



# FALL 2018, WDDOA....IS OFFICIALLY GOING VIRTUAL



## NEW ROSTER FREEZE DATE / NEW PROCESS

### \*\*\* PLAYER CARDS – ROSTER READINESS – ADDS/TRANSFER/RELEASE \*\*\*

Starting Fall 2018, WDDOA will adopt full virtual player cards which will enable us to shift the WDDOA Main Roster Freeze deadline back to August 15<sup>th</sup>. Roster validation, Player Card printing and distribution is highly time consuming. Not having to print but a small portion of cards means we are finally able to push back the deadline which will be beneficial to teams and especially registrars / administrators. We highly recommend you keep an earlier deadline within your club for coaching staff to provide you with the information you need in order to meet the WDDOA August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!

Player cards will only be printed for National League and NL Frontier Conference. All other teams will utilize virtual player cards for check-in during league season play.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, rosters will be captured in the GotSoccer database. While transfer/release paperwork must still be processed for players on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, the extension of the WDDOA Main Roster Freeze date will allow clubs, most of which do not start training until the beginning of August, more flexibility to make roster changes and/or add additional players with more ease than in years past.

For teams attending tournaments that refuse to accept virtual cards: Clubs will have the ability to submit a Team Player Card Printing Request starting on August 1, 2018. These requests will be processed in the order received. Submission does NOT guarantee processing will occur prior to the event. ONLY properly completed teams can be processed earlier than August 15<sup>th</sup>. Once a roster is generated, the ability to add new players (late player adds) will follow the current year process.

### **What does this mean for you?**

- We highly encourage you to work with your coaching staff to document the process and dates by which your club will get verified rosters over to WDDOA. Any player generated onto the WDDOA roster will remain with the team until proper transfer/release paperwork is filed with WDDOA.
- We ask your help to motivate / prompt tournament organizers to approve the use of virtual team paperwork. It is only with your support that we will get this done; your club and coaching staff have much more clout with these events than WDDOA as many of you have participation reciprocity agreements in place.
- Without approved virtual cards for invitational tournaments, WDDOA will be forced to revert back to the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in order to ensure that player cards are printed and distributed in a timely manner.