

GVSA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2023 – 7:00 pm
3351 36th Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm by Kevin Balcer
 - a. Board Members Present: Kevin Balcer, Courtney Johnson, Bruce Lane, Andrew Johnson, Sue Crabtree, Jane Ashby, Bre Brendsel, Chris Denham, Elissa Vire
 - b. Board Members Absent: Lizzie Hornack,
 - c. Guests: Brett Beckett from MFA
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting November 7, 2022 were approved as presented
- III. Officer's Reports
 - a. Andrew Johnson
 - i. GVSOA is getting more organized and there are now treasurer and secretary positions that have been added and filled.
 - ii. Field sessions for new referees are starting to be scheduled.
 - iii. Working on creating a policy of what the assignors need to do when there are no referees assigned to a game
- IV. Administrator's Report
 - a. Sue:
 - i. Just got through the registration deadline and all teams are paid for
 - ii. This week is the registration deadline for players
 - iii. Elite divisions will be posted afterwards
- V. Old Business
 - a. Referee Update
 - i. Recert numbers will be given once GVSOA gets an update
 - b. Nomination committee update
 - i. Meeting later this week
 - c. 4v4 goal arc
 - i. Tabled
 - d. Board Shirts/pullover
 - i. Will get sizes of board members
- VI. New Business
 - a. AGM
 - i. Will start with a social hour / light food at 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:00 am on March 11th at the library (same place as last year)
 - ii. Will be confirmed and finalized by next meeting
 - b. Team/Coach send off rule
 - i. Approved with changes (see next page)
- VII. Executive Session
 - a. Disciplinary Items

The next meeting will be February 13th, 2023 at 7pm at 4235 Corporate Exchange Dr,
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

SECTION J

SCHEDULES, CANCELLATIONS & FORFEITS

The decision to suspend a game lies solely with the Referee or the Facility in charge of the Fields. Teams may not decide to suspend the game and leave prematurely. If a game is terminated because of weather and one half of the game has been completed, the game will be considered complete and the score at the time of the suspension will be recorded as the final result. If one half of the game has not been completed and the game is terminated, the game will be rescheduled and replayed. The home team must notify the Administrator of the new date, time and site via the game change form. No fee will be due.

~~3. If a team willingly forfeits a scheduled game, its club must post a \$250 performance bond at the beginning of the next season. Should the team and/or coach forfeit again during that season, they will forfeit the bond. Otherwise, the bond will be paid back to the club.~~

3. Forfeit Fees

i. Games forfeited but still played. Example: Missing Pass Card/Cards; Ineligible Player; etc. In the event that a Game is forfeited for these reasons, the Club Team whose action resulted in the forfeit will be fined \$100 (However, if this is for missing Pass Card/Cards and the Team's first offense, the Fine may be waived at the Disciplinary Chairman's discretion). If that same Team **or coach** forfeits again within the same season, the Club will be fined **an additional** \$250 and both the Coach and Club Representative will be required to meet with the GVSA Disciplinary Chair for discussion and possible other fines and discipline.

ii. Games forfeited but not played. Example: Not enough Players; Team doesn't show up; No Coach or Team/Club Representative on sideline; No Person with a Risk Management Card; etc. In the event that a Game is forfeited for these reasons, that Club's Team whose actions resulted in the forfeit will be fined \$250. If that same Team **or coach** forfeits again within that same season, the Club will be fined **an additional** \$500 and both the Coach and Club Representative will be required to meet with the GVSA Board for discussion and possible other fines and discipline.

iii. Games forfeited due to irresponsible/unacceptable Behavior or misconduct. If a match is abandoned because of a team's Coach/Player(s), or spectator(s) behavior, the team(s) club determined to be at fault will be issued a \$500 fine and the game will be listed as a forfeit.

iv. Games that are not rescheduled and left unplayed. Example: Field Conditions; Weather; No Referees; etc. In the event that this situation occurs, each Team will be fined \$200. Either Club can contact the GVSA Board with information and reasoning on why they feel the other Club is totally responsible for this problem. If the Board determines that just one (1) Team is responsible for the unplayed Game, that Club will be responsible for the total fine of \$400.

v. Games that have been rescheduled without GVSA approval (Section J, Number 1). In the event that this situation occurs, each Team will receive a forfeit and a fine of \$150. Either Club can contact the GVSA Board with information and

reasoning on why they feel the other Club is totally responsible for the problem. If the Board determines that just one (1) Team is responsible for this problem, that Club will be responsible for the total fine of \$300.

vi. GVSA reserves the right to review any and all information to make a final determination of facts and the application of any and all Penalties/Sanctions.

