

Charlotte Area Youth Soccer League (CAYSL)

September 19, 2004

Executive Board Conference Call

Jim Robinson, President, called a special meeting of the Executive Board to discuss the Game Changes. A conference call was made to all the Officers, Vinnie Aragona, and Bill Thompson.

Vinnie Aragona, the CAYSL Scheduler, reported that Game Changes were causing serious problems with the schedule such as:

- Submitting game changes without talking to the other team;
- Games scheduled as singles;
- Missing the two week deadline;
- Game Change form incomplete.

Procedure for Game Changes should be as follows:

1. Contact the other team.
2. Find a field that has an open slot, either before or after existing scheduled games.
3. Forward the completed Game Change form to the other team and the Scheduler.
4. Game will be put on the "Pending" list.
5. Receiving team emails the same form to the Scheduler.
6. Game is approved.

The procedure must be followed and the deadlines must be met. The reasons are irrelevant. Both teams must send in the exact same Game Change form indicating that the coach for both teams agree to the new date and time and field. An updated Game Change form will be put on the web site simplifying the process and clearly outlining the steps.

Also, every Association is asked to educate their teams on what is expected to do a proper game change. NCYSA is mailing a team contact booklet to every team contact in the state. This should make contacting the other team a lot easier. Note 9/29/04: NCYSA will be happy to send out additional copies if needed. Contact Kim at the state office. NCYSA will not supply the date base via email.

Finally, once the Game Changes are complete, the Scheduler has the right to adjust the game times and fields in order to make the overall schedule work for the referees (eliminate singles at a field and consolidate the games at one field).

If these types of changes are made by the Scheduler, the Scheduler must notify both teams.

A second issue was the submission of “bad” fields by an Association. These fields had conflicts and CAYSL had to move all of these games to other fields. If an Association fails to provide a field as promised, the Association is subject to fines and possible forfeits. Furthermore, since those games had to be moved, the home team and Association failed to contact the other teams to let them know about the change. Note 9/21/04: the games were played at other fields in this case with some delays.

Communication seems to be the major problem. The Board will discuss the possibility of having every team have a contact person with cell phone, home phone and email address that is accessible for all other teams in that bracket. This can be password protected on the web site to make it easier for teams to contact each other for game changes and weather cancellations and reschedules.

Weather cancellations and make up games: The CAYSL front page will list field closings. Each Association must email Bill Thompson with the cancellations at wmt@cayssl.org For rescheduled rained out games, the teams must agree to play and just has to send in the score. The CAYSL scheduler does not have to know anything but the score. Teams should be told that they should **not** send in a Game Change form for weather related make up games. All CAYSL needs to know is the score, and both teams should send that in.