

**WDDOA - Summer 2023 Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 20, 2023**  
**Annual Business Meeting for WDDOA**



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**Meeting Location:** Tele-Conference/Webinar Meeting

**Meeting Time:** 7:00PM to 8:00PM

Executive Committee Members present: Joe Payton, President, John Buckler, EVP, Dora Boyle, secretary, Stephen Sundquist, Treasurer, and Helen Hays filling in for John Jones, Commissioner of Referees.

**ROLL CALL & VOTE ACCREDITATION:**

Many in attendance using proxies, staff still going through attendees, will go ahead with agenda and then cycle back when the numbers are calculated. 509/580 teams: Quorum established

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 14, 2022 General Membership Meeting

The minutes were approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

**REPORTS:**

➤ **State Cup / Presidents Cup / Directors Cup**

A lot of WDDOA teams participated across all cups, and several WDDOA teams advanced to Regional events in hopes of advancing to the National Championships.

**For 2023 US Youth Southern Presidents Cup: June 14-18 in Greenville, SC**

In **BOYS:** U16 Lions 2007 Red  
U17 Boerne Soccer Club 06B

In **GIRLS:** U13 Sting CC 10G – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**  
U14 Lonestar 09G Elite STH – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**  
U15 Toro 08G Black  
U16 Capital City SC 07G Sky South – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**  
U17 Sting CC 06G – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**  
U19 The 956 United Gu19 – **Advanced to Finals**  
U19 UCA Champions 04G

**For 2023 US Youth Southern Regional Championships: June 23-29 in Red Stick, LA**

In **BOYS:** U13 The 956 United Bu13-1– **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**  
U17 OWS Barca Academy Austin 06B Blue  
U18 BVB-IA SATX 05B Olivares– **Advanced to Semi-Finals**

In **GIRLS:** U13 GSA Force FC 10G White  
U13 Lonestar 10G FDL– **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**  
U14 Lonestar 09G FDL– **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**  
U15 Lonestar 08G FDL  
U16 FC Westlake 07G Elite II – **Advanced to Semi-Finals**  
U17 Lonestar 06G FDL– **Advanced to Quarter-Finals**  
U18 HC United 05G-Hayes  
U19 Lady Lions 2004/2005 Red

➤ **Officers Reports** (\* Signifies positions up for election July 2023)

**Executive Vice-President\* – John Buckler**

D&P Report: The WDDOA D&P committee held a disciplinary hearing for the falsification of a birth certificate. The player and the parent were deemed responsible and suspended indefinitely. Review of STYSA rules: Age verification can be performed at any time. The list of approved original documents for age verification was reviewed.

This upcoming year, game day team age verification will be performed/administered by the WDDOA office. Be sure to prepare your parents ahead of time. No copies, only originals will be approved. Failure to produce the required documents will result in the player not being allowed to play.

**Secretary – Dora Boyle**

No Report

**Treasurer\* – Stephen Sundquist**

Great year, solid financial ground.

**Commissioner of Referees – John Jones Helen Hays for John Jones**

Strong STYSA and WDDOA referee showing at regionals, and some were selected to advance to national events. Recertification for the upcoming year has started, and the numbers are growing. There is a reimbursement program from WDDOA for getting certified. Funds are available to help clubs host referee clinics; please contact us. This is a lucrative opportunity.

**President – Joe Payton**

We had a good year.

➤ **Committee Reports**

The WDDOA Directors Council: The Directors Council has adopted a new policy to address poor sideline behavior. It's a progressive Discipline system. Coaches must set parent expectations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **WDDOA Competition Flight Structure - Fall 2022/23 Team / Player Registration**

Your club registrars are working with WDDOA office for each team's official Rosters and player cards. Your registrar needs your support. 2 things:

- 1) Make sure every single player on the team has an updated recent ID photo uploaded in GotSport.
- 2) Make sure you check your compliance:
  - Every adult's SafeSport expired May 31<sup>st</sup>, and a refresher course must be taken yearly before they can be added to a new roster.
  - Background Checks (KidSafe) expire every 2 years on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - CDC Concussion Awareness Training is required to be taken once.

All adults on the team must complete this before the registrar can add you to the team. Full instructions are listed on the website under the coach/Team Manager Resources page.

➤ **WDDOA Flights: Season Navigation Information**

**The WDDOA flight structure** remains the same this upcoming seasonal year:

- For U11 and U12 Alpha, geographical brackets for the Fall then re-bracketed into competitive (travel) brackets for the Spring based on final Fall standings. Spring 2024 final standings to be used for prequalification for Fall 2024.

