

Central Alberta Soccer Association
TECHNICAL-PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Virtual
February 23, 2022

PRESENT:

Bashaw Soccer Club- Michelle Hilderman, **Bentley Minor Soccer** – Juanita Bender,
Blackfalds Minor Soccer – Wayne Murphy, **Camrose & District Soccer** – Amanda Boateng,
Clive Soccer Club : Angela Gessleman, **Lacombe Soccer Club** : Jaymen Hand
Penhold Minor Soccer – Chelsey Anderson, **Ponoka Minor Soccer** – Rob McArthur, **Rocky Knights Soccer**– Ryan Jillard
Spruce View Minor Soccer – Rolf vonBentham, **Wetaskiwin Soccer Club** : Tad Kircher, Alison Sherrer

EXECUTIVE-STAFF:

President- Tracy Everett **1st Vice President** – Lonny Behm
Secretary – Les Sherrer
Executive Director – Tammy Olson, **Technical Director** – Jason Blake
DRA – Philip Ignacio

GUEST:

Matt Thomas – Alberta Soccer – Coach Education

ABSENT:

Central Alberta Men’s League, Innisfail Minor Soccer, SC Central, Stettler Minor Soccer, Sylvan Lake Blizzard
Darla Preston- Treasurer
Jon Mulder – 2nd Vice President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02

Roll Call taken – 11 of 16 Current Members Present

1. **Presentation by Matt Thomas of Alberta Soccer**- Standard of Quality Soccer Certification Process
(See Appendix A)
 - After the Presentation a Discussion was held.
 - Member Concerns
 - a. Cost of the Certifications for so many Coaches as well as Respect in Sport – CASA has received a Grant to offset the costs of these programs for everyone. There is also Coach Development Funds which go towards all Coach Education.
 - b. Getting Coaches to volunteer if they are required to get certified as well – The majority of the program is online and can be done from home. A maximum of three hours. It can be done when convenient for the Coaches. Does need to be completed all in one setting.
 - c. Not adequate time to complete all required tasks. Most of the documents required to receive Certification are already in Place in Clubs or at the District Level, to be adopted by your Club.
 - d. Need confirmation on exact number of Certified Coaches required in Grassroots U9 and down Program.
 - This is a positive move towards Coach retention as well as raising the standard of Programming and safety for all age groups of Soccer Players.
2. **CASA Technical Presentation (SEE Appendix B)**
 - Player Development (U5 and up)
 - Coach Development (U5 and Up)
3. **CASA Spring Leagues**
 - Divisions
 - U11 Boys and Girls
 - U13 Boys and Girls
 - U15 Boys and Girls
 - U17-U19 Boys and Girls

League Dates – May 9 – June 30, 2022

Provincial Qualifier and U11 CASA Challenge Tournament – June 24-26, 2022

Player ID Cards – Process being put in place

U9 Development League considered if there is interest

Coach Certifications

- + Coach Certifications are Online Module and Practical Workshops
 - + Active Start (4 – 6 years -U5 Soccer) \$20.00
 - + Fundamentals (6 to 9 years – U7 Soccer) \$20.00
 - + Learn to Train (9 to 12 years – U9 and U11 Soccer) \$30.00
 - + Soccer for Life (13 years Plus) \$30.00
- + Required: Certification in appropriate Level - Respect in Sport (transferrable between Sports) – These courses take are a maximum of 2.5 hours online. Recommended Making Ethical Decisions.
 - + Coaches will pay up front and reimbursement will be given in bulk to the Home Club. CASA received a JumpStart Grant to Cover a percentage of costs for the Required elements. The CASA Development Program will also cover additional expenses, therefore no cost to Coaches and majority is done from the comfort of home. They can be done well in advance of the Season
 - + For U5 to U7 Soccer, every “Coach” is not required to receive Certification. Programming may be set up so that Certified Coaches are on site.
 - + Training Plans and Coach Kits are available Free of Charge as part of membership

Referee Certification

- 1. Entry Level Courses for Students who are 14 years of age on or before May 15, 2022.** Referees will not be charged directly. CASA will pay for all Certifications and invoice Home Clubs for 50% of the cost.
 - Students are now taking the Entry Level course in a new format as of 2021. - online self-directed modules, instructor led webinar session, online exam and finally an on-field practical session.
 - For the on-field practical session, the host will need to provide a suitable indoor facility for practical training (indoor field, fieldhouse, gym etc.) The facility must be booked for 3 hours. Indoor is needed so that the practical session can go ahead, regardless of the weather conditions outside. Practical sessions can be requested for weekends (morning or afternoon) or weeknights, based on your preference and facility availability etc. **This is the only facility booking required for Entry Level Courses.**
 - 2. Outdoor Refreshers – Referee will pay up Front to renew registration and Reimbursement will be provided in bulk to their home Club**

These will all be hosted by Alberta Soccer online through Ref Centre modules and webinar sessions. **Districts and clubs will not be required to host any Outdoor Refreshers in 2022.** Once referees have attended the outdoor refresher, they will appear on the Eligible List of Referees for Outdoor 2022.
 - 3. Mini Referee Courses for Students who are 12 years of age on or before May 15, 2022.** Referees will not be charged directly. CASA will pay for all Certifications and invoice Home Clubs for 50% of the cost.

