

**SMSC Board of Directors Meeting  
Director of Coaching Report  
September 21st, 2009**

**Fall Team Registration:**

We are hosting ten teams for the fall season, nine competitive and one developmental. All teams are dually registered with GBYSL and US Club Soccer. Please see Club Administrator's report for more details. Our plan to incorporate more players from Incline Village, Tahoe City and Kings Beach was successful. With the addition of a few late ad-ons, all rosters are full except the U11Boys, who could accommodate two more players.

**Coaches Education Program:**

We held our second preseason meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We covered league protocols, lesson preparation and I provided some final training assistance. Our first topical session will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 pm at Sierra HS building. This will probably be a multi-topic session, focusing on the defending side of the ball.

**Seasonal Training Program:**

Teams are now training twice per week at Riverview (see attached schedule). I have been able to do at least one or two observations for each team so far. In the first couple weeks, I focused my attention with our newest coaches and branched out from there. I am very pleased with organization and structural progressions our coaches are utilizing for their sessions. As the season progresses, I will begin to make recommendations as to methodological approach and specific training activities for each team.

**Issues from Early Season:**

1. **Players showing up to our sessions, wanting to train and/or join our teams.**
2. **AYSO players wanting to guest play as US Club only players forced a research project and a policy clarification (see attached)**
3. **Facilities sharing with other organizations has gone fairly smoothly with a few exceptions,  
EX: stacking of matches at the end of the time block instead of at the beginning for morning matches has caused late starts for our afternoon blocks  
EX: other organization coaches/teams showing up to field already assigned to SMSC**
4. **AYSO coaches' negative remarks to staff regarding Club domination of the sport (taking players from their program, ruining it, etc). No big blow-ups, just nasty comments handled appropriately by staff.**
5. **Two SMSC players were reported as possibly playing in ayso match this past week, The players claimed that they were begged by their peers and the coach to play "just once" and did not understand the policy around this issue. They have been counseled in English and Spanish now. If they break with policy again, they understand that they will be dropped from the team roster immediately.**

**Fire in the Sky Tournament De-Brief: Soccer Operations from my perspective**

Although we hosted only 29 teams, the tournament ran mostly smoothly on each day. Issues created by lack of proper credentials from GBYSL caused on-field advantages for coaches who used the lack of proper check-in procedure to add players to their roster for at least one game. This will problem will be eliminated in the future by proper credentials and second, field level player check-in for all teams. We will need cooperation from teams in the tournament and GBYSL to ensure proper check-in. We will encourage US Club affiliated teams to register.

Field Marshals did a nice job keeping spectator sidelines in check and keeping non-players or coaches from the team benches. We did have one incident on Saturday, where a parent had to be ejected from the facility and a heavy-handed marshal duty on Sunday to quiet a group of parents who were being inappropriate, and addressing SMSC players. Both situations were brought to my attention in time to handle it properly.

### **Fire in the Sky Tournament: continued**

Feedback from coaches and managers regarding match play was positive, except for requests for more experienced referees, especially in the final rounds.

All matches were played on time and there was only one major injury. Our Medical Response Unit followed protocol perfectly and the player was transported to the hospital. She is ok now, just bruised.

**I was unable to attend the debrief for the tournament committee due to exhaustion, but will coordinate notes to make sure we do not miss anything for next year regarding soccer operations piece.**

### **Goal Keeper Training Program:**

UNR GK Trainer and Assistant Head Coach, Missy Price has begun working with our goalkeepers this season. She is doing a great job. See attached schedule for this training.

**Facilities Planning for WTP and spring season training:** see attached TTUSD proposal

### **Recommendations: repeated from May and June, not resolved**

Although a friendly round robin style "tournament" is not included in the proposed budget, it could replace the winter indoor tournament. I would like to have that approved in the budget discussion as a replacement. See April recommendations for rationale.

See (attached) proposal to Tahoe Truckee Parks and Recreation District for youth development training program.

### **September and October Plans:**

I have been working with Jeff Cade, Technical Director for GBYSL on the Premier Development Program. Many of our players will be identified for selection. Once I am sure of the details, including coaching assignments, fee structure for the November tournament for these teams, and training plans for preparation, I will make a recommendation for our players' participation in the program. At this time, only U12 to U15 players are being considered for the program.

We will be planning a second coaches training for early October.

Most of our teams will be participating in a tournament over the weekend of October 24 and 25. We will do some good training preparation. Since 4 of our teams will be at one site, I am planning on spending that weekend with them in Sacramento. If any of our teams playing in the Davis area or Livermore get into the finals, I would consider traveling to be with them on Sunday afternoon.