



KYSA Board Meeting
June 1st, 2021 830pm

Board Members: Tom Hamill, Mike Zekas, Paul Broody, Jen Yuhas, TJ Bruno

President's Report: Primary purpose of meeting is for fall season preparation. Major topics are dates, field usage and registration fees.

Fees: While there is concern for ongoing costs by the league, particularly after we ran the spring 2021 season at very low fees due to Covid-19 hardships, there is opportunity to lower costs by going with simplified and more affordable uniform options. It was decided that we will donate the existing inventory as the sizes for U10 and up are not ideal. Discontinuing the usage of 2 uniform kits by the U8 and down was also approved. Opting to utilize a single performance t-shirt for all age groups will significantly lower the costs. Older age group pays more to cover referee fees and field rental fees at County. (While changes to U8 due to the small-sided initiative have cut referee costs in that division, increased field rental fees at County have offset referee savings realized in U9 Up after the NEFYSL adoption of a universal referee pay schedule.) The following fees were agreed upon; with a separate uniform fee to be determined after several vendors are contacted. Most kids already own black shorts and socks, and will be their responsibility to purchase if needed.

U8 and down: \$25

U10 and up: \$50

Registration/Dates:

- June 14th to July 14th: Registration window
- July 25th: Teams are to be submitted to NEFYSL
- July 27th 630p: Coaches meeting; rain date is the following week.
- August 1st: Practice can officially start'
- August 21st: 1st game will be played. Season will run for 10 weeks.

Fields:

- Church St: will not be used to avoid football/cheer
- Keiper: also likely NOT to be used as the park is getting remodeled
- 3rd Ave: Can be used for U8 and down
- Hopkins: despite issues this spring, may be needed in the fall
- County: will rent 2 fields as usual, will look into additional availability

NEFYSL: WVYSA will not be joining the league in the fall; more likely for next year.

Wrapping up Spring 2021/Looking ahead to Fall 2021: Some divisions have one weekend of play left for the season, while others move into mid-June. We discussed how players, coaches, and families have done an outstanding job all season, especially given the unique challenges of Covid-19. Plans for fall 2021 will continue to evolve with Covid-19 in mind, and we noted the need to continue monitoring whatever Covid-specific guidelines might be in place for fall 2021 and to adjust accordingly. We discussed a need for greater clarity in communications from EPYSA on these issues moving forward—an issue that has been a concern for NEFYSL as well. We also discussed changes to KYSA's use of Facebook for communication throughout the year, namely changing FB to a one-way, announcements-based page. This topic has been discussed in previous seasons, and we noted in particular the challenges and confusion this spring of multiple questions and responses and reposts on the same topics at the start of and throughout the season that would be better addressed by announcements and by using email to specific officers for specific questions. We agreed to transition to a one-way, announcements-based page at some point in fall.

Referees: Ben and Seth have been heroic in covering nearly all of our games so far this spring season—and they are to be commended. (Tom & TJ have each spot covered one game for free during the season.) Moving forward we need to continue to recruit referees to KYSA, as relying solely on Ben and Seth is not sustainable and is not fair to them. Other referees in our program (such as Walt and Al) have been in the loop but were unavailable for most games in Spring; moreover, Back Mountain and Paul Jesse gave Tom several names of potential referees who were on the email list for spring but who were unavailable. The plan moving forward is to reach out to local high school coaches for players who may be interested in officiating.

KYSA Balance: May 2021 start: \$15,547.12; May 2021 end: \$14,540.31