

GREATER PORTLAND SOCCER DISTRICT

ANNUAL MANAGERS MEETING

Virtual Conference

21 July 2021



President: *Terry Christopher*
Vice President:
Secretary: *Mike Driggs*
Treasurer: *Allan Fish*
Judiciary: *Doug Smith*
Scheduler: *Justin Phillips (absent)*
Guest:

Director: *Greg Labavitch*
Director: *Sam Mills*
Director: *Conan Griffiths (absent)*
Director: *Beni Micorescu (absent)*
Director: *Mehdi Karim*
Director: *Dan Phillips (absent)*
Director: *Nico Filis (absent)*

6:47pm Meeting convened by Secretary Mike Driggs
Previous minutes accepted unanimously.

- Roll Call
 - Following Managers “checked in” during the broadcast:
 - See Attachment A
- Presidents Report
 - Nothing to report.
- Treasurers Report
 - See July 21, 2021 Board Meeting.
- Committee Report
 - Nothing to report.
- Other Reports
 - A survey will be sent out for Managers to vote on certain topics that arise. Please look out for it. The link and its results will be posted on the website.
 - Fields
 - As always we would love to use fields IN Portland, but the rates and difficulties in scheduling more than a few weeks ahead of time make it very difficult to use these facilities and keep our costs down. The advanced scheduling of places like Gladstone and Rex Putnam (and their friendly rates) is a reason why we have so many games there. We are always keeping an eye on available fields and alternative options. Dan Phillips did some leg work and got in contact with the following fields. We will bring them up on the survey that will come out.
 - Washington Timbers fields in Vancouver, WA are available. They have both Turf and Grass and are usable at night. If teams would be willing to use this field it presents a great opportunity to keep our costs down as the price of these fields is almost half the cost of Portland Parks and Rec fields.
 - Same goes with Memorial Park in Wilsonville. They are even cheaper per hour.
 - Lastly, Ibach Park in Tualatin is available October, November and December.
 - Fall 2021 Season
 - Season begins Sept 11.
 - Fall 2021 Registration deadline is Aug 5th at 1159pm. If a team registers after that but before Aug 9th at 1159pm, they will only be admitted if there is room in the requested division and they pay the \$100 late fee.
 - Divisions will be announced around Aug 13th.
 - Any teams not paid by Aug 16th will be dropped from scheduling considerations.
 - When registering a team to ensure they select the appropriate age group labeled for either Summer Legacy tournament OR Fall 2021 season, if they select the incorrect one they

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- will get charged a different amount and won't be playing this fall if that was their intention.
- A reminder that teams that aren't paid won't be scheduled (meaning they won't play).
- o Summer Legacy Tournament
 - Tournament is Aug 20-22 at Tualatin Hills Rec Center
 - Deadline is Aug 1. See GPSD main page for more information.
- o Vice President
 - GPSD is currently seeking someone to volunteer for the role of Vice President. This requires approximately 2 hours per week of your time (15-20 minutes per day). If you are interested please contact us at contact@gpsdsoccer.com.
- o We need help growing our Open and Over 30 Division teams. Over the last 5-6 years there has been a steady dropoff in teams in these divisions. Its very important that we continue to bring in new teams and players to the league so that we remain competitive and relevant in the coming years. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at contact@gpsdsoccer.com.

Rule Changes

- o Over 58
 - Rule 17 E - Over 58 Division to be changed to an Over 60 Division. See section 3 below. Will be sent out for Vote to the O 50 and O 58 Managers.
 - **The Over 58 60 Division** shall be comprised of players ~~58~~ 60 years of age and older. In addition to Rules 1 -16, the Over ~~58~~ 60 Division shall adhere to the following modifications:
 1. Due to the nature of the competition in the Over ~~58~~ 60 Division, slide tackles are not allowed. A slide tackle is to be punished with the award of a direct free kick to the team the tackle was committed against. With this in mind the referees are asked to strictly enforce this rule, and if the slide tackle is committed with unnecessary force, is dangerous or from behind, a card (yellow or red, as appropriate) is to be issued to the offending player.
 2. Rule 5.E does not apply *“A player may not play in two league matches on different teams within the same division inside of a five-day time period”*.
 3. Teams are allowed to place 3 players on their match day roster who are Over 58 for calendar year 2021 and 2022. Starting in 2023 all teams will be required to have players who are Over 60 only.
- o Mike Driggs
 - Remove all instances of “he” within the Rules of Competition, Bylaws, and Constitution. Replace “he” with “they”, and any associated grammatical changes that need to happen because of this.
- Election of Officers
 - o The following positions were elected:
 - President – Terry Christopher
 - Vice President – Doug Smith
 - Secretary - Mike Driggs
 - Treasurer - Allan Fish
- Other Business
 - o No Other Business.

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- Questions from Managers
 - Robert Johnson
 - O60
 - a. How to challenge games/teams when we suspect violation of eligibility rules. Specifically, we have wanted to challenge player eligibility for seasonal games and finals because of “ringers” being brought in for specific games. Many times we end up playing against a league “all star” lineup. Unfortunately, the referee has no way of checking. Can we notify the referee that we are playing the game under protest and have the league settle the issue later, with the violating team having to forfeit the game plus whatever other fine or penalty the league decides?
 - a. Mike Driggs - Yes. See Rule 11
 - Rule 11- Judicial Protests by a team**

A team may protest the outcome of a match or a team fine to the Judiciary Commissioner provided that the protest is made within two days (48 hours) of the day of the match. Grounds of protest shall be limited to misapplication of the FIFA Laws of the Game, USSF Regulations, and OASA and GPSD, Inc. Rules of Competition. In no event will a judgment call by a referee be a reason or ground for protest of a match outcome.

