

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Summer Workshop - July 26, 2025
Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Friendswood, Tx

CALL TO ORDER. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce in Friendswood, Tx

Present: Alvin, Galveston County, HTX, Quest, Santa Fe, Soccer Centro, South Belt, United Pearland

Others Present: M. Bratton, S. Ghalayini, L. Hood, S. Naser, R. Newell, S. McGraw, K. Chowdhry, T. Morrow

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

STYSA Summer GBM. STX Summer Symposium will be held on August 1-3, 2025 at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. Thomas Morrow went over the schedule which is located at www.stxsoccer.org.

Player Counts. Thomas Morrow presented an overview of BAYSA players from 2012 to our current year. Data supports that BAYSA is growing and recovering from the effects of the pandemic. There is prospect of accepting another club into BAYSA in the spring 2026.

Division 2. Thomas Morrow went over Division 2 (D2) play in South Texas and BAYSA. BAYSA can offer D2 play, but those teams will not receive allocations for fall championships. Division 3 teams in BAYSA will have allocations. It was noted that D3 playoffs are only at the district level for one weekend and there is no advancement to the state playoffs for D2 so it is just an extra weekend of games. Later in the meeting, clubs will determine the D2 prospectus for the 2025/26 seasonal year.

Grassroot Coaching Training. South Texas has resources for grassroot coaching training.

REGISTRAR. Shirley McGraw presented information on registration. Shirley McGraw's email is mcgrawshirley@gmail.com. Attached to these minutes if a copy of more detailed notes, the paper transfer form, the weekly request form.

Player Counts. Player counts are sent to clubs around October 1, November 1, April 15, and July 31. Clubs should reconcile player counts on a monthly basis and pay invoices on time. All players, including in-house recreational players must be registered in GotSoccer and team rosters generated.

Roster – Division 4. The roster limit size for Division 4 (3U to 8U) has been disabled. Also, photos are not required for any Division 4 players, but it is advantageous to provide one. All players, regardless of age, must have date of birth verified because of the nature of the task.

Prebilling. BAYSA will use prebilling beginning the fall season 2025. The new format simply means when a player register and you roster/approve the player, the BAYSA fee will be sent directly to BAYSA. When you enter your team into the league event, you will be charged the team fee.

Age Brackets. Age group format will change next seasonal year (26/27) from the calendar year to school age year.

Fixed Adult Requirements. SafeSport and background checks are due annually on June 1.

Certificates of insurance applications. Certificates of insurance are being handled online through the STYSA website. The forms for 2025/26 should be available after August 1; please watch for an email from Noah Taylor with more information. Forms are located at www.stxsoccer.org under admin resources and forms: <https://landing.playershealth.com/stxsoccer-coi/>

Affiliation Form. All STYSA associations and clubs are required to complete the required STYSA affiliation form annually. Club registrars are asked to complete the form in GotSoccer by August 15. (Registrars will be the person responsible for submitting the form). Make sure your club's president, registrar, secretary and treasurer have successfully completed adult requirements before submitting the form. Failure to do so by August 15 will cause GotSoccer accounts to be disabled for rostering, printing, etc.

Card Stock. For the 25/26 seasonal year, cards (adult and player) will be printed on blank paper or card stock. STYSA will no longer be using pre-printed card stock. For printing purposes, select the option in your account for "ID".

Competitive teams need to be entered and approved in GotSoccer by August 10. After August, transfer/release will be used for team changes.

Weekly Deadlines. Club registrars are asked to continue to send all requests for transfers, release, team name changes, play/age level changes, etc. to Shirley McGraw in one email weekly by Tuesday mornings. This should begin as early as August 19 after competitive teams are approved for this season. When completing the information, please verify you are using the team and player names as they appears in GotSoccer.

