

CPYSL Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025

7:00pm

Board Members:

Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Conners, Karen Crawford, Scott Eskew, George Gemberling, Mel James, Jim Lamb, Christina Loss, Chris Magness, Paul Predmore, Simon Skudder

Staff:

Wendy Campbell, Terry Mull, Phil Frederick, Erin Seltzer

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Jim Conners.

Roll Call/Minutes:

- January meeting minutes were sent to the board for review.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk and reminded at the end of the meeting.
- All clubs must attend 3 meetings per year including the AGM which is a mandatory meeting.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

- Spring 2025 League games are scheduled to begin April 5 & 6. Final weekend is June 14 & 15.
- NO GAMES scheduled by league on April 19 & 20, Easter weekend and May 24 & 25, Memorial Day weekend.
- U13 & U14 play Saturday in the Spring (Sunday in the Fall)
- Youngest eligible player in CPYSL in 2025 must have a 2018 birth year
- CPYSL Score Report Card distribution.
- Don't forget your Club's Score Report Cards in your Club's cubbies
- Reminder scorecards should be filled out completely, front & back
- LOCAL CLUBS – remaining cards will be placed in PICK-UP box on porch Thu., 3/20 and OUTLYING CLUBS – remaining cards will go to post office Thu., 3/20
- Teams changing Leagues for Spring play will continue to utilize their same 'official' roster from the Fall season. Change requests to that roster must be submitted to the League that approved the initial roster.
- All changes to a roster initially approved by CPYSL must be submitted to the office via a CPYSL COACH & PLAYER CHANGE REQUEST FORM
- The 'Transfer' of a player from one team to another team requires a two-step process. A player RELEASE must first be requested by the current Club and APPROVED by the League before the player's 'Transfer' is requested for the new team.
- CPYSL's 2025 Senior Scholarship application will close March 30. Anonymous donation of \$1,000 to offer two additional scholarships for a total of four \$500 scholarships being awarded
- Team Counts for Fall 2025 will open April 28 (close June 29)
- Cup Qualifying League (CQL) Team Counts will open August 25
- Referee Fee increase for Fall 2025-Spring 2026 season (hand-out)
- Please familiarize yourself with the Calendar posted on the CPYSL website – all 2025 CPYSL dates and deadlines are posted.

Scheduler (Karen Crawford)

- Please check all coach contact information for accuracy. We need working phone numbers and emails entered to allow opposing coaches, referees, and office staff to reach out.
- Please remind coaches to schedule TBA's asap, do not wait til the end of the season.
- There are a few teams that will have been scheduled for 8 games in any division that has an odd number of teams.
- A game change must be completed at least 5 days prior to the day of kickoff. Do not delay, if a team does and a referee is scheduled, the team will be allowed to reschedule BUT, they will be responsible for the additional referee fee(s). Do not wait til Friday before the game to contact the office wondering why your game is still on the schedule.
- Explain game rescheduling and include inclement weather and closures.
- Last day to play spring season games will be 06/15/25, we realized that the last day was not correct on the website (06/08/25). If teams need to reschedule any games that were originally scheduled for the last weekend, they will be approved with out fees.
- Please remind teams that this is a travel league with clubs spread across Central PA. We have receive several emails with travel distances and wanting to reverse home and away games.
- Discussion about division "names", would like to take a survey at the June's board meeting. Please be ready to discuss at the next meeting.
- Scorecards must be filled out and completed. There is an example of a completed scorecard listed under the download section of the website.
- Club pass players can be used for games but there is a maximum number for age levels.
 - a. U9-U12 Teams – two (2) club pass players permitted per game.
 - b. U13/14 Teams – three (3) club pass players permitted per game.
 - c. U15/19 Teams – one of the following options.
 - Two (2) club pass players and a maximum of two (2) secondary players.
 - Three (3) club pass players and one (1) secondary player.
 - Four (4) club pass players (No secondary players active).
- Club pass players may only move up in age or division from their primary rostered team to compete in higher-level match and players must be rostered as a primary player on a CPYSL team

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

- Checking: \$131,368.68
- Savings: \$44.41
- Money market: \$155,407.86
- 15-month Certificate: \$316, 859.78
- Total Assets: \$603,680.73
- Outstanding invoices: March payroll, accountant fees, attorney fees, CPYSL credit card

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

- Schedule the TBA's now, do not wait til the end of the season.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

- No Report

VP Programs (George Gemberling- not in attendance)

- No Report

VP Girls (Chris Magness)

-Would like to highlight the “good stuff” that happens during the season with a possible award