 - A. The Judiciary Commissioner shall issue a ruling.
 - B. The manager may appeal the ruling of the Judiciary Commissioner to a Special Judiciary Hearing. At this hearing, the GPSD, Inc. President or his designate will entertain testimony from the referee, the petitioner or other concerned parties. Each is entitled to arrange for a representative to testify on their behalf. Based on the evidence presented, the GPSD, Inc. President may reverse or amend the prior decision. An Appeal to the Special Committee must be made in writing, mailed and postmarked within 7 days of the first Judiciary Decision, and be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50.00) Appeal fee.
 - C. The manager may appeal the decision of the Special Judiciary Committee to the Oregon Adult Soccer Association (OASA). The appeal Rule must be in writing and be accompanied by an OASA Appeal Fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The appeal must be made within 72 hours of the GPSD, Inc. Special Judiciary Committee. The OASA will inform the manager of the time and place that the appeal will be heard.
 - D. Protests regarding field conditions or similarly colored shirts must be made to the referee and the opposing manager before the match is played.
- b. Will younger players be “grandfathered” in? To be fair, they must have been on the roster for 5 games in each of the previous two seasons. If it is a new team, no age exceptions.

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- a. Mike Driggs - There is no plan for this. Any modifications to the rules need to be brought up and voted upon.
 - c. Will we have linesmen? It would be helpful, but if not, a discount would be welcomed.
 - a. Mike Driggs - I believe the rate that is charged based on one Referee and no ARs.
 - 065
 - a. What day of the week will games be played?
 - a. Mike Driggs - They are still planned to be on Wednesdays
 - b. 7v7 or 8v8 half-field, small goals, 30 minute halves?
 - a. Mike Driggs - 7v7, depends on the field, depends if small goals are available, yes 30 minutes.
 - o David Porter
 - 065
 - a. 065 - Current setup is not helpful (goal size, no offsides)
 - b. Needs youth size goals - summarized by Mike Driggs
 - c. Needs u13 sizes - summarized by Mike Driggs
 - a. Mike Driggs - Help finding fields and organizing a rules structure by the managers would be appreciated.
 - o Brad Fullerton
 - I would love a rule change for all age groups that if a player makes the age break anytime during the season he can join the team and play. To have to wait until the birthday limits my ability to add players at the beginning of a season. In fact it would be even better that if they turn X within 6 mos I would be great to let them play.
 - a. Mike Driggs - The board will discuss this at the August meeting.
 - o Harold Oaks
 - Going forward, I believe there are plenty of O 65 players. I'd like to see 11 v 11 in the O65 division. In my O58/60 team, the Royals, the majority of the players are 65+.
 - a. Mike Driggs - This will be discussed during the official O65 rule creation.
 - Doesn't want the O 60 to have any O 58 players.
 - a. Mike Driggs - This will be discussed during the official O65 rule creation.
 - o Doug Smith
 - O-65 rules are difficult if for no other reason than the field markings are not helpful - - playing sideways on a full-size field means that there are no legitimate penalty areas.
 - o KZS94
 - As a new team this year, getting started was a real chore. Requiring Jerseys with numbers, corner flags, rosters and OASA cards adds so much overhead. We understand some are necessary
 - As manager that takes plenty of effort with a whole new team. Multiple hours per week for multiple weeks before we get some normalcy
 - a. Mike Driggs replied that any managers needing help, please contact the board and we will assist.
 - Great! if we can share those resources on the GPSD page or that contact info so that as new teams join they find it a bit easier. Thanks!
 - a. Mike Driggs - noted.
 - o Andy Groenveld
 - Will there be the exception where you can bring two 48+ players on the O50 squads for Summer Legacy?
 - a. Mike Driggs - as it stand, no.
 - How many brackets do you think we will have for O50? If there are two, would it be ok if Ajax and Hibernians are in different brackets?
 - a. Mike Driggs - as it stands, 1 now.
 - o Mehdi Karim
 - Are there going to be refunds issued for games cancelled during the heat wave?

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- a. Mike Driggs - we are working on this and will be discussed by the August meeting.

Close:

- **Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.**

Michael Driggs
Secretary



Attachment A

- Typeform Survey



Ben Stimmel	Fat Tuesday O/40	Over 40
Thomas Gehrke	FC old timers O-40	Over 40
Jesse Luidhardt	ARMY of DARKNESS	
Jeonghee Yoon	OB O/60	Over 60
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Kyle Sears	FC Love Jam	Open
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Brad Sterling	Phoenix FC	Over 40
Brad Fullerton	Imperial O50	Over 50
Robert Johnson	Pierre's SC	Over 60
Karim Soliman	Blue Panda Squad	Open
Justin Warber	Buckman United	Over 30
Richard Benson	Master Booters	Over 60
Tom N	Viet Portland	Over 40
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Bob Ransom	Fat Tuesday O/65	Over 65
Bill Mallon	Fat Tuesday O/58	Over 60
Bob Ransom	Fat Tuesday O/65	Over 65

- Live on Zoom

- o Unfortunately Zoom did not keep a list of attendees like I had enabled. At one point there was 36 additional people attending.