

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Summer Workshop - July 27, 2024
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 27, 2024 at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce in Friendswood, Tx

Present: Alvin, Galveston County, HTX, North Channel, Quest, Santa Fe, South Belt

Others Present: B. Bratton, M. Bratton, S. Ghalayini, D. Hood, S. Naser, S. McGraw, S. Chatsama, T. Morrow

STYSA Summer GBM. Thomas Morrow summarized highlights from the STX Summer Symposium and GBM held on July 19-21, 2024 at Marriott Waterway Hotel in The Woodlands, Texas. He talked about a major change to national competition. Beginning in 2026, for state and president cups, regional games will be eliminated and teams will advance automatically to the national level cups. He talked about overall increase in player counts in South Texas and BAYSA; the overall STYSA numbers are near 100,000 and continuing to grow. Upcoming STX meeting dates are: January 31-February 2, 2025 in Galveston (tentative) and August 1-3, 2025 (location to be announced).

DIVISON 2. Years ago, BAYSA participated in an inter-association D2 play with HYSA and TYSA. This evolved into the current D2L league administered out of HYSA. Going forward in the 24/25 seasonal year, D2 play will be managed by Eastern District Player League (EDPL) by Ernesto and Ryan at STYSA (state office). If teams want to play D2 and be involved in fall championship or be eligible to participation in promotion and relegation, they will need to play in the new EDPL D2 league. Teams playing in the EDPL D2 will be required to travel; however, if enough BAYSA teams participate, perhaps they will schedule most BAYSA club games in this area. More information will be announced next Wednesday (July 31) by Ernesto at the state office.

BAYSA can offer D2 play, but those teams will not receive allocations for fall championships. D3 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. It was also brought up that HYSA has a super D3 league that a lot of teams have had interest in playing with in the last few years.

REGISTRAR. Shirley McGraw presented information on registration. Shirley McGraw's email is mcgrawshirley@gmail.com.

Certificates of insurance applications. Certificates of insurance are being handled online through the STYSA website. The forms for 2024/25 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/>

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

Action Item: Adults will need to complete SafeSport and background checks after June 1 annually. Adults cannot be rostered to a team or ID's printed if requirements are not fulfilled.

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 GotSport accounts to be disabled for rostering, printing, etc.

Action Item: Click on Affiliation box at top of the main screen in your GotSoccer account. Then go to South Texas Youth Soccer Association and click on the blue box named "Available Forms" (right-hand side). Select 2024/2025 Affiliation Form.

Card Stock. For the 24/25 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". See information on adult participation passes (Kidsafe cards) below.

Adult Participation Pass. All adults cards must be printed in the risk management section of GotSport. The coaches cards that print with this team are not official adult participation passes.

Action Item: Go to club management -> coaches (or managers) -> click names to print -> click rm bulk and print. For individuals, go to coach or manager -> requirements then print RM.

Competitive teams need to be entered and approved in GotSoccer by August 15. After August, transfer/release will be used for team changes.

Action Item: Approve competitive teams in GotSoccer by August 15 and begin using a weekly form for team changes going forward

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.

Action Item: The Registrar will submit a form weekly for team changes

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.

Risk Management. STYSA and US Youth Soccer will be upgrading background checks with a new vendor probably during the 26/27 season. If so, there will most likely be an increase in fees.

Uploads. Uploads have become more problematic for reporting purposes. In keeping with the industry, there may be a per player fee associated with those players uploading into the GotSport platform.

FINANCIALS. Thomas Morrow presented information on financials for Rich Newell. Budgets are annually submitted at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting. Clubs should have received updated invoices with fall 2024 anticipated per-player fees. Mr. Morrow emphasized that clubs need to stay current on financials.

SCHEDULER. Sayed Naser discussed scheduling and the fall season 2024. The fall 2024 league is already open for teams. Make sure when you have a scheduling concern that you copy all for communication purposes; no response within two days is a “green for go”. Important scheduling dates are highlighted below.