Mini Referee Courses are being offered in 2022 for students 12 years of age or older by May 15,2022. There is no upper age limit for the Mini Course.

 - The 2022 Mini Referee Course will consist of a 1.5-hour class session followed by 2.5 hours on a field. An Indoor field is needed so that the practical session can go ahead, regardless of the weather conditions outside. **The host is responsible for booking these two facilities and they must be held on the same day.**
- **Referee and Coach Recruitment**
 - The Central Alberta Men’s League is assisting in recruiting Coaches and Referees among their Player Membership
 - Reaching out to former Coaches and Referees: Perks – Certification Free of Charge
 - Advertising for Youth Referees and Schools – Great way to earn extra money

New Business

CASA Searching for Committee Members for the following (Does not need to be a Club Board Member or CASA Rep)

-Governance Committee (By-Laws, Rules & Regulations)

- Discipline Committee

Meeting Adjourned:

APPENDIX A:

"The Standard of Quality Soccer Certification" for our Clubs.

Step 1 for all communities will be having certified Coaches at every level of play. This is an ongoing process working towards our District Clubs / Communities being certified through Canada Soccer Licensing Program by May 2023. This is a positive move towards Coach retention as well as raising the standard of Programming and safety for all age groups of Soccer Players.

Step 2 – Coaches / Leaders acquire Respect in Sport or Making Ethical Decisions

Step 3 – All Clubs are suitable registered as a Not-for Profit Society with Alberta Registries

Step 4 – Clubs have the following

- a. By Laws
- b. Rules & Regulations
- c. Anti – Bullying
- d. Anti – Harassment
- e. Inclusion Policies
- f. Codes of Conduct

All of these have ready made templates. CASA Technical Department and Alberta Soccer will help everyone through the process

You can read information regarding the Certification Process for the Standards of Quality Soccer at the following link

<http://central-alta-soccer.msa4.rampinteractive.com/content/club-licensing-standard-of-quality-soccer-certification>

Appendix B: (Overview)

THE ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT (Full Document sent to Clubs)

Our Influence

"If we give a **PLAYER** a session, we coach them for a day.

If we teach a **PERSON** to coach, we coach **PLAYERS** for a lifetime."

Technical Director

Jason Blake

Assistant Technical Director

Lonny Behm

- Support and guide the CASA membership in coach education and player development programming.
- Promote Canada Soccer's coaching pathway and coaching good practice curriculum.
- Encourage the return to participation for CASA members through positive programming and engagement.
- Grow the game of soccer throughout Central Alberta in cooperation with the CASA members.
- Each CASA Association to nominate a Technical Co-ordinator/Lead
- Technical Co-ordinators point of contact for Technical Department
- Regular Technical Co-ordinator group calls with Technical Department
- Technical Co-ordinators responsible for internal communication with their Association coaches.
- Technical Co-ordinators do not have to be a board member of their Membership Association but could be worth consideration.

TECHNICAL CALENDAR

- Develop a yearly calendar appropriate to indoor & outdoor scheduling
- Created with the input and feedback from CASA members
- Deliver monthly coach focused training events
- Webinars & Workshops
- Player Development Activities

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

Learning Topics

- Warmups

- Preferred Training Model
- Small Sided Games
- Session Management
- Coaching Behaviours
- Parent Influence & Involvement

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Skills Centres
- Festivals
- Tournaments
- Soccer Camps

CASA COACHES GROUP

- Aim to improve communication and engagement with and between CASA coaches
 - No cost to coaches
 - Facebook Group or WhatsApp Group
 - Monitored and administrated by Technical Department
 - Friendly and respectful place for discussion and connection
 - No abusive behaviour will be accepted
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- Club licensing will raise standards to help grow the game and provide participants with a better experience.
 - Club licensing competence will take work for each Association and CASA
 - Technical Department will support CASA members with the Club Licensing process.

OFFICIALS & COACHES GROUP

- Need to create greater appreciation and understanding of each department.
- Improve communication between departments.

SOCCER FUTURISTS

- Majority of coaches are vital and valuable volunteer parents.
- Central Alberta has many impressive young people who are proactive towards learning and participation.
- We must offer support to these young people with guidance, education and opportunity.
- We can enhance lives and create career opportunities in sport for Central Albertans.