



## AYSO Executive Board Meeting

December 4, 2025 @ 7:15pm PST

### I. Call to Order – 7:18pm PDT

Members in attendance: Matthew Goldman, Bret Nicely, Patrick Shopbell, Shant Kamanjian, Brandi Lane, Dan Jeffries, Rolf Mauermann, Adam Stieg, Alberto Estepa, Mark Windsor, Tona Rodriguez-nikl, Celina Clewans, Neil Harrington, Terry Takahasi, Tony D'Angelo, and Christina Scott

### II. Discussion Topics

#### A. Thanksgiving Tournament Recap

- 76 teams participated from across Southern California (farthest: Tehachapi)
- Divisions: 10U, 12U, 14U across Victory Park, Robinson Park, Villa Park, Area H
- Projected revenue: \$15-20k (final finances pending January meeting)
- Matthew handled extensive logistics: game cards, scores, food truck coordination
- Minor complaints only (referee timing issues)
- Strong volunteer turnout from board members

#### B. Rose City Cup - This Weekend

- Saturday/Sunday tournament at Area H
- Schedule finalized, volunteer signups active
- Rose City Cup is coming up this weekend. Still need volunteers for set up and tear down for ten fields on Area H at the Rose Bowl.
  - All games are shortened, so that a winner can be declared!
  - Full length games for 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Coach only needs to check in
  - May need to pick up game cards.
  - There are pins for all players
- Setup concerns similar to Thanksgiving delays
  - 6:30 AM setup time (10 fields to prepare)
  - 12U games start 8 AM on 4 fields, others 8:30 AM
  - Strategic setup: 12U first, then 10U, 14U last (has breaks)
- Teardown Sunday 3 PM (security overnight Saturday)

- Food trucks, tent, medals all organized
- Team check-in at tent for pins, game cards, swag

### C. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - December 16

- Catering, entertainment, music planned
- Setup volunteers needed around 5 PM
- Awards to present:
  - Referee of the Year
  - Coach of the Year
  - Volunteer of the Year
  - Best Team Name
- External invitations being sent to City partners, sponsors (City National Bank, Galaxy, Elks)
- 75 RSVPs so far, expecting ~80% attendance
- Gold soccer ball trophy needed for Coach of the Year

### D. Winter/Spring All Stars Planning

- Key dates: Teams/coaches due Dec 11, rosters due Dec 30, games start Jan 10
- Practice field shortage: Need 54 sessions, only 40 subfields available at Butler
  - Butler subfields small, ankle-high grass issues
  - Community pickup games interfering with permits
- Game field options discussion:
  - Discussion whether to give up the McKinley field which is currently in poor condition (dirt field, broken sprinklers)
  - Considering Blair as alternative for 12U/14U (better grass, higher cost \$128/hour vs \$35)
  - No one wants Muir South due to the number of injuries due to gopher holes.
  - Marshall available for multiple divisions
- All Stars is starting soon. We have 40 fields, but we need 54 team practices.
  - Most people do not want Mondays or Fridays for practice.
  - Discussion whether to give up McKinley.
  - No one wants to use Muir South due to the number of injuries.
  - Marshall will be available on the weekends.
  - Grad series has four girls' teams and six boys' teams. Need one more coach! Will give schedule to Region 214.

### E. Grad Series & Winter Stars Updates

- Grad Series: 60 kids enrolled, discussion was that there would be four girls' teams and six boys' teams
- Need one additional head coach (WCA pulled out)
- 10U Coach certification class scheduled Jan 7, 6-9 PM
  - Terri volunteering as instructor

- Online portion required prior to in-person session
- Winter Stars: 59 signups, 34 volunteers registered
- Marshall field confirmed for Winter Stars (Sundays 3:30-5 PM)
- Equipment inventory needed at clubhouse

#### F. Field Costs & PUSD Billing Issues

- Major invoice discrepancies with Pasadena USD
- Rates increased 5-10x from previous \$25k annual total
- Current charges: Blair \$128/hour weekdays, \$56 weekends; McKinley \$35/hour
- Inconsistent custodial/gatekeeper fees (sometimes exceeds field costs)
- Previous porta potty agreement no longer honored
- Planning \$25-50k good faith payment while disputing charges
- Need more strategic permit requests vs. blanket coverage

#### G. Age Group Changes Communication

- AYSO national policy changing from school year to calendar year cutoffs
- Affects ~40% of players (August-December birthdays)
- Newsletter will include age chart with measured messaging
- Policy decisions needed on play-up/play-down requests
- Spring meeting planned to address implementation details

#### H. Action Items

- Brandi: Send coach reminder about Rose City Cup volunteers
- Patrick: Provide clubhouse key/code to Alberto for Winter Stars inventory
- Brett: Finalize newsletter age group messaging
- Patrick: Schedule spring/next season policy meeting
- Jessica/Rolf: Resolve All Stars practice field allocation
- Patrick: Contact PUSD about field billing discrepancies