Fall Season 2024

April 16	Fall Player Registration Opens
July 12-14 or 19-21	STYSA Summer GBM
July 28	All D2 teams in the event
July 29	Goal Post Inspections/Certificate of Insurance Applications Due
August 3	D2L registration deadline
August 9	Teams Due in Got Soccer Deadline for rec 7,9,11 minimum roster
August 12	Scheduler creates brackets
August 14	Scheduler will publish brackets
August 15	All payments are due to BAYSA
August 24-25	BAYSA Tune-up
August 27	BAYSA Coach's Meeting (Virtual)
August 30	Schedule will be published
September 7	Season Begins
October 1	Fall Allocations due to STYSA
October 3	Re-bracket Meeting
October 31	Fall Registration Ends
November 9-10	Last regular season game (9U/10U) – 9 game seasons
November 16-17	Last regular season game 11U+ - 10 game season
November 28	Thanksgiving

Tentative:

November 16-17 – 9U/10	BAYSA Playoffs 9U/10U (9-game season)
November 23-24 – 9U/10	Playoff Rainout date
November 23-24 – 11U+	BAYSA Playoffs or Rainouts, if needed

- Re-bracket Meeting. The re-bracket meeting will be a stand-alone meeting on Tuesday, October 3th, 2023 via GoToMeeting a link will be sent to clubs prior. BAYSA encourages all clubs to be involved in the 9U/10U age group to attend.
- Fall allocations are due October 1

- No guest players in the fall season.
- Team and player fees to be determined at a later date
- BAYSA will not extend team formation deadlines.
- BAYSA will play on Saturdays and Sunday, all ages

Note: If you have a couple of players with no teams in this age group, email the group and see if we can find a team for the players.

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.

D&P. Dave Smith asked that clubs make sure to have representatives at the D&P meetings which are held online. He asked clubs to be aware that there is a pattern that coaches who have D&P problems do not attend the annual coaches' meeting, and asked clubs to encourage coach attendance at the annual meeting. Likewise, there is a reoccurring tendency for players who get red/yellow cards and coaches with unsportsmanlike conduct to continue year to year. Mr. Smith said that D&P would like to see head coaches get sanctions for these behaviors because the head coach is ultimately responsible for the behavior of his/her team, parents, etc. Mr. Smith cautioned clubs about ghost coaches, e.g., registrars or administrators who serve as head coach because of rostering conveniences. Last, cultural norm and bullying exists on the fields today and we need referees to document this on the match card.

Action Item: Question was posed whether we follow the recommended STYSA table for D&P sanctions. Thomas Morrow will check to see what the state's recommendation is for using the table.

SCOREKEEPING. Lindsay Hood reported on scorekeeping. She said that she and/or Struggle Chatsama (BAYSA scorekeeper) will collect game cards at the fields. She noted that once game cards are collected, Mr. Chatsama will enter and update scorekeeping in GotSoccer.

COACHES MEETING. The BAYSA annual coaches' meeting will be held virtually on August 27. There was a discussion about the benefit of publishing a glance of the schedule at the coaches' meeting to promote and attract participation and attendance from coaches. Sayed Naser will make the full schedule (exception 8-9-10 age group) available at this meeting.

REFEREE. Sam Ghalayani emphasized Dave Smith's concern about referee abuse and the need for us to support our referees. He discussed the importance of BAYSA recruiting and training more referees and asked for everyone's help in recruiting new people. If you need a class, please talk to Sam. There is no hesitation from the state about holding a class. BAYSA clubs would like to schedule BAYSA referee training on Friday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. at El Franco Lee.

BAYAS FALL SEASON TEAMS. BAYSA clubs offered the following information as of today (7/27/24) for 11U through 18U teams. Soccer Centro was not present at the meeting, so we do not know the numbers. Because of the projected numbers, BAYSA will not schedule any teams (boys/girls) U15 and up.

BAYSA Projected D2 & D3Teams – Fall 2024				
	D2 Boys	D3 Boys	D2 Girls	D3 Girls
11U	3	6		4
12U	1	6		3
13U	2	5		2
14U	1	4		3

BAYSA TOURNAMENT PLANNING. The BAYSA tournament is scheduled to be held on August 17-18. Currently, participation is low perhaps due to poor marketing. Five teams have signed up and we need a minimum of 35 teams. Due to the low participation, it might be best to move the tournament to a different date and it was proposed to schedule it in the early spring. This will be further discussed at this afternoon's BAYSA general meeting.

