



Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting, July 14, 2018

President – Dan King
Secretary – Annie Graham
District 1- Northeast – Chris Prior-Absent - Proxy Jim Manor
District 2 – Northwest- Anna Venable
District 3 - Southwest - Annie Fletcher - joined via phone
District 4 – Central-Leslie Fowler
District 5 - Southeast– David Eldred-Absent
SYRA/SRA-Roger Brown

Vice President– Jeff Carruth
Treasurer– Jason Howell - Absent
Member at Large – Fred Catchpole - joined via phone

WSA-Exec Director – Lisa Hulshizer
Phone
307 Admin – Casey Nix
Tech Advisor – Brian Longbottom Absent
Adult Committee – Wendy Brown

Tech Director – David Hayes via
ODP Admin – Krista Sweckard via Phone

President called meeting to order at 1:15 PM

Roll Call: Voting strength for July 14, 2018 meeting is 9 members.

Open Forum: None

Minutes from the April 2018, meeting was presented. Jeff Motion to approve as submitted. Leslie Second. All in favor none opposed. Minutes approved for April 2018.

Executive Reports:

Presidents Report- Dan has been attending the USYS online meetins, attended the 307 Select Program which is going well.

Executive Report – A written report was submitted. The concussion form will be complete this next week and it will be located on the website. Lisa has been looking at many different grant opportunities.

307 Administrator – A written report was submitted by Casey Nix. Lots of participants and registrations have been coming in for the new season. Casey would like to change Krista's job title to better reflect her duties - she has been working tremendously hard on the new program. Discussion held.

Financial Report – A written report was submitted by Jason Howell.

ODP Administrator – A verbal report was given by Krista Swekard. We had 260 players register for try outs - June 13th emails were sent out to the players who attended tryouts. We have four player fee structures for payments. We have been receiving really great feedback about the new program.

Technical Director: 307 Program is going well and we have had a great turnout with around 270 Participants so far. David has also been finishing the grassroots licensing courses in Sacramento.

Ratification of board meeting

District reports:

District 1 – Nothing to submit.

District 2 –All is well in district 2 - teams looking to formulate for fall. Communities may need to pull together to form teams due to low numbers.

District 3: Annie gave a verbal report. A few changes in leadership throughout some of their clubs. The tournament for the last weekend in August is gearing up in Rock Springs.

District 4 – Leslie gave a verbal report. Tops soccer in Casper is going well. Some clubs expressed frustration on trying to get into Wyoming tournaments but having other teams from other states get in before them. They would like Wyoming clubs be open prior to out of state clubs. Fall registrations are coming in for most clubs fall programs. Some concerns are being talked about regarding Wyoming League and U15 players.

District 5 – Absent.

Member at Large-Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

307 Select Rules – Krista and Casey have been going over rules and cleaning up from previous rules (15/16). There are some significant ones that will be discussed in new business.

Adult Committee – Nothing to report

Bylaws and Policy – Bylaws committee met to create a revision of rule 408 and discussed Prohibited Conduct Policy from USYS. Recommendation to Board was to vote to formally adapt the policy from USSF as one of ours. Jeff motions to accept the USSF policies for Prohibited Conduct as one of our policies. Roger 2nd the motion. No Discussion. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries.

Financial Oversight – Absent

FWR/PC Rules – At this time they have not met and nothing on the horizon to look at.

Judiciary/Discipline – Nothing to report

Membership Committee – Nothing to report

TOPS: Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee – Nothing to report

Protest & Appeals – Nothing to report

Risk Management – Nothing to report

Scholarship Committee: Committee met and awarded 3 scholarships. All have been notified and waiting on verification from schools attending.

State Referee Committee: We have a total 310 referees registered for fall - any not registered will have to wait until 2019 registrations - and will not be eligible to referee until January 2019. Registrations for 2019 will open by the end of July. Roger would like to request on the tournament applications that they are submitting a copy of their rules to Roger to help with consistency and continuity between events in regards to rules.

Old Business

None

New Business

15/16 – 19U Players - 307 Select Team Rule Changes: Rules submitted for change - as outlined on pages 6-10 of these meeting minutes.

Jeff Motions to approve Rule #1 as presented. Roger seconds. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries

Roger motions to approve Rule #2 as presented. Jeff seconds. Discussion held to approve rule as submitted except change to 16U verse U16. All in favor None opposed. Motion carries.

Rule #3 has been withdrawn by Casey

Jeff motions to approve Rule #4 as presented. Roger seconds. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries.

Rule #5 Withdrawn

Jeff motions to approve Rule #6 as presented. Roger seconds. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries.

Rule # 7 withdrawn

Jeff motions to approve Rule #8 as presented. Roger seconds. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries.

Discussion held in regards to 15U - 9th graders to 19U high school players and a direct registration to the Wyoming Soccer Association.

Adoption of Rules around Gender Identification: USYS Policy presented by Dan to make Board aware of policy in regards to inclusion.

Wyoming Cup Revisions for 2019 presented by Dan/Lisa: Received a few complaints due to concerns on teams stacking their teams for State Cup. We have referred this off to the rules committee to review - Fred Catchpole will also be looking at revisions to the rules. Discussion held.

Rule Changes presented by Lisa:

Rule Change #1 - League Section I.10

Proposed by: Lisa Hulshizer **Policy:** League Manual

I) REFEREE REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

10) Referee fee are collected in league registration fee – Host Club designee will have referee game payments. Payment should be made prior to the start of each game, but not later than immediately following the conclusion of the game. Travel reimbursement should be submitted to the state office within 7 days of game.

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

I) REFEREE REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

10) Referee fees are collected in league registration fee. It will be at WSA's discretion to pay referees by check or cash. If cash, payment will be paid following the conclusion of the referee's final game. If paying by check, referees will be paid within 7 days following the conclusion of the event. Travel reimbursement should be submitted to the state office within 7 days of game.

III. RATIONALE

It is not reasonable nor practical to pay referees prior to the start of each game.

Rule Change #1 Jeff motion to accept Rule Change #1 as submitted. Leslie second. All in Favor None opposed. Motion carries.

Rule Change #2 WSA Rule 22N

Proposed by: Lisa Hulshizer **Policy:** WSA Rules & Procedures

22) DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

n) Any participant who is sent off from a game or is reported for misconduct prior to or following a game for the offenses of "violent conduct", "serious foul play", "using foul or abusive language" or "persisting in misconduct after having received a caution", shall be suspended automatically for a minimum of one (1) game

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III. RATIONALE

Adding the verbiage at the end eliminates the need for one to have to refer back to a different section of the rules to find out when they can commence play.

Rule Change #2 Jeff motion to approve as submitted. Roger seconds. Discussion Held. Jeff withdraws motion. Rule has been pulled out and will be reviewed at a later date.

Room Roster Agreement presented by Lisa Hulshizer: This is a company who helps negotiate rates for tournaments - this is NOT a stay n play. Each club would get money back based on how many rooms booked through the links provided by room rosters. This would only be an option to use - not a requirement. Dan would like to research other clubs in other states and see how they like room roster and their feedback. Tabled until references are reviewed.

Safe Sport vs. Abuse Prevention presented by Lisa: This is something that is coming down from US Soccer - it is another thing for our coaches and referees to do to ensure sexual abuse is not occurring and a way to report that. Some states are using Safe Sport and some are using Abuse Prevention. Got Soccer is using Safe Sport - Lisa would like to know if WSA has a preference on who we go with. US Soccer uses Safe Sport and they may end up mandating using Safe Sport. Jeff Motions to go with Safe Sport as our provider. Roger Seconds. Discussion Held. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

TOPS Soccer: Fee is missing from our budget. We propose adding an \$8 fee to cover any costs. Any fees already paid will be reimbursed. Jeff motioned to add the fee per the recommendation. Annie Seconds. Discussion held. All in Favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

