



Central Alberta Soccer Association
Pre-Season MEETING Minutes
April 10, 2024
7:00 pm
Virtual

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2024
LOCATION: Virtual

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 pm

1. Roll Call taken – 14 of 17 members present.

PRESENT:

Bashaw Soccer Club- Michelle Hilderman, **Bentley Minor Soccer** – Michelle Lundy,
Blackfalds Minor Soccer- Lyndsey Greer **Camrose & District Soccer** – Amanda Boeteng
Lacombe Soccer Club: Cecelia Mena-Metro, Jeff Mason
Penhold Minor Soccer – Scott McNabb, **Ponoka Minor Soccer** – Krista McKnight, Christoph Dittmar
Rimbey Minor Soccer – Christine Beerman, Kimberly Rode **Rocky Knights Soccer**– Olivia Atwater
SC Central – Kobi Okoye **Spruce View Minor Soccer** – Rolf von Bentham,
Stettler Minor Soccer – Wade Stewart, **Sylvan Lake Blizzard** – Julie Maplethorpe, Kevin Breitreutz
Wetaskiwin Soccer Club: Simon Kelm, Les Sherrer

EXECUTIVE-STAFF:

CASA President – Jon Mulder **1st Vice President /Technical Director**– Lonny Behm **2nd Vice President** – Alvaro Pina **Treasurer** – Darla Preston **Director** – Rob McArthur
Executive Director – Tammy Olson, **DRA** – Philip Ignacio **Past-President** – Tracy Everett

ABSENT: Central Alberta Men's League, Clive, Innisfail,

2. Review Minutes of Meeting- April 5, 2023

Errors or corrections – No errors or omissions

“Bentley (M. Lundy) motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Rimbey (C. Beerman). CARRIED

3. Business Arising from minutes of last meeting. No Business from the previous Meeting.

4. League Updates -Presentation attached (T. Olson -Executive Director)

- The Following Divisions are confirmed- Increase of teams over 2023 estimated to be approximately 19
U9 Boys (Coed), U9 Girls (Monday or Wednesday)
U11 Boys (4A and 4B), U11 Coed, U11 Girls (4A and 4B) (Tuesday, Thursday)
U13 Boys, U13 Coed, U13 Girls Tier 3 and 4 offered (Monday, Wednesday)
U15 Boys (Tuesday, Thursday)
U15/U17 Girls (Tuesday, Thursday)
U17/U19 Boys (Monday, Wednesday)
U17 / U19 Girls has one team - Stettler

Clubs are asked to submit special requests for black out dates to the office in advance of the schedule release. These requests may be granted; there is no guarantee. Teams will receive contact lists for their division. Reschedule requests for after the schedule has been posted need to be worked out between the teams scheduled and the CASA notified of the agreement so the on-line schedule can then be updated.

U9 Development League will run as in the past; CASA will create the schedule. The Season will end with a CASA U9 Festival, to run in conjunction with the Provincial Qualifier and U11 District Challenge tournament, June 22 or 23

U11 League – League begins – May 7, 2024. Ends with League Playoffs – June 25 and June 27. U11 District Challenge Tournament – June 21-23, 2024

U13 – U19 Leagues – Leagues begin May 6, 2024. Ends with League Playoffs – June 25 and June 27. Provincial Qualifying Tournament – June 21-23, 2024

- Zones will be created for the younger leagues for the 2024 Outdoor Season to keep travel at a minimum especially for U9 and U11.
- Please contact L. Behm (Technical Director) for assistance in team splitting if you will be having U11 4A and 4B, as well as Tier 3 and 4 for U13.
- CASA is encouraging Clubs to create Boys and Girls Divisions whenever number warrant. This is good for player retention on both sides.
- Players need to be added to their teams in RAMP no later than April 26, this includes Coaching Staff. If there are Players whose names should not appear on the public roster on the website, please inform my office of this. Coaching staff MUST all be registered in RAMP.

5. Technical Update (presentation attached)

Coach Certification & Clinics Update

- All Head Coaches must be fully certified with the Level of Certification required for their age group, Police Check and Respect in Sport.
- Assistant Coaches must have at a minimum a Police Check and Respect in Sport. Recommended that they also take the on-line portion of the required Certification or both online and field session.
- Certification dates error in presentation PDF – Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5
- Additional session may be Scheduled if demand warrants it (L. Behm)
- CIBC U9-U11 Festival Details will be forthcoming (slated for August) – Alvaro Pina in overseeing this project. A host community is being sought
- Reminder that Player Insurance is valid until September 30.

6. Referee

Clinic & Registration Updates (Presentation attached – T Olson and P. Ignacio)

- Four entry Level Referee Courses booked
- Three Mini referee courses booked
- Only 51 Referees returning this year to date, many of these are Mini Referees. This is a very low number. Reminder to the clubs that they oversee recruiting referees for their organizations. Recruit from your teams of players and coaches
- There are 49 New Referees registered for courses. This number does not make up the deficit.
- Please book any additional refreshers we only have two booked at this time
- Retired referees from your Clubs can be used as mentors for your new referees.
- When surveying referees who have not returned the overwhelming reason for leaving is the treatment they receive on the field from Coaches, Players and Fans. P. Ignacio will be following up with referees, who are not returning.

