

Board Recap/Notes from 12/19/24
Committee members not in attendance

Board- Attendance

Kim- Commissioner

Kyle- Facilities ✖

Cassidy- Discipline

Tiffany- Marketing

James- Legal

Sean- Treasurer/Finance

Agenda:

1- Adding/Approving New Committee Members

- Those marked in **red** are changes to our structure
- The individuals marked in **red** were approved to assist with the League and will report to designated Board Member
- We have an open Board role and will be taking nominations to fill. Typical Board positions are voted on in July. This may require a special session to get the role filled.

| Commissioner | Facilities / UPSL | Marketing | Sponsorship/ Fundraising | Treasurer | Legal/ Compliance | Discipline |
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| Board-Kim | Board-Kyle | Board-Tiffany | Board- Open | Board-Sean | Board-James | Board- Cassidy |
| Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Felix- League Advisor ▪ Jacob- League Advisor | Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christian Moore- internal refs, league growth ▪ Kyle H- UPSL | Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christian-External Tournaments ▪ Michael-IG?? ▪ Marta ▪ Kyle H-Shirts | Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ | No Committee | Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline-compliance | Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sophia-FM ▪ Hana- FM/Medical ▪ Danielle Duncan- discipline |

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| Responsibilities | Responsibilities | Responsibilities | Responsibilities | Responsibilities | Responsibilities | Responsibilities |
| -Registration -Website -Schedules -Referee Contact - Technical/FIFA rules | -Fields -Equipment -Weather -internal refs -local Tournaments -UPSL | -Season Blasts -Instagram/FB -Championship shirts -League Logo | - Sponsorships (big companies) -Fundraising | -Bank Acct -Bills -LLC documents -Taxes | -Bylaws -Legal Questions - voting -rules -Special committees | -Field Marshals -Red Cards at field -Discipline Committee |

2- Survey Results

- In response to a survey suggestion, we will issue every captain a RSL ball for the Spring Season. Captain's will be charged a \$25 fee. When the ball is returned at end of season, captain will get the \$25 back. If the ball is lost during the season, the \$25 will go towards a new ball.
- Captain meeting notes will be sent to all members via the website mass email communication so all players are in the know.
- Fields- We are doing our best to get better communication with the City regarding fields/closures etc.
- Season length- We are going to set a limit to only have even number of teams in each division. This will help to keep our season within the designated time frame which will benefit all.
- We will do our best to keep games consistent with days of weeks and times. We are limited due to the fact that we are relying on a 3rd party for facilities.
- We added to our Compliance (new name from -Legal) to have better rules around discipline, voting transparency etc.

- Women's division- we would love to get back to 11v11 and 3 refs but until numbers support, we will continue with current arrangement

3- New League Structure Proposal

- A proposal from a player regarding our league structure was approved during the board meeting. The proposal is as follows:

Relegation Style Approach- Coed

Competitive League:

- **Teams (8):** Joes, Urban, Roanoke, West Ham, Pink, Medkick, Franchise, Byarn.
- **Regular Season Format:**
 - o Each team plays the other teams once (7 matches per team).
 - o Points are awarded traditionally (win = 3, draw = 1, loss = 0).
 - o Standings determine seeding for playoffs.
- **Playoff Structure:**
 - o Top 7 teams advance to the playoffs.
 - o 1st seed gets a bye.
 - o Single elimination format:
 - Quarterfinals: Seed 2 vs. 7, Seed 3 vs. 6, Seed 4 vs. 5.
 - Semifinals: Top remaining seed plays lowest remaining seed.
 - Final: Winners of the semifinals.

Developmental League:

- **Teams (4):** Pick, Mellow Yellow, Urban 2, United.
- **Regular Season Format:**
 - o Each team plays the others twice (6 matches per team; home-and-away format). Registration fee will be adjusted if less games than competitive for fairness)
 - o Points are awarded in the same way as the Competitive League.
 - o Standings determine seeding for playoffs.
- **Playoff Structure:**
 - o All 4 teams qualify for single elimination playoffs:

- Semifinals: 1st seed vs. 4th seed, 2nd seed vs. 3rd seed.
- Final: Winners of the semifinals.

Promotion/Relegation Playoff:

- At the end of the playoffs:
 - o The winner of the Developmental League playoffs faces the bottom team of the Competitive League in a one-match playoff.
 - o The winner of this match earns a spot in the Competitive League for the following season.
 - o Loser drops/stays in the Developmental League.

Schedule Overview:

1. Competitive League Regular Season: 7 weeks.
2. Developmental League Regular Season: 6 weeks.
3. Playoffs:
 - o Competitive League: 3 rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals, final).
 - o Developmental League: 2 rounds (semifinals, final).
4. **Promotion/Relegation Match:** 1 match.

This system ensures competitive balance, gives developmental teams something to strive for and allows flexibility to adapt for future seasons. Committee Member overseeing this -Christian Moore.

4- Finance update

- The League's bills are the following each season: Refs, Facilities/fields, and MDCVSA dues. The largest bill we get is from the referees. Many folks aren't aware of what we pay each SEASON for just the refs alone. This Fall Season, the referee bill was around 23k. As a player run League, we are wanting to keep cost down as best we can. We also wanted to offer transparency.
- We are looking to find corporate sponsors to help as we grow and that is why we have added the Board role of Fundraising/Sponsorship.

5- Facilities Update

- Indoor- No outdoor cleats allowed we need to make this clear. We will also be playing off the walls this season 😊
- Season starts Jan 9.
- 5v5 with a team limit of 12. Free agents will be added to teams not at capacity. We will reach out directly to captains if you are getting one.
- Conversations are in the process with the city for Spring.

6- Europe Trip 2025

- Every year, our league sends a group of coed players to Europe to play in friendlies and explore the countryside. We will be going to Switzerland , Germany, and Italy this year October 11-20. Players and spectators are welcome. We do have limited spots so if you are interested, let us know. The announcement with all the details pinned to fb and our website.



6- Captain updates

- Winter teams must be at min of 6 by 12/22/24 or we will merge with other teams
- Schedules will be out for Coed and Men's on 12/24/24
- Spring Relegations Style Season
 - No Dual registrations for men. We will allow women to be dual registered for Coed to support the low numbers.
 - A player cannot be rostered in Competitive and Developing (if rostered in Competitive, you cannot also be registered in Developing and vice versa)

- A player cannot cross sub in competitive and Developing (if rostered in Competitive, you cannot sub in Developing and vice versa)
 - All new teams will start in the Developing bracket
- We will revisit the effectiveness of this style after the Spring season and listen to survey results

7- Important Dates

- Winter Captain's Meeting- Zoom- Jan. 7th.
 - Mandatory for a captain or representative from each team
 - Rules for the season will be distributed at this meeting
- Winter Indoor Season begins Jan 9th and 12th
- December 29th at Star City Soccer Complex
 - Women's Tournament
 - 8-5
 - Come support our local women's teams