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TRIVALLEY SOCCER REFEREE ASSOCIATION

The Ejection Report

Welcome to 2006

The New Year is here and we are into the real season for EBAL and MVAL teams. Other than the occasional non-league fill-in match, the games in the future will be league matches.

While we are either in or just past the second week of the league schedule, we are well past the middle of the schedule.

Games completed = 453

Games to do = 334

League play for EBAL will end on 2/10.



Two important things :

#1

Read the back page, it deals specifically with coaches concerns expressed after the season started.

#2

Players in these leagues who receive two direct red cards are *off the team for the year*. If you must pull one, do it, but give it more thought than the idiot player who created the misconduct.

League play for MVAL will end on 2/7. MVAL will have a league playoff series the next week.

North Coast Section Playoffs

North Coast Section Winter Playoffs will hold a seeding meeting on 2/12/05. At that time, brackets will be determined for 3A Girls, 3A Boys, 2A Girls, and 2A Boys playoff series.

Games will be played on 2/15 – 2/18 – 2/22 – 2/25.

The number of games to be played will be determined after the seeding meeting. Each year there may be a number of wildcard slots but it all depends on how many teams petition to play.

The location where games

are played comes from a list of schools who petition to host playoffs. It has no direct bearing on who is playing. Sites are determined after each prior round is played.

Once the number is set, the games will be split between 4 different referee associations, based on the number of teams served. NCS determines which games we get.

For the past 3 year, TVSRA has assigned 9 games/year. This could change, depending on how the brackets are set up by NCS.

If TVSRA does assign 9 games, that will only be 27 slots to fill. Our current roster of TVSRA officials is 127. So, there will be 100 TVSRA officials who will not get the opportunity to work these games. Later this month, invitations to participate will be sent to 40 officials to cover the 27 slots in case of conflicts.

Invited officials must fill out and return the application on time.

December Meeting with Coaches

Following a league game where the referee handled clock management just as I had instructed, I was requested to attend a meeting with league AD's and the commissioner. The meeting was to address several concerns, including clock management.

None of the ADs showed up but several coaches did, so we proceeded. The issues raised are below. I will deal with the clock issue last.

UNIFORMS – Home team is to wear light or white, visitor is dark. If there is conflict, the home team is to change. If it can't be resolved with uniforms on hand, the referee may determine a fair game can be played but you **MUST** report the problem to me. I will inform the league. Note: At the varsity level, **all field players must have the same color socks**. Don't allow one player, other than the GK to have socks of a different color. This is one way to make one player in a group stand out. Don't permit the different sock color or distinctive differences in pattern.

SIGNALS – Use intuitive hand signals for fouls, holding, etc.. Make sure you signal all time-outs and time starts using hand signals. When a coach asks what a card is for, you must inform the coach. Take the time, be direct, quick and get on with the game.

PREGAME MEETING – This was noted as a Rule requirement. Use this as the time to sort out clock issues.

USE OF STADIUM CLOCK – *By EBAL Bylaws Sec. 26 "the home team will be the official timer, if it has a visible timing device. If it does not, the time will be kept by the head referee. 11/4/04*

Before I give you the feedback on this one, some background. None of the Boys teams have supported the use of a stadium clock, they may not have a timer. Two of the Girls coaches feel strongly about using the stadium clock. There may be a change in the future but that will require a league meeting after

the season.

NOTE: This applies only to EBAL league matches, not MVAL nor play-offs.

1) Meet with coaches prior to the game and make sure you understand their concerns and wishes about time keeping.

2) When using a timer, if a significant error occurs, attempt to stop the game and correct the error at that time, not later. (*This is a specific coach request but see the box below.*) The coaches had a problem understanding why this couldn't be done at the time. They agreed that if not corrected at the time, they would accept any lost or added time which had occurred due to timer error. They just wanted to believe the clock.

3) If using a timer, do not instruct the clock to stop at 2 minutes. Since there is a timer, the clock must be used.

4) Make sure the signals for start and stop are clear.

At the meeting, the coaches wanted immediate correction of timing errors. I told them I would ask you to do this. However, after the meeting, I sent this note to the EBAL Commissioner, Don Nelson, here it is:

Don, just a heads up. I missed one part of the rules which addresses my concerns with the specific game at hand and what the referee is to do. As I stated, my concern was not with the stadium clock per se but with the issue at the time during a specific match when an error has occurred and what the referee can and should do. The coaches agreed that the correction should be made at the time of the incident but not later.

Here are the parts of the Rules which address this issue.

Rule 5, Sec 3, Article 2

The ... center referee shall

c: decide matters upon which the timer disagrees.

g: have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered it the rules.

I will inform the referees to make corrections to time at the time of the incident, not later. However, should a referee determine that he has to adjust it later, the Rules allow him to do so.

I don't expect a big problem with it but if it does come up, irrespective of the decisions of the coaches at the meeting yesterday, the referee does have the authority to do so and the coaches' decisions can't limit the authority the rules give him. I should have had this information at hand for the meeting. Sorry I missed it.