

CYM Soccer Post-season Meeting



Meeting summary - Wednesday Nov 19, 17:44-19:10









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Quick recap

The meeting focused on reviewing CYM Sports' mission and core values while discussing various aspects of youth soccer programs, including officials' performance, facilities, scheduling, and the co-ed structure of boys' soccer teams. The group addressed uniform requirements, jersey management, and potential improvements to the scheduling system, with specific attention given to the new Philadelphia Union partnership and the implementation of a sideline score reporting system. The discussion concluded with updates on the fall calendar for next year and feedback on various program elements, including the proposed co-ed girls split in the IHM league and uniform color coordination.

Next steps

-  [Donald: Bring up the halves vs quarters inconsistency issue to Tyler](#)
-  [Donald: Communicate Philadelphia Union Faith and Family Night details to administrators](#)
-  [Donald and Dan: Review all coach feedback collected to navigate towards next year's planning](#)
-  [Donald: Continue to update the provisional rulebook with feedback from coaches](#)
-  [Donald: Get feedback from Athletic Advisory Committee on the boys/girls soccer split decision](#)
-  [Donald: Put meeting minutes on the downloads page](#)

Summary

CYM Sports Introduction

Donald opened the meeting by reading the mission statement and core values of CYM Sports, emphasizing the focus on ministry and the development of young people. He outlined six main topics for discussion, including officials, facilities, scheduling, the boys and girls soccer split, the Philadelphia Union partnership, and feedback.

Official Scheduling and Performance Review

Donald noted that the officials generally performed well, with only a few instances of no-shows due to schedule changes. He invited coaches to share their experiences and feedback on the officials for the past season. The coaches discussed the performance of officials during the season, with J.R. from Mount Aviat praising their flexibility and handling of scheduling challenges. They agreed that scheduling back-to-back games without breaks was difficult and suggested staggering game times to improve the experience. Tim from St. Ann's Varsity noted that officials performed well, while Donald highlighted a situation where officials did not show up for a game due to a no-show by a Mount Aviat and Christ the Teacher.

Artificial Turf Field Benefits Discussion

The group also discussed the use of Chase as the primary facility for games, with noting the change from locations including Mount Pleasant and Banning Park from seasons. The coaches discussed the advantages of using artificial turf fields, particularly Chase Field, for their games, noting the convenience of scheduling and the lack of weather-related disruptions. They agreed on the benefits of centralizing facilities to reduce costs and improve coordination overall. Joe from IHM highlighted the quality of St. Mark's practice field, while the group acknowledged some scheduling issues with that in weather. The discussion concluded with a proposal to consider a third division for intercross division play in the JV schedule, seeking feedback from coaches on improving the scheduling process. The conversation included a formal apology on a time adjustment oversight for the last Friday of games from office.

Score System and Sports Scheduling

The team discussed the success of the new sideline score reporting system, which eliminated the need for separate email updates and allowed coaches to input scores through a single link. Mount Aviat expressed their successful usage of subscribing to the calendar for updates, which was communicated prior to season. They noted that the late Saturday night game times worked well for most teams, though Donald suggested improvements could be made to balance the schedule and prevent teams from playing the same opponent multiple times. Overall positive feedback was provided on the new model.

Co-ed Soccer Team Structure Debate | Youth Soccer Program Development

The group also addressed the decision to keep soccer as a co-ed sport, with Donald explaining that while the Athletic Advisory Committee had considered expanding girls' sports options, the coaches and parents had overwhelmingly supported maintaining the current co-ed format. The group discussed the challenges and considerations of maintaining co-ed soccer teams at various school levels. Joe from IHM suggested separating boys and girls teams due to

scheduling conflicts with girls' volleyball in the fall to help the possibility of growth in future, while Brian from St. Ann's and J.R. from Mount Aviat emphasized the benefits of keeping the current co-ed structure for smaller schools and the positive experiences it provides. Donald mentioned potential future solutions, such as creating diocesan teams or club-style teams, to accommodate more participants. The discussion concluded with a request for feedback on the IHM League, with Joe providing positive feedback on its convenience and scheduling, noting that the late 8:00pm game times were a point of concern.

The meeting discussed several topics related to youth soccer programs overall. Denver suggested a pilot program for a co-ed girls split in the IHM league, proposing to start with co-ed fall teams and all-girls spring teams. Donald expressed support for the split but emphasized the need for logistical considerations now, considering recent and overwhelming feedback this past fall.

Youth Sports Uniform Regulations And Rules Clarification

The group was informed about a new partnership with the Philadelphia Union, including a Faith and Family night event offering discounted tickets, Bible study, and the opportunity for players to play on the field during halftime. Donald encouraged feedback on the program and mentioned that CYM is updating their athletic handbook to simplify and clarify policies.

The group discussed uniform color conflicts and substitution rules in youth sports. J.R. noted that some teams had to purchase practice jerseys to accommodate color restrictions, and Joe explained that IHM handled this by including the cost in registration fees. Andrew raised concerns about inconsistent timing for games, with some using quarters and others using halves. Donald suggested looking into potential conflicts between different sports organizations and mentioned a new rule requiring the home team to wear dark colors. The group also discussed the possibility of aligning more closely with U.S. soccer rules, including playing 35-minute varsity games instead of 30-minute games.

The group discussed uniform requirements for CYM sports, with Joe expressing concerns about the cost of requiring two uniforms for each team. Donald suggested exploring a voucher system to help offset the cost of jerseys, while J.R. emphasized the importance of simplifying uniform requirements to reduce confusion for coaches and parents. The discussion concluded with a proposal to coordinate team colors more effectively, potentially reducing the need for multiple uniforms and making it easier for schools to manage their supplies.

The group discussed jersey management in youth sports, with Andrew sharing his experience that JV players don't care as much about jersey colors compared to varsity players, leading to a suggestion to start centralizing jerseys at the varsity level. Donald noted that as players get older, they develop more of a competitive mindset, which prepares them for high school sports.

Final Discussion

The conversation ended with J.R. praising Donald's organization and communication, and Donald announcing that the fall calendar for next year is available on the website, with a likely start date before Labor Day to accommodate the later holiday.