

Western Suburban Soccer League  
**Directors of Coaching Meeting Agenda • Feb. 23, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.**

Zoom Video

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Call meeting to order @ 6:32 p.m.

**38 Attendees:**

**4 WSSL Executive Board Members Present:** Vice President Chris Jackett, President Steve Fellhauer, Treasurer Dominic King, Laws Coordinator Jim Gibbs.

**1 WSSL Executive Board Members Absent:** Secretary Melinda Cain.

**1 WSSL Administrator Absent:** Denise Moote.

**7 Charter Members Present:** Garden City SC (RJ Casey, Dominic King), Legacy Soccer Organization/Legends FC (Bill Joker), Lyon FC/South Lyon SC (Paris Waller), Michigan Wolves/Hawks (Wolves: Paul Thomas), Northville SA/Michigan Rush (Mark Zathe, Bill Foss, Steve Fellhauer), Novi Parks SC (T. Chase Root, Chris Jackett), Plymouth City SC (Steve Anderson).

**2 Charter Members Absent:** Ann Arbor United SC, Farmington SC.

**16 Associate Members Present:** Chelsea SC (Matthew Clarke), DCFC/Canton SC (Dan McEvilly), DCFC Youth Downriver/Taylor SC (Jon Evans), Hamburg United (Jim Clark), Hartland United FC (Zac Warner), La Forza SC (Dean Welsh), Michigan Rush Downriver (John McIntyre), Michigan Rush Jackson (Mark Zathe), Michigan Rush Lansing (Brett Christensen), Michigan Tigers FC (Andrew Pritchard), Plymouth SC Reign (Miki Djerisilo), Redford SC (Eric Chestnut, Jim Gibbs), Saline FC (Leigh Rumbold), Southeast Michigan Storm/Milan YSC (Mark Klein), Van Buren (Doug Blair), Wayne-Westland SL Arsenal (Brian Kolb).

**4 Associate Members Absent:** CW3 SA, Dearborn Heights SC, Huron Valley SC, MPSA Crush.

**7 Guest Members Present:** Dearborn SC (Mo Hijazi), FCA SC (Michael Orta), Ida SC (Ryan Nelson), Mason SC (Jeff Hayes), Monroe SA (Scot Chaffin), Okemos SC (Kevin Gunns), Pinckney Pirate SC (Sean Grace).

**13 Guest Members Absent:** Bedford SC, Brighton Area Recreation Connection, Chaos SC, Detroit Pumas, DeWitt SC, East Lansing SC, Flint Area United SC, Huron SA, Michigan Thunder/Dexter, Nationals Capital Area, Nationals Genesee, Traverse Bay Area YS, Ypsilanti-Lincoln YS.

**3 Unknown Present:** "12487," "Ian Cooke," "schan"

**1. Notable IFAB Law changes effective 1/1/21:** [https://static-3eb8.kxcdn.com/documents/832/105743\\_070420\\_LoG\\_2020\\_21\\_changes\\_and\\_clarifications\\_EN.pdf](https://static-3eb8.kxcdn.com/documents/832/105743_070420_LoG_2020_21_changes_and_clarifications_EN.pdf)

- Law 12: Any offense (not only a foul) which "interferes with or stops a promising attack" should result in a YC.
- Law 12: A player who fails to respect the required distance at a dropped ball should receive a YC.
- Law 12: If the referee plays advantage or allows a "quick" free kick for an offense which "interfered with or stopped a promising attack," the YC is not issued.
- Law 14: An offense by the goalkeeper is not penalized if a penalty kick misses the goal or rebounds from the goal (without a touch from the goalkeeper) unless the offense clearly affected the kicker.
- Law 14: The kicker is penalized if the goalkeeper and the kicker offend at exactly the same time.
- If at a goal kick or free kick the goalkeeper "flicks" the ball up and a team-mate heads/chests the ball back for the goalkeeper to catch, the kick is retaken; there is no disciplinary sanction (unless this occurs persistently).
- Jackett read through bulleted changes. No questions/comments.

**2. SafeSport & Risk Management reminder**

- Jakkett reminded DOCs all coaches, team officials and club administrators need to be up to date on both SafeSport and Risk Management. No questions/comments.

### **3. Old Business**

- Jakkett said MSYSA interpretation of current MDHHS order requires referees to wear facial coverings. However, there are only 1,300 refs instead of 4,000 normally. Minimum age is now 13, not 11. Busy schedules, poor treatment and now a pandemic have created a shortage we have not seen in his lifetime. Visit michiganrefs.org to get certified. There's an online course this Saturday for new refs.

### **4. New Business**

- Plymouth City SC's Anderson proposed a recommendation to the WSSL executive board for a temporary change to WSSL Laws of the Game Statute C6 either for Spring 2021 or as long as facial coverings are required by MSYSA that the maximum guest/passcarded players allowed per game be raised by two players for the U8-U14s. This would mean:

U8-U10 would become a max of 6 (plays 4v4 or 7v7, max roster 8 or 12)

U11-U12 would become a max of 7 (plays 9v9, max roster 16)

U13-U14 would become a max of 8 (plays 9v9 or 11v11, max roster 18)

Some discussion ensued.

Plymouth SC motioned to make the recommendation for the change to the WSSL executive board. Garden City SC seconded and it passed unanimously.

### **5. Unique virtual training idea sharing**

- Jakkett asked what clubs did virtually that was successful?  
Garden City did a private YouTube channel.

### **6. Feedback on best youth masks for staying on your face**

- Jakkett asked what face masks are working best for everyone? Specific style or brand? Noted gaiters are allowed, but not recommended by MSYSA.

Garden City's Casey said they had success with Mission gaiters. The standard medical ones were second best.

Ida's Nelson said they used the BlackStrap mask. It stays in place and is easy to breathe through.

### **7. Good of the Game**

- Gibbs said, with the ref shortage, expect to see new refs on the field. Please behave. The 4,000 is usually more like 6,000, so just 1,300 is even fewer by comparison.

- Hamburg United's Clark asked WSSL to again consider the dual roster option for players in another club playing in another league. Said it is allowable by MSYSA and could be beneficial to get players more playing time and touches if all involved agreed to it.

**Motion to Adjourn @ 6:56 PM by Garden City, Gibbs seconded.**

**Next General Member Meeting – Nov. 17, 2021, Annual General Meeting  
Zoom or Plymouth Cultural Center**