- U13 Prime plays in the Fall to advance to the Frontier Conference Qualification event in December. The remaining teams will participate in Set 2 for Spring 2024
- All our other flights and age groups remain the same, starting in September and ending at the beginning of April.

**WDDOA runs Travel Leagues** which span the entire Western District of South Texas. Please be sure to set the correct travel expectations for your parents.

**Administrative duties** are essential. Your tools are:

- **GotSport**
- **The Manager/Coach Resources page on the WDDOA website:** resources, information, and instructions for preseason prep information, game day prep, all the information about game cards, club pass, scoring, red and yellow cards, game reschedules, and more!
- **Know the rules and where to find them:**  
The WDDOA 23/24 Rules of Competition are posted on the website under documents. They will only change for the year if a rule or directive from USYS or US Soccer is passed down to us. In the unlikely event a rule does change, it will be posted in detail on the website. Check the website often!  
Reminder about club pass: if you are going to use it, you must know the rules. Consequences for misuse can be severe, including forfeits, fines, as well as possibly losing the privilege to use club pass.  
You must know the suspension rules! The disciplinary rules have been revamped and should be easier to follow.

**The most important piece of paperwork** is your game cards. Only print these from Gotsport. Both the home and away teams must bring their game cards to each game. Handwritten players mean an automatic forfeit and a fine, regardless of the reason or who wrote the player on. It is not the referee's job to keep up with league procedures; they only enforce the laws of the game—strikes through absent players. Any player not stricken through will be considered as having participated.

**After the game**, both teams will be required to sign the card. Verify that the score is correct and that any cards given are assigned to the right person on the game card. This will be your only opportunity to have the referees make the necessary adjustments. Cards are not reversed at the WDDOA office. Please do it at the fields with both teams and the referees present. BOTH teams must log in within 24 hours and make sure the score and the cards are entered.

**Who handles the game cards after the game?** For neutral games, after signatures, the referee will keep the game card and take it to the site coordinator. The exception is for weeknight-neutral games with no site coordinator; use Home/Away. For home and away games, after signatures, the winning team gets the game card, or, in case of a tie, the home team gets the game card and is responsible for mailing it to the WDDOA office. The mailing address is printed on every game card. Game cards must be received in the WDDOA office within 72 hours of the game. Every game card gets audited.

#### ➤ **STYSA New Progressive Discipline System**

The Progressive Discipline System rules have been amended during the STYSA General Board Meeting. Section 4.9, Progressive Discipline System, has been replaced with a more user-friendly chart that details offenses and their corresponding discipline. Note: There is an added one-game suspension in the case of referee abuse if the referee is a youth referee. Be sure to read up on it using the "Progressive Discipline System Explained" document.

#### ➤ **Scheduling Procedures: Initial Schedules, Reschedules, Rainouts**

Initial schedules will be published on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, available to coaches and managers in Gotsport, not on the website. Coaches and managers must be attached to the teams to see the schedules and be fully compliant with kidsafe, CDC, and safesport. Final schedules will be posted on the website Friday, Sept 1.

Virtual scheduling meetings for all prime brackets and most challenger brackets. Challenger brackets have both neutral and home and away; sometimes, brackets end up with very few neutral games overall. In those few instances, no scheduling meeting. The scheduling meetings will occur August 11th, 12th, and 13<sup>th</sup>, and possibly Monday August 14th and Tuesday August 15th if necessary.

For reschedule requests, (requests may not be approved!), instructions are on the coach/team manager page on the WDDOA website: process, deadlines, and fees.

➤ **Season Preparation Meetings**

- A new type of administrative meeting this year: interactive virtual meetings for coaching staff to provide guidance on league requirements, deadlines, game-day procedures, etc. Clubs will be assigned dates between August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>
- Virtual Scheduling Workshops, August 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, possibly 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> as well.
- WDDOA DOC Meeting August 24<sup>th</sup>
- WDDOA Team Manager Let's get ready for the season September 5<sup>th</sup>
- WDDOA Club Pass Usage refresher September 12<sup>th</sup>

➤ **WDDOA Election of Officers**

Joe Payton oversaw the election process. 2 positions open: Vice-President, Treasurer. John Buckler and Stephen Sundquist have both agreed to serve—open nominations from the floor.

Joe asked for a motion to approve the candidates by acclamation

T&C 06B Wild motions, Boerne 12B Red seconds. Process of raised hands in the module.

All candidates approved by Acclamation.

**MEETING CLOSURE:**

➤ **For the Good of The Game**

WDDOA 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Out the Pitch – October 21-22, 2023

We are hosting our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Out the Pitch on October 21-22 – All teams are encouraged to participate, so dig out your pink socks and jerseys, or make sure your coaching staff is dressed in all pink.

➤ **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm