

**SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday January 14, 2020**

Meeting location/time: SCYSA state office in Irmo, South Carolina @ 7PM
7436 Broad River Road Bldg. 2 Suite 211 Columbia SC 29063

- I. Call to Order: 7:04 (Michael Copeland – Treasurer)
- II. Roll Call: Michael, Helmut, Richard, Conn, Burns, Kevin, Hans, Greg V and guest Bill Caviness (candidate for office from Greenville)
- III. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Motion to adopt by Richard w 2d by Helmut
- IV. Submission of any written reports: 2019 YTD Financials (Hans)
- V. OLD BUSINESS-
 - A. Executive Director makes a Motion that any Club with registration numbers in US Youth Soccer/SC Youth Soccer below 100% of its total Club player registration under US Soccer be denied private tournament sanctioning by the state association as fully vested members share in the combined insurance aggregate risk, which is not shared by members only partially vested. This is a financial risk assessment by the Executive Director. This change will be included with our Tournament application requirements effective immediately for all events not currently approved.

Helmut motion to open discussion. Katie 2nd. Michael move to table. Conn 2nd.

October 15, 2019

Executive Director recommends the following criteria for all private tournaments sanctioned under SC Youth:

1. Legacy events- *ten consecutive years of* event activity
2. Clubs that regularly volunteer to host State level events
3. Referee impact in the location of proposed event
 - a. Conflict with other private events creating referee or other issues which might impact those events (this includes ECNL events). SCYSA has no control over ECNL calendar but SCYSA will be working closer with ECNL clubs on the calendars to avoid referee issues with state events. This may lead to a change in traditional state event dates to control costs.
4. The registration of the Club's players within SCYSA. Level of player registration and percentage of Club's entire player base registered with SCYSA. Not looking for 100% but looking for more than a minimum number (50-75% has been suggested by a few Board members).
5. The registration of teams with SCYSA in the age brackets offered by the private event.
6. State league impacts in the area of the proposed event

These factors may be considered in any order and given any priority by SC Youth Soccer before granting sanction to a private event/tournament. All 2019-2020 Member Clubs applying for 2020-2021 tournament sanction will be evaluated on these criteria. Any Club not within expectations or in conflict with another Club that is within these expectations will not be granted approval until those Clubs reach expectations and/or conflict is resolved. Expectations are at the sole discretion of SC Youth Soccer. Conflicts between clubs are to be resolved by those member Clubs.

Motion to reopen by Burns w 2d by Kevin. Discussion with Board and suggestion that ED communicate these criteria directly to those Clubs on our current private tournament calendar for feedback. Item stays on Old Business.

UPDATE January 13, 2020

In exchange for adoption of these recommendations, SCYSA will do the following:

1. Require the post-tournament report with a reduced per team fee from \$10 to \$5 per team. 2019 PTH fees collected approximately \$15,000 by SCYSA.
2. SCYSA will push your events on social media platforms.
3. SCYSA will email coaches within target market directly from SCYSA to elevate the exposure of Club event within South Carolina.
4. Clubs will still be able to purchase eblast at the current rate but these other marketing tools may do a good job of supplementing that for free.
5. SCYSA will publish event award ceremony on our website if photos received increasing awareness for the following year.

Only one Club contacted ED about these changes for clarification.

ED request a vote on the private tournament policy changes recommended.

Motion to adopt by Helmut w 2d by Kevin- unanimous to approve- PASSED

- B. Executive Director would like an audit performed by SC Youth employees to ascertain compliance with 60/40 rule during the 2019-2020 seasonal year. Any Club admitted after Fall 2013 is required to abide and work toward this compliance. Clubs must be in full compliance if that Club was a member admitted after Fall 2013 season. Historically, SC Youth has provided a period to allow new Clubs to work toward compliance within the first 18-36 months of membership. However, if a club adds a competitive team without a recreation balance then the Club will be non-compliant and going against the spirit of the rule. Sanctions may result.

Motion to Table by Michael w 2d by Katie until audit is completed on all clubs under the rule after 2013. Discussion on adding Open level to recreation numbers will be revisited under this item. REMAIN

Motion to reopen by Helmut w 2d by Kevin- Discussion- Motion to Table pending final player registrations in March by Richard w 2d by Burns- unanimous

- C. Sandlapper League to be shut down December 31, 2019 for a new Junior Academy League run by Midstate club. SCUFC has expressed interest in this venture. SCUFC will provide BOD their plans for league membership and approval prior to season start date. Remove from agenda – FYI only see below

Motion to Open Helmut w 2d Kevin for discussion. **TABLED** by Michael- waiting on more details from SCUFC. Next update requested for 12/10/2019.

December 15, 2019- evote to approve the UDL pending receipt of the league Bylaws/policies made by Burns/Hans w 2d by Helmut
UDL APPROVED- YEA- Helmut, Michael, Richard, Conn, Burns
Abstain- Kevin
Katie – no vote registered

VI. New Business

- A. Motion request by Executive Director via email on Thursday December 12, 2019

Rule 16. Club Pass Player: All teams playing in the SCSCCL have the ability to allow players to move freely within their own club based on player development needs and specific team needs without additional administrative paperwork. Club Pass players may play: 1) up in level 2) at same level (laterally), or 3) up in team age (not player age), but are limited to 2 games per day and may never play down a level. Club Pass players will be allowed in State Cup play Maximum of 5 club pass players per match. **13U players listed as Challenge will be considered Challenge for the entire seasonal year (Premier League participation still viewed as Challenge). 14U players listed as Premier will be treated as Challenge for the seasonal year if there is no spring Premier league play.**

Motion to approve by Burns w 2d by Kevin YEA- Kevin, Burns, Richard, Conn, Michael and Helmut- **PASSED** simple majority

- B. Based on the financial, weather and soccer encumbrances with the current State Cup (PMC included) format, the Executive Director would like to form a Committee of the Clubs which competed in the 2019 Fall State Cups and discuss options and format possibilities to give both the President's Cup and the State Cup the best experience for our players, coaches and families in the future. Any finalized options approved by the Committee should be presented to the whole membership on March 7, 2020 for a straw poll on the evolution of these events if needed for discussion. In particular, the possibility of a long term host agreement with a facility to keep cost and last minute planning or changes to a minimum. SCYSA no longer receives bids on all our events which puts SCYSA in a very difficult position for planning purposes.

Motion to appoint a Committee on State Cup/Events by Executive Director made by Richard w 2d by Kevin- discussion- call the question by Burns w 2d by Richard- unanimous to accept Committee on State Cups/Events.

C. Burns Davison was reappointed the Chair of the State Referee Committee by SCYSA (Greg F.) and SCASA (Linos C.) on Saturday January 11, 2020. FYI only

D. 2020-2021 SCYSA Calendar for approval

Motion by Richard to open for discussion w 2d by Burns- item currently open for feedback from the clubs to the Executive Director.

E. Advise that 2020-2021 event bids will be accepted beginning March 1st. (following the possible changes that may be forthcoming)

VII. Adjournment **Motion by Burns w 2d by Richard at 7:53 pm**

Next Board Meeting is February 18, 2020 at 7 pm

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