BAYSA CALENDAR. Lindsay Hood developed a BAYSA calendar (attached to these minutes) that was discussed in depth at the general meeting following this workshop. She presented the 25/26 calendar. One point to consider relates to how to coordinate playtime with teams participating in cups. This proposed calendar mirrors the STYSA calendar.

SCHEDULER. Sayed Naser discussed scheduling and the fall season 2025. He will be opening the fall 2025 league today. All teams need to be in GotSoccer **by August 9**. Clubs discussed issues with combining brackets and re-brackets. The U9/U10 re-bracket has worked for many years; however, an older team re-bracket is not recommended this year. If BAYSA wants to move to rebracketing older teams or reimplementing the competition committee or another methodology to level competition play, BAYSA needs to discuss and agree on its

direction at the presidents' workshop in January. This will enable BAYSA to then communicate changes with its club members early.

FINANCIALS. Rich Newell presented information on financials and fees. (Fee handout attached to the minutes. Filing 990's are very important and clubs should file them annually. It was noted that if a club fails to file for three years, they could lose their 501-3c. Also, reminder, if you have people in your organization that getting paid, it has to be reported to the IRS. There are rules are members of board and 501-c3.

RISK MANAGEMENT. Thomas Morrow made a presentation on risk management and the important of routinely doing goal post inspections. He highlighted risks associated with goal posts, background checks, safe sport, etc.

SCOREKEEPING. Lindsay Hood recapped process for scorekeeping. Game cards should be deposited in the file box for processing. She processes and inputs the scores weekly by Monday. She asked clubs to remind their coaches to make sure to review the game card before they signing.

COMMUNICATION.

East Lake Houston. Several clubs have left East Lake Houston and have joined the Houston Youth Soccer Association. East Lake Houston, however, is still an association and is composed of Baytown, Liberty, Primetime, New Generation, and North Shore.

COACHES MEETING. The annual coaches meeting will be held in late August virtually. As recommended in the January workshop, we will be asking GotSoccer to come and make a presentation for coaches, e.g., how to print game cards, etc. Dave Smith and Melyssa Bratton will be coordinating this event online. Clubs are encouraged to have all coaches attend the meeting.

REFEREES. Sam Ghalayini will be sending an email blast with referee clinic information.

BAYAS FALL SEASON TEAMS. BAYSA clubs offered the following information for 11U through 15U teams. Concern was brought forward about EDPL bracket infrastructure and where it is heading. BAYSA would like to limit the number of teams in the D2 brackets to no more than 24 teams. If there are team limits, the question will become how BAYSA will make the decision who should advance from BAYSA to EDPL. Thomas Morrow recommended this should be a discussion item for the STYSA Eastern District meeting next week. A final thought - the reason we supported and needed EPDL was because BAYSA could not provide sufficient number of teams to fulfil out brackets.

BAYSA Projected D2 & D3 Teams – Fall 2025				
	D2 Boys	D3 Boys	D2 Girls	D3 Girls
11U		10		3
12U		10		3
13U	5	3		2
14U		2		
15U		2		1

BAYSA TOURNAMENT PLANNING. The BAYSA tournament is scheduled to be held on August 15-16. Kavash Chowdhry and Mark Powell will be coordinating the event. He encouraged teams to sign up. Registration deadline is August 10. Currently, participation is low (two teams registered) and we will be doing email blasts.

ACADEMY AND D4 TEAMS. There was discussion on academy teams playing with Division 4 recreational teams. It was mentioned that there should not be an issue with this if all teams are aware of the situation, e.g., some teams involved in this league are enrolled in academy training. It is important to register players appropriately, e.g., Division 4 or Academy.

U7/U8 PLAY. Clubs discussed the possibility of having U7/U8 teams play in a BAYSA league instead of inhouse leagues.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR PRESIDENTS' MEETING.

The following items will be put on the January 2026 presidents' meeting:

- Rebracketing U11/U12 teams
- BAYSA league versus Inhouse league for U7/U8

The workshop concluded at 1:40 p.m.