DCYSA AGM 1pm Arcadia Quorum met

2024-2025 Recreation & Classic Member Verification

Sign In Sheets Provided: 88 Recreation Members / 64 Classic Members Present

Bylaws Introduced - None Opposed

Board Members Introduced - None Opposed

SafeSport Reviewed

- Coaches' Cards are White
    - This ensures Coaches are background checked & SafeSport Trained
- Games will not start without a Coaches Card & Roster
- QR Code on back to Submit Scores by Sunday at 6pm.
    - If not uploaded, will be marked tie/forfeit

Discipline & Appeals Handbook Update Shared

- D&A Manual found on DCYSA Website & Facebook
- Updates consistent with US Soccer & NCYSA D&A

"Referee Abuse Penalties" (R.A.P.) US Soccer Nationwide & NCYSA Update

- Green Badge = Certified Minor Referee = Under 18 years old
- U4 & U6 Referees are minors, not certified = Yellow Wristband
    - Penalties for minors are significantly increased nationwide in soccer.
- Be kind & encouraging, or silent.
    - Please note, negative comments are considered referee abuse.
    - Referees are leaving in large numbers due to spectator abuse.
    - DCYSA referees are receiving training by NC State Referee Trainers & Mentors.
    - Coaches will be enforcing "R.A.P.". Set a good example.
    - Please Note: If a parent is escorted out of a game, the player cannot participate in the game in progress, and must also leave. The player may not participate in the following weeks game as a result.

Questions & Answers

1. Parent asked how they should handle becoming "Passionate & Inflamed" at a game. Referenced a U8 Savannah & Travis Game. Recommended to engage a Field Marshall or Community Liaison. Angel invited them to call and inform her. Let leadership handle it to prevent being escorted out. TJ reminded Coaches to talk to their Parents. Amber

reminded Parents that Referees are to only address Coaches, not Parents. If the Parent is asked to leave and does not leave, the Referee will leave the game.

2. Parent asked how to handle Referee issues. Recommended to call Amber, the Referee Assignor. If unable to reach her at the moment, file a complaint for her to look into.
    a. Requested more Referee volunteers.
    b. Recommended Refereeing a U8 game for perspective on the difficultly of being a referee, making mistakes and being yelled at and threatened for a bad call.
3. Parent asked how to handle an injured player on the field. Gave example of a broken bone. Recommended to train players to take a knee. The referee will wait for a dead ball.
    a. Reminder if the Coach steps on the field for an injured player, the player will sit out the next play.
    b. Encouraged parents to stay off the field and utilize their Coach, Field Marshall or Liaison.
4. Parent inquired if they were permitted to volunteer to cut the grass on the fields if they noted lawn length was an issue. Referred to Booster Club. Welcomed volunteers to help manage fields. “Zero turn mowers” welcome.
5. Parent asked if the minor Referees know the rules? Is there an assessment testing their knowledge? Answer: There is no assessment for non-certified referees, to ascertain knowledge level. Please formally contest when needed through the appropriate channels promptly.
6. Parent asked if the Arcadia Port-a-Jon could be relocated and cleaned. Referred to Booster Club.
7. Coach was frustrated with parents complaining about fouling in a contact sport. Amber addressed, please remember soccer is a competitive, physical sport.

Housekeeping Reminders

- Sit across from your team at the beginning of games, beside the field. Do not cross the halfway mark. Do not switch sides after half time. Note signs indicating “host” & “visitor”
- Let the referees do their job. Example: Two female players fighting on the field. Parents ran on the field. Game had to be cancelled. Let the referee handle it so the game can continue and the players carded, and escorted off.
- No pets or farm animals on fields due to excrement and safety. This restriction includes ESA “Emotional Support Animals”, unless it is a legitimate need.
- New Bylaws will include an Oversight Board of Directors to oversee Classic & Recreation. This is meant for impartiality.
- This year there are over 900 registered players in Recreation DCYSA. Expect more growth in soccer programs with the World Cup in 2026. There will be two field locations, & 2 days

(Saturday & Sunday), allotted for games when needed, due to the program's positive growth. Please note: Tyro, Reeds & Midway hosting will require this, prepare yourself.

Announcements

- 1st Game September 6th, 2025 Arcadia, Volunteers Welcome
    - Speak with your Liaison if interested
- Sports Complex Board of Commissioners Meeting
    - Recommend researching and attending

Meeting Adjourned 1:38pm

Attendance

DCYSA Recreation Board, Arcadia Booster Liaisons, Quorum Parent Members, Volunteer Coaches, Players and siblings. * For specific member attendance see sign in sheets.

DCYSA Recreation Board & Arcadia Booster Liaisons

TJ Lawson (Executive Director), Angel Hedrick (President), Greg Hurt (Vice President), Amber (Recreational Director), Billy Keegan (Discipline & Appeals), Jordan Harris (Arcadia Liaison), Matt Kreuter (Welcome Liaison), Ana Isaac (Secretary)