BAYS placements have been released, may need to request some changes for U11s
- TCapella to attend the BAYS placement meeting next Thursday if placement changes are needed

U10 Girls Intramural Report

- Have enough head coaches, 6, but need more assistants, only have 4

U10 Boys Intramural Report

- Currently 59 registrations
- 6 head coaches
- 8 assistant coaches
- Working directly with coordinator of minor baseball to deal with as many practice issues as we can
- Teams will be constructed in the coming weeks.

U8 Girls Intramural Report

- 98 players registered
- Only have 10 head coaches, need 14

U8 Boys Intramural Report

- 88 players registered
- 11 head coaches and 15 assistants

Clinic Report

- 101 players registered as of 3/3
- 12 head coaches confirmed
- 18 assistant coaches confirmed
- Few CORI slow pokes but other than that we are looking good.

Intramural Coaching Education Report

- Will be scheduling and holding 2 coach's orientation training session this month, likely week of March 14th
- Will be transitioning coach's education over to Adam Beard during Spring season
- Jay Robie has volunteered to help out as well

Travel Coaching Education Report

- No report

Referee Report – Travel

- No report

Referee Report – Intramural

- Travel may need up to 6 referees to move up, so will need some new IM refs
- Will be setting up a training session for around Mar 26th to give trainees ~ 2wks to complete the online portion of the training
- MWolfgang to provide SPerara with contact to reserve the Fire hall

Field Coordinator Report

- Town fields typically open the first week of April
- Marshall will be available to start Travel practices 2 weeks before first game (Apr 9th)
- Will start the practice request process

Marshall St. Report

- Tree is down, blocking the path between fields 3 and 4
- Someone moved the goals from field #1 down to the turf

Equipment Report

- Will check all of the goals and nets on the various fields
- Starting 3/28 will hold equipment and shirt pick up nights
- This will likely be the last year for the current reversible HYSA IM jerseys, they aren't made anymore

Fundraising and Activities (i.e. calendar, Spookerfest, photos, Shamrock Ball)

- Shamrock Ball is March 12th
- They are looking for season ticket donations for the prize basket drawings

Publicity Report

- No report

Webmaster Report

- No report

Old Business

- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Jun meeting):** find a dedicated Travel Coach's Education director and set up meeting to develop 2015-16 plan

- **Completed**, Travel and Intramural coaching education to be consolidated under one coordinator. Adam Beard to transition into this role over the Spring season and Jay Robie has volunteered to help Adam.
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from July and Dec meeting)**: GF and JP to update the by-laws and present to Board for approval before start of Spring
 - March update, work is in progress
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from July meeting)**: request was made for an off-line meeting between the travel coordinators, registrar and Executive Board to discuss overall tryout and roster selection/notification process to consider potential improvements.
 - Jeremy is coordinating a meeting
 - Garth forwarded Jeremy and Marc the coach's feedback on the U14 scrimmage format during the 2015-16 tryouts
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Oct meeting)**: Need to craft an email to parents regarding player pick up after practices and games – some isolated issues with parents being late or sending “family friends” to pick up players without notifying coaches ahead of time. Include this in the coach's orientation package.
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Oct meeting)**: Approved No “hard cast” Policy for players. Need to formalize and put on the Website. Recommend seeing what BAYS has written for their policy and see if it works for
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Dec meeting)**: Need to standardize the ZERO TOLERANCE messaging for coaches
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Dec meeting)**: Need to communicate/train new intramural coaches on age appropriate training guidelines
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Jan meeting)**: Garth looking into getting a new HYSA lawyer

New Business

- No new business

From: **Richard Fischman** <dick@adminsports.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 2, 2016 at 10:29 AM
Subject: [BOD] Changes for Spring 16 and Info for Fall 2106-Spring 2017
To: Bays Board <bod@bays.org>

BAYS UPDATE – March 1, 2016

Sent to all town Presidents and Registrars. Please share this info.

There are a few changes that you should be aware of for the spring:

The policy against dual rostering of players older than U14 has been lifted. This means that all players may now play on a team in BAYS, MAPLE and NEP. They may not play for more than one team that plays in a MTOC-eligible league, even if the second team is in another league (i.e., BAYS, Middlesex, MAYS, etc.).

BAYS has adopted a “No drones” policy. Drones may not be flown near the field where a BAYS game is being played, is about to be played, or has just concluded and the teams and the spectators have not left the area.

U16-U19 rosters may now include up to 22 players. A U16-U19 team participating in the MTOC will have to designate 18 of the 22 as eligible to play before the start of each MTOC game. Rosters for U16-U19 teams are frozen as of Friday, April 29, 2016.

The roster freeze date for U12 & U14 teams in MTOC-eligible sections is Wednesday, May 25, 2016. For the 2016-2017 playing year (fall 2016 and spring 2017), the following changes will be in place:

Player Registration. The U9-U19 registration criteria will be replaced with a Grade and Age standard that meets US Soccer’s new birth year registration mandate. The combination of grade and age registration criteria allows us to offer playing groups that largely mirror our current offerings. Players must meet both the grade and birth date qualifying criteria in order to be eligible for that group.

The playing groups will consist of the following (with each group’s eligibility criteria for the fall 2016 – spring 2017 soccer year):

Grade 3 (formerly U9) - Players must be in the third grade AND born on or after 1/1/2007

Grade 4 (formerly U10) - Players must be in the fourth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2006

Grade 5 (formerly U11) - Players must be in the fifth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2005

Grade 6 (formerly U12) - Players must be in the sixth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2004

Grade 8 (formerly U14) - Players must be in the eighth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2002

Grade 10 (formerly U16) - Players must be in the tenth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/2000

Grade 12 (formerly U18) - Players must be in the twelfth grade or below AND born on or after 1/1/1998

PG/College (formerly U19) ** - Players must be in college or graduated from high school AND born on or after 1/1/1997

** (This playing group is still under discussion)

Playing formats

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Grades 3 & 4 will use a 7v7 playing format. Grades 5 & 6 will use a 9v9 format. Older ages will continue to use 11v11. Field and goal sizes will not change for the 2016-2017 soccer year, so the fields and goals currently used for U9 & U10 will be used for Grades 3 & 4, and the fields and goals used for U11 & U12 will be used for Grades 5 & 6. Note that a final decision on field and goal sizes for future years will be made has not yet been made.

You can expect that there will be changes to our process, procedures and playing rules as we adjust to the US Soccer mandates. We will keep you updated as that happens.

Best regards,

Edward McDonald

BAYS President

To the BAYS Board

I remind all of you that you should only reply to a message from this mailing list if you intend everyone on the BAYS Board to read it.

When you do so, it does NOT show your name or email address.

Here are your options:

1. Reply and remove the email address BOD@BAYS.org from the email and enter the email address of the person you are responding to.

Be sure to include your signature.

2. Reply to the BOD email address if you do want everyone to read it. Please keep these to a minimum. My advice is don't do it. We all get to much email as it is.

Be sure to include your signature.

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