4. Teams should not play without a certified referee. In emergencies, others may referee, if both teams agree and subject to GVSA procedures

SECTION E RULES, GAME PROCEDURES

8. Behavior:

- a. The referee will not tolerate any foul or abusive language from players, coaches or spectators. The referee may ask the coach to have any spectator, who is interfering with the game, to leave the premises, suspend the game until such person(s) leave, and if necessary, abandon it if such person(s) refuse. Any coach or player who is sent off will leave the field of play and may not stay at the field.
- b. GVSA is a youth league. While competitive in nature, it is oriented toward development and is firmly of the belief in "Fair Play". Any inappropriate actions by coaches or spectators, including berating your own or opposing players will **not be tolerated**.
- c. **Team Officials, players, and spectators are expected to understand and follow the current rules, policies, and procedures of the GVSA program as well as MSYSA rules & Policies. Ignorance of these rules does not present a case for defense should any rules be violated. If Behavior or actions are considered serious enough by the GVSA Disciplinary Committee, a team/Club may face additional sanctions for irresponsible behavior or misconduct, offenses are determined by the GVSA Disciplinary Committee.**

Examples of Irresponsible Behavior & Misconduct includes, but are not limited to

- Verbally or physically abusing/harassing any opponents, officials, team staff, spectators, or any participants of the match.
- Persistently and flagrantly protesting decisions by the official, interfering with the performance of the center referee or assistant referee duties.
- Interfering with the match in any way, such as throwing an object(s), entering the field of play.

SECTION F DISCIPLINE (CAUTIONS AND SEND-OFFS)

The GVSA expects its players and coaches to conduct themselves within the rules of the Association, the principles of fair play, and good sportsmanship. In accordance with the MSYSA Rules and Regulations:

1. Players, coaches or managers being sent off (red card) in a GVSA sanctioned game will be suspended for his/her team's next scheduled game, if the red card was for two cautions or denying an obvious scoring opportunity by handling the ball. For serious foul play, violent conduct or abusive/foul language, the suspension shall be

for two games. Violent conduct before or after the game (no red card shown) will also result in a two game suspension. **In the event that a team official is sent off (red Card) a \$100 send off fine will be assessed to the Club.**

2. Players threatening, by word or sign, another player, coach, spectator, referee, team or league official shall be suspended for one game. The penalty for coaches is a two game suspension; repeat offenders are suspended for at least four games and must appear before the GVSA Disciplinary Committee.
3. Players pushing or striking a coach or manager shall be suspended a minimum of one year. The penalty for coaches, managers and other team officials is a minimum suspension of one year and an appearance before the GVSA Disciplinary Committee. All abuse and assault of referees shall be referred to the Michigan Referee Committee for disciplinary action.
4. Fans and others, who may reasonably be construed to be associated with a team, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction of the GVSA. Coaches and team officials are responsible for those who, in the opinion of the disciplinary authority, are team supporters.
5. Players, coaches, managers or team officials who alter a roster, falsify a birth date or affix a wrong photo to an ID card shall receive a seven year suspension.
6. Players, coaches, managers or team officials receiving three cautions during a playing season shall be suspended for one game. Anyone sent off twice during a season must appear before the GVSA Disciplinary Committee before he/she can play again. The hearing must be requested by the offender.
7. The coach of any U7-U16 team receiving three 3 red cards in one game, or 5 red cards in a season, or 5 cards (red or yellow) in one game, or 10 cards (red or yellow) in a season will receive an automatic suspension of 2 games. If the team card count reaches 15 cards (red or yellow) the team will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games and possibly longer depending upon the findings of the GVSA Discipline Committee. The coach of any U17 or older team receiving three 3 red cards in one game, or 6 red cards in a season, or 6 cards (red or yellow) in one game, or 15 cards (red or yellow) in a season will receive an automatic suspension of 2 games. If a U17 or older team receives a combination of 18 or more cards in a season the team will be suspended.
Before they will be reinstated, they must appear before the GVSA Disciplinary Committee along with their Club official. If they are reinstated, they will be put on a 1 year probation and a Club official will be required to attend all remaining games that this coach/team has to help control behavior. An automatic fine of \$500 will be levied against the Club.
8. Any coach allowing a suspended player to play, shall be suspended for two games. The team using the suspended player shall forfeit the game.
9. **A team/club may be fined, as a result of Irresponsible / Unacceptable Behavior or Misconduct within GVSA league matches on behalf of a team's coach, players, or spectators by the disciplinary process:**
 - **First offense \$250**
 - **Second offense \$500 as well as evaluation of team/club participation by the GVSA Disciplinary Committee**

- Third offense for all participating teams within the club will result in a \$1000 fine. In addition, the club's participation within the league will be evaluated by the GVSA Disciplinary Committee.
- If a match is abandoned because of a team/spectator's behavior, the team(s) club determined to be at fault will be issued a \$500 fine and the game will be listed as a forfeit.