SRC Budget Approval: Roger submitted a budget for referee income/expenses. Jeff motion to approve SRC Budget as presented. Leslie second. All in Favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

307 Select/ODP Budget: Budget submitted for the new program.

WSA Budget: Budget submitted for 2019 by Dan King. Jeff motion to accept budget as presented. Leslie second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

Good of the Game: Go Croatia! Sad day World Cup is coming to an end. Our u14 Girls played really well in Park City. MBappe! 03 Boys are headed to Swann's Cup next week. We also have 2 boys who registered as guest players who are going to play with teams from Tanzania.

Jeff motions to adjourn. Lesslie Second. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Annie Graham
WSA Secretary

DRAF

Cortney Graham
Today, 8:28 AM
Deleted: ¶ ¶

Cortney Graham
Today, 8:17 AM
Added: Paragraph Break

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin **Policy:** 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

6. **Active Participant** – Attends primary team functions i.e. Practices, games and/or tournaments

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

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III. RATIONALE

Too ambiguous and leaves gray area with “or” in the verbiage.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin **Policy:** 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

Players:

1. All players **will be** registered as a competitive player, and in good standing with a WYS affiliated club and remain in good standing to continue to be eligible for the WYO 307 team. NO EXCEPTIONS!
 - a) U11 – U15 players in grade 2-8: are required to be rostered & playing with their primary club team given an age and gender appropriate team is available, if no team is available a player must still meet #1 above.
 - b) U15 – U18 players in grade 9-12: are expected to be rostered & playing with their primary club team given an age and gender appropriate team is available, if no team is available a player must still meet #1 above.

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III. RATIONALE

Simple edits to reflect Wyoming Soccer Association (WSA) and use appropriate verbiage that is within the Rule and Policies Definitions. And use appropriate age designations for new birth year mandates.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #3

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin Policy: 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

PLAYER PERMISSION REQUESTS AND RULES

1. Players can only play for 1 team at any event and cannot dual roster.
2. Players should be encouraged to play their “true age” if a team is available.
3. Players are primary to their club team and are obligated to participate with that team in any team event; tournament or game the team has entered into within 6 weeks (U11–U14) and 8 weeks (U15-U18) of check in for an event.
4. A WYO 307 team head coach may request, in writing, permission from a player’s primary club Director of Coaching or Club President (if no DOC) and club team head coach (should be 2 separate individuals), for players to participate in a sanctioned tournament with a WYO 307 team in the event. Should a primary club decline the permission request the player participating will play with his/her primary club team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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4. Typical Wyo 307 seasons are June 1 – August 31 and again November 1 – March 15 in any given year. Within these dates a Wyoming 307 player may choose to play for their primary club team or Wyoming 307 team if there are conflicts in events.
5. A WYO 307 team head coach may request, in writing, permission from a player’s primary club Director of Coaching or Club President (if no DOC) and club team head coach (should be 2 separate individuals), for players to participate in a sanctioned tournament with a WYO 307 team in the event. Should a primary club decline the permission request the player participating will play with his/her primary club team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

III. RATIONALE

Clean up the age groups to reflect the birth year mandates. Add an additional 2 weeks to assist Wyo 307 teams to be able to compete and players to be able to commit to events for their state team without limitation from clubs last minute entry into conflicting events. Give a time of operation for Wyoming 307 teams, and club teams as well

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #4

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin **Policy:** 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

ATTENDING EVENTS (also see Rules for Events):

