



**OAA Boy's Soccer Coaches
2010 Post-Season Meeting**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 @ 6pm
Lahser High School

Schools represented:

Athens, Clarkston, Lahser, Lake Orion, Rochester, Royal Oak, Stoney Creek, Troy, Andover, Berkley, Farmington, Ferndale, Groves, Hazel Park, North Farmington, Oxford, Pontiac, Seaholm

Schools not represented:

Adams, Avondale, Harrison, West Bloomfield

Agenda Items Discussed

Coaches Contact Information

A sheet was passed around with coaches contact information for verification and sign in. Everyone present verified their contact information. Avis Najor will be sending the list out to all the coaches and athletic directors.

All League Nominees

Poor coach response was discussed. Coaches and Athletic Directors are expected to meet the deadlines for the nominations. In the future, teams whose coaches do not supply the information will not have their nominees sent to the papers. Coaches received a copy of the 2010 Boys Soccer Standings and All League Nominations.

Water for Visiting Teams

It was agreed that Host schools will supply water to both the visiting and home teams.

Coaches Association

It was discussed that we do not have a coaches association representing our league or one that represents our region. The coaches interested in starting one will meet after we adjourn to discuss forming an association.

Officials

Significant discussion regarding the officials often assigned to OAA competitions. Comments included:

- "Pat Hayes has never been to one of these meetings."
- Some officials not physically able to officiate appropriately (Neck brace, knee brace, recovering from hip replacement surgery, unable to run, etc.)
- Fear of retribution after completing a negative rating of an official (some have experienced this).
- Games getting out of control or students getting cards due to frustration from lack of "the first infraction" being called
- Profanity by an official (1 incident cited)
- No on-site evaluation of officials by the assignor
- According to a few coaches, Flint Metro League has good officials

Motion:

A motion was made by Adam Bican of Stoney Creek and seconded by Tim Storch of Athens that we work towards attaining a new assignor. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion. Coaches were to let Avis know of various assignors who we may be able to use.

Realignment for the 2011 season was discussed and voted on.

Proposals were discussed: A proposal was made to move back to a three division league format. A proposal was made to keep the two division league format.

Motion:

A motion was made to move to a three division format. The options were discussed at length and a vote was taken on each proposal with the two division format being upheld (12 - 4 - 2) with some modifications.

Motion:

A motion was then made to have 2 divisions with 11 teams each. The motion was discussed and passed after some clarification by a 9 to 6 vote (3 abstentions).

We will have two divisions of 11 teams each with a system of having the last two teams in the Red Division standings each year moving to the White and the first two teams in the White Division standing moving to the Red each year. This system will stay in place for at least the next two years. For the first year of this system (the 2011 season), which two teams would be moved to the Red division was discussed and this past season’s standings and the overall W-L-T records (factoring the MHSAA divisions as well) for the last three years were looked at as part of the discussion. The vote was unanimous to move Avondale to the red division with several comments about how strong the program has been for the last several years.

For the remaining decision between North Farmington and Groves, the coaches from the red division choose to have the white division vote to decide. The white division's vote resulted in a 5-5 tie. The red division then voted (4 - 2) to move Groves to the red division for an overall vote of 9 to 7 (2 abstentions).

Avondale and Groves were moved to the Red Division

Red Division: (11 teams)

- Adams
- Athens
- Avondale
- Clarkston
- Groves
- Lahser
- Lake Orion
- Rochester
- Royal Oak
- Stoney Creek
- Troy

White Division: (11 teams)

- Andover
- Berkley
- Farmington
- Ferndale
- Harrison
- Hazel Park
- North Farmington
- Oxford
- Pontiac
- Seaholm
- West Bloomfield

Realignment will be happen every year according to the system of last two teams in Red and first two teams in White switching divisions. The discussion regarding changing “the system” will happen after two years.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Meeting minutes taken by Linda Fox (Farmington Schools) and Avis Najor (Lahser High School)