7. Updates (see attachment)

- CASA United (Summer Program)
- Hosts for the Tier 4 Provincial Qualifiers being sought. This weekend will include the U11 District Challenge and U9 Year End Festivals
- Alberta Soccer has requested that CASA host Tier 3 Provincials in August in Camrose. We are looking for volunteers to be on the tournament committee
- Referee Assigning System. T. Olson will host an on-line session for new Referee Assignors to show them the system

8. Important Information

- Coaches should not be directly contacting CASA unless they have been contacted first. Concerns and issues should first go to their local Club.
- Games should not be canceled because teams may be missing key players. Use the call-up system in place to ensure you have adequate numbers for your games. The main reason for a reschedule should be environmental factors, lightning and air quality, the closure of fields by your community due to excessive rain. SC Central (K. Okoye) offered the Dome as an alternate for game rescheduling if Air Quality is an issue
- Teams leaving CASA for tournaments MUST fill out the online Travel Permit found on the CASA Website under Member Services (this does not include Wetaskiwin, Camrose, SC Central, Rimbey or Bentley tournaments)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 pm

CASA Pre-Season Meeting April 10, 2024

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Pre-Season MEETING AGENDA

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Meeting Called to Order:

1. Roll Call
2. Review Minutes of Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023
3. Business Arising from minutes of last meeting.
4. League Updates
 - U11 – Zones / Tiers
 - U13 – U15
 - U17 – U19
 - U9 Divisions (Boys, Girls, Coed) / Zones
 - Girls
5. Technical Update
 - a. Coach Certification & Clinics Update
 - Coach Course Registration
 - Respect in Sport OR Making Ethical Decisions
 - On-Field Portion to Complete Certification
6. CIBC Festival
7. Referee
 - Clinic & Registration Updates- Mini Courses
 - Refreshers
 - District wide Referee Assigning System
8. New Business

Leagues Update

- U9 (Monday or Wednesday)
 - Boys Teams -2 divisions A and B (12 teams) Girls Teams (7-8 teams)
- U11 Coed – 6 Teams
- U11 Boys – 16 teams
- U11 Girls - 12 teams
- Travel in both U9 and U11 will be limited, not all teams will play each other to ensure that we can keep the travel to under one hour. If U9 will start at 6:30 pm this can also be accommodated
- U13 Coed- 5 teams
- U13 Boys – 12 teams
- U13 Girls – 7 teams
- U15 Boys – 10 teams
- U15-17 Girls – 4 teams
- U17-U19 – Boys (6 teams)
- U17-U19 Girls Team (Stettler) – CASA United
- 81 teams in 2023 / 102 teams in 2024



Technical Update /Coach Certification and Training

- On-Line Sessions MUST be completed in advance - open for registration at all times
- On-Field Sessions
- Active Start (4-6 years) – Mon. April 15, 2024 – 6:00-8:00 pm (Ponoka)
Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 9:00-11:00 am (Lacombe)
- Fundamentals (7-9 years) – Sun. April 28, 2024 – 9:00-12:00 am (Ponoka)
- Sat. May 4, 2024 – 9:00am -12:00 pm (Sylvan Lake)
Learn to Train (9-12 years) – Sat. May 4, 2024 – 1:00-5:00 pm (Sylvan Lake)
- Soccer For Life (13+ years) – Sun. April 28, 2024 – 1:00-5:00 pm (Ponoka)
- Respect in Sport – On-line – Open for Registration at all times



CIBC Festival

- Details coming soon
- August 17-18, 2024

CIBC Soccer Fests program is a youth development program targeted at children under the age of 12.

CASA is searching for a host. Host Community must supply equipment, have adequate fields and volunteers willing to assist.

Referee Certifications Update

► Certification Courses

4 Entry Level

3 Mini – The 3rd date has been added in Camrose on April 20 and will be online soon

2 Refreshers – Can add more Refreshers if needed as they can run on a weeknight. Contact the office to set those up

The number of returning Referees is low at only 51 many of those Mini or Youth, please ensure that you have contacted your Referees. This is only a 40% return rate. CASA has sent out two reminders so far, many have not responded, if they will be returning.

► Recruitment has been going well with 49 New Referees currently registered

– 23 Mini, 21 Youth, 6 District



Updates

- CASA Development Day (ASA District Visit)– Players, Coaches and Referees

Saturday, May 11, 2024 – Ponoka - Guest Instructors – Jason Blake – ASA Technical Director and David O'Neill – ASA Manager of Referees. This is a Free Event for CASA Registered players, coaches and Referees. On-line registration will be set up

CASA United – Summer Tournament Team Program – Try-outs – April 28, 2024. On-line registration is open. \$15.00 registration fee to cover expenses

Searching for hosts for the following

- Provincial Qualifier – U13-U19 – June 21-23, 2024 -Minimum 2-3 Full fields
- U11 Challenge – June 21-23, 2024 – Minimum 3 fields
- U9 Development Year End Festival – June 21-23, 2024- minimum 2 fields
- Tier 4 Provincials – U13-U19 – July 5-7, 2024 – St. Paul
- CASA will be hosting Tier 3 Provincials in Camrose at the request of Alberta Soccer – August 9 – 11, 2024. Will be looking for volunteers for the Tournament Committee.