1. The team staff is responsible for registering the team for tournaments, paying fees and expenses and submitting the notification to travel or permission to travel, per WYS rules and procedures.
2. WYO 307 teams can only attend US Soccer sanctioned tournaments held *outside* of Wyoming and whose rules do not expressly prohibit this team type, which is a tournament select team.
3. Players must register to attend every tournament via state provided registration link. Team manager will email an event request to state registrar no less than 14 days before team check in. WYS will create an online-registration link and email it to team staff to distribute to players. Online payment can only be accepted by credit card or voucher. Registration links can be used until the day of the event any unpaid fees after that date are the responsibility of the team staff to collect, which must be deposited into the team account.
4. An event roster must be emailed to the state registrar no fewer than 14 business days before team check in.
5. Team staff must apply for travel permission per WYS travel rules.
6. Team Staff are expected to report all player injuries, red cards coaching/spectator ejections to the state office within 48 hours of event.
7. The following are the only staff allowed on the team sideline during games: 307 team staff and WYS state staff.
8. Guest players ARE NOT allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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4. An event roster must be emailed to the state registrar no fewer than 14 business days before team check in, in alphabetical order with the last name first.
5. Team staff must apply for travel permission per WSA travel rules.
6. Team Staff are expected to report all player injuries, red cards coaching/spectator ejections to the state office within 48 hours of event.
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III. RATIONALE

Cleaned up WYS reference. Added verbiage in 4. to assist admin in being able to do rosters quickly and efficiently.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #5

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin **Policy:** 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

All WYS References and dates of 15.16

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

Change all logos and WYS references to WSA. Use appropriate dates

III. RATIONALE

Clean up old data, logos and references to be consistent with WSA.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #5

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin **Policy:** 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED – Rule 6 – Approved as Presented

AGE	TOURNAMENT EVENTS Per YEAR	RECOMMENDED TRAINING EVENTS Per YEAR
U9	Not eligible for WYO 307	Not eligible for WYO 307
U10	Not eligible for WYO 307	Not eligible for WYO 307
U11	Maximum of Three (3)	Maximum of Six (6)
U12	Maximum of Three (3)	Maximum of Six (6)
U13	Maximum of Four (4)	Maximum of Six (6)
U14	Maximum of Four (4)	Maximum of Six (6)
U15	Maximum of Six (6)	Maximum of Eight (8)
U16	Maximum of Six (6)	Maximum of Eight (8)
U17	Maximum of Six (6)	Maximum of Eight (8)
U18	Maximum of Six (6)	Maximum of Eight (8)

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

Remove all restrictions on both events and trainings

III. RATIONALE

Given new program, Staff will be involved with these decisions and trainings are set. Redundant and no need for these in the 307 Select Program.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #7

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin Policy: 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

b) U15 –

U18 players in grade 9-12: are expected to be rostered & playing with their primary club team given an age and gender appropriate team is available, if no team is available a player must still meet #1 above.

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

b) U15 9th Grade – U19 players in High School grade 9-12 are expected to be registered with Wyoming Soccer Association and be in good standing. These players are encouraged to be playing with their primary club team given an age and gender appropriate team is available.

III. RATIONALE

Players in this age group need to be able to make decisions regarding their personal growth within the game. They should have the ability to be able to choose what events they require to best suit their development and playing opportunities needed to further their upward movement, i.e. college playing opportunities. Many clubs do not have registration for this age group and players struggle to be able to find a club to register with, are forced to pay higher fees for no opportunities, or are forced to join a club that then has restrictive power over the player. For this age group, we would recommend a general WSA membership, no credentials to be able to guest play, further registration with a club would be upon the player. No benefits other than the 307 Select Program would be given.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #8

Proposed by: Casey Nix – 307 Admin Policy: 307 RSP

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

3. Players are primary to their club team and are obligated to participate with that team in any team event; tournament or game the team has entered into within 6 weeks (U11–U14) and 8 weeks (U15–U18) of check in for an event.

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

3. Players are primary to their club team and are obligated to participate with that team in any team event; tournament or game the team has entered and accepted into within 8 weeks of check in for an event.

III. RATIONALE

The new Wyoming 307 Select Program needs windows of operation. These teams make plans, commitments, reservations (many that cannot be canceled) and enter tournaments months before the actual date. Given this, if there is a player that has club commitments the team, given 307 team restrictions, needs time to recruit/train/register players. The program felt this was easier and better than strict dates of operation or less restrictive options that could negatively affect clubs.