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

-Thank you to everyone who helped with the competition meeting and outcome

President (Jim Conners)

-CPYSL concerns: In the past few years, CPYSL has steadily increased fines for referee abuse and irresponsible behavior demonstrated by coaches & fans. This year we are leaving that structure in place without any revisions due to US Youth Soccer implementing their policy 531-9 of Referee Abuse Prevention referred to as RAP. If you have not received a copy, please go to our website, under downloads; “Physical and Non-Physical offences Against Referees. This is becoming a serious issue across the entire US, as such US Youth Soccer is upping the game, non-physical abuse (insulting, taunting behaviors) starts at a 2 game suspension with 4 game suspension (harassment, Intimidation, threatening) followed by a 6 game or 6-24 months suspension (aggression, derogatory, threatening physical action) all the way up to 10 game (12-24 month) suspension (offensive of discriminatory act).

For Physical abuses the sanctions go from 3 games/1-6 months (slight touching) thru 10 games/6-24 months (pushing, pulling in a non-striking manner) followed by a lifetime ban (hitting, punching any other offence in a striking manner). As I read the policy, I can only convey to all of you, this is serious and your parents, coaches, & extended families need to be aware of this, the repercussions are just too severe not to give them the consideration deserved. CPYSL is to turn all matters over to EPYSA to sanction within 48 hours of notification (referee report) and advise the club of the concerns. The state will review all documents, exhibits, other evidence then give notice to the defendant of the charges and advise of possible hearing followed by the decision of the hearing and opportunity for appeal.

Reminder: Clubs are now required to have bylaws, risk management and participant safety policy, a Board of Directors which must include the separate positions of President, Treasurer, Risk Manager, and an Insurance Coordinator. As you revise your current constitution & by-laws to reflect these changes, please send an updated copy to the office here to keep your files current.

-Spring Season: We are looking forward to a successful spring season, please have a board member walk the fields prior to the first weekend to assure there are no surprises when games start this April. Even a winter as soft as the one we just enjoyed has a normal negative effect on fields enough that issues do arise, and it is so much easier to correct now than 15 minutes before match time.

-Rosters on game day: Coaches are required to have two copies of their game day EPYSA roster at the field (one copy for referee, one for opposing team), along with the match report card, this is not something that you can email to the referee at game time for them to review & print out. Fines are in place for these indiscretions starting in the upcoming Spring season.

Game Day continued: Please have your coaches fill out the game card with the players checked off as participating, we still get many incomplete game cards noting no one played for a team, as players listed are unchecked when we receive the match card at the end of the season. Please note that CPYSL mandates teams & their fans are to be on opposing sides of the field, this way a coach can intervene easily when a parent decides to escalate abusive behavior, hopefully before the referee needs to discipline & sanction the coach. It is also in place to assist the referee identifying what fan belongs to what team, one more logical reason is to keep players subbing off from having to interact with opposing parents/fans.

-Volunteer Referees: CPYSL now allows coaches of both opposing teams to assign volunteer referees when the following conditions are met:

- If a referee has not been assigned (by referee assignor) to a game 24-hours before the scheduled game
 - If a referee has been assigned but had not confirmed by the designated referee 24-hours before the scheduled game
- The Referee Assignor will still have the ability to assign a registered referee within the 24-hour period. Once a registered referee or a volunteer referee is assigned by either coaches or referee assignor, it closes this feature.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)

- State Cup games are started.
- The NCS State Cup and State Presidents Cup will be contested in the U12-U19 age groups while the Challenge Cup will have three levels of competition at the U9-U11 age groups and one for U12-U19.
- Teams that win the NCS State Cup will have a chance to advance to the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships while teams that win the Presidents Cup will have a chance to advance to the US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup. Challenge Cup teams only compete at the state level.
- The US Youth Soccer Regional Championships will be held in Loudoun County, Va. from June 28 through July 3. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer will host the Eastern Presidents Cup from June 13-17 at The Proving Grounds.
- National events will be held for the Presidents Cup July 11-15 in Tampa, Fla., and the National Championships in Orlando July 22-27.

Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business

-Gettysburg Youth Soccer Club will be hosting the Gettysburg Blue & Gray Cup Tournament on May 24 & 25th, 2025. See their website for further details.
<https://elitetournaments.com/tournaments/gettysburg-blue-gray-cup/>

- Recertification for Grassroots Referees for 2025 is OPEN!
Referee recertification is all online, comprised of online lessons, as well as maintaining updated background clearances and annual Safesport completion.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, June 11th, 2025
7:00pm**