

GVSA board meeting minutes – Sept 9, 2013

Present: John Hall, Josh Sheldon, Tim Scarpino, Ken Lovell, John Corbett, Sue Crabtree

Guests:

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 8:30pm

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Officers Reports:

Jake Harmon: \$98,866.07 in checking and \$35,210.51 in savings

John Corbett: John discussed an assignor issue on the Lakeshore and let us know GVSOA is working on solving the problem.

President's report:

Game day procedures went out to all of the clubs as well as all rule changes.

Tryouts for Premier will be June 14 and select can start on June 16 with commitment day being June 18. Sue has posted the dates online.

Administrator's report:

Rascals had a paperwork issue for 2 teams as well as field issues.

Hastings signed up 4 Rec teams.

Game changes seemed lighter this year than in previous ones.

RESPECT:

What are the next steps? We have put the proposed press conference on hold.

Pass-carding expansion to all teams:

This was discussed and the board feels the demand is not there at this time.

Goal sizes U10 and under:

See the attached handouts.

Game changes and fee disbursement:

\$25 goes to the administrator, \$25 to GVSA.

New business:

Forfeit rules - Tabled

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Next meeting October 7th, 2013 at 8:30pm at MVP Spot (32nd St.)

Timely Submitted,

Josh Sheldon, Secretary

GVSA Website: Field Schedules

Current

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HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The home team is responsible for securing the playing field and for assuring that it is playable and meets minimum playing dimensions (50x100 yards; 40x70 yards for U-11 and U-12; 35x60 yards for U10 and younger). If a field is not playable, the referee must issue a report to the league administrator, who then has the authority to rule if the game will be forfeited, allowed to stand as played or replayed.

If a field does not conform to GVSA standards it is the duty of the Home Club to post a notice of this fact on their website.

FIELD SIZE

This is almost never an issue for full sized fields, but is sometimes an issue with the smaller sizes, since some our clubs use the same fields for U8-U10 and U11-U12. Fields CANNOT be smaller than the minimums (see above) nor should they be more than the maximums (see below).

GOAL SIZE

For U11-12 games they should be 7'x21' (although USYSA suggests 18'x6', which is permissible.); in U8-U10 they should be 6'x18'. Since not everyone has these sized goals, larger goals, which do not change the game, are allowed, but NOT smaller ones: For Example, a 6'x4' goal is inappropriate.

FIELD MARKINGS

On full sized fields (U13+) the field size and markings **must conform to the *Laws of the Game***. The following markings must exist to hold a game (and the home team should buy a can of field paint and add them if they are missing):

- a. Touch lines
- b. Goal Lines
- c. Penalty Areas
- d. Goals

The following **should be present**, but a game can be played without them (this is not the Referee's decision, but a League Rule). However, The Referee should report their absence to GVSA on the *GVSA Official Game Report*:

- a. Half Line (if missing, two bags or cones can be set up so the AR knows where each half of the field is for Offside)
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d. Corner Flags (Cones/bags can be used in their absence)

e. Nets on the Goals - yes, you can play a game without them, although it is hard on the Ref!

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b. Penalty Spot (the Ref can step it off if a PK is to be taken)

c. Tick marks for 10 yards from the Arcs

TECHNICAL AREAS (TEAM AREAS)

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USYSA Recommendations for Small sized Fields

| Field Marking | U8-U10 | U11-U12 |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Field Size | 45-60 x 35-45 yards (60x35 is the GVSA minimum) | 70-80 x 45-55 yards |
| Goal Size | 18' x 6' | 18' x 6' (21' x 7' is preferred by GVSA) |
| Goal Area | 18 x 6 yards | 18 x 6 yards |
| Penalty Area | 26 x 10 yards | 34 x 14 yards |
| Penalty Spot | 8 yards from Goal Line | 10 yards from Goal Line |
| Center Circle Radius | 8 yards | 8 yards |

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GVSA Recommended Goal and Field Dimensions

| Age | Players | Goal Size min/max | Field Width min/max | Field Length min/max |
|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| U8-U10 | 6 v 6 | 6' x 12' - 6' x 18' | 35 yd - 45 yd | 45 yd - 60 yd |
| U11-U12 | 8 v 8 | 6' x 18' - 7' x 21' | 45 yd - 55 yd | 70 yd - 80 yd |
| U13-U19 | 11 v 11 | 8' x 24' | 50 yd - 100 yd | 100 yd - 130 yd |

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