The workshop concluded at 1:15 p.m.

JULY 2024 BAYSA GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT: Alvin, Galveston County, HTX, North Channel, Quest, Santa Fe, South Belt

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Bratton, M. Bratton, S. Ghalayini, D. Hood, S. Naser, S. McGraw, S. Chatsama, T. Morrow

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion was made to table the approval of the minutes of the last meeting by Dave Smith (HTX); seconded by Ben Bratton (AL); motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tune-up Tournament. The BAYSA clubs and officers discussed the annual BAYSA tournament. Ben Bratton, BAYSA Tournament Coordinator, described his concern about the low participation for the August 17 tournament.

Action: Dave Smith (HTX) made a motion to move our tune-up tournament to February 8, 2025; seconded by Linday Hood (GC); motion carried. Discussion followed and an alternate plan unfolded. Instead of a summer tournament this year, because of a historically declining participation rate, it was suggested that BAYSA consider scheduling scrimmage games and invite those teams that entered teams into the league event on time (by August 9).

Action: Friendly motion was made by Dave Smith (HTX), to change this year's tournament to a scrimmage day and move the tournament to February 8-9. Motion was seconded by Lindsay Hood (GC); motion carried.

If anyone is interested in serving on the tournament planning committee, please send Ben Bratton an email. Also, Ben Bratton will send a message to clubs with information about the spring tournament (proposal attached to these minutes).

Club Pass. BAYSA conducted a club pass pilot in the spring of 2024 and clubs were very happy with how things went. One of the big improvements was no write-ins on the game cards.

Action: Dave Smith (HTX) made a motion to continue to use the club pass in the fall of 2024; Lindsay Hood (GC), seconded; the motion carried.

Shirley McGraw will make sure that younger age (U10 below) cannot participate in the club pass and will see if we can block a player from a different play level from playing down (e.g., D2 play down to D3).

OLD BUSINESS:

D&P Procedures. Dave Smith discussed protocols and procedures used in the BAYSA D&P committee and how they deal with problems. He emphasized the committee's need for documentation, game card reports from fields, etc. and mentioned that the committee makes a very conscious effort to apply consistency in their decisions. If coach appeals, Mr. Smith contacts the coach and explains the appeals process. He explained the necessity that the coach work with his/her club's D&P representative and that correspondence to the committee should come through that club representative. He asked clubs to read the weekly D&P reports and if they have a coach noted, go ahead and contact the coach and let him/her know there is a suspension and why. Preferably, BAYSA wants the club's D&P representative to handle the appeal to the BAYSA D&P committee. Once the committee gets the appeal, they will call a meeting (usually in-person). Coach has the ability to bring forward any documentation they want, witnesses, etc. as does BAYSA. If appeal is denied, the coach may ask for a hearing with BAYSA Executive Board. Appeals can continue on to STYSA and US Youth, if necessary.

Fall 2024 for Clubs not in Good Standing. Discussion followed about the need to enforce and be accountable for our existing rules relating to good standing. This motion was made in reference to Article IV.J - Good Standing.

Action: Motion was made by Ben Bratton (AL) that clubs not in good standing must be paid in full by August 9, 2024 to be scheduled for the fall season 2024; Dave Smith (HTX, seconded; motion carried.

Section I. Voting Rights

Each member club shall be entitled to one voting representation for every five hundred (500), and fraction thereof, duly registered and paid-in-full youth members on July 31 of the previous seasonal year not to exceed seven (7) votes. Proxy voting shall not be allowed. No member club will have any voting rights at a monthly BAYSA meeting if the said club is sixty (60) days overdue on an unpaid balance. (Rev. 7/29/23)

Section J. Good Standing

Any Club that: 1) fails to cast all votes to which it is entitled for two (2) consecutive BAYSA meetings; or 2) is delinquent over sixty (60) days in the payment to BAYSA of any registration fees, fines or other fees; or 3) fails or refuses to comply with the authority of BAYSA and/or STYSA, shall be considered to lose good standing and shall have its voting rights automatically suspended until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the member Clubs. No Club, team or individual registered with a member Club not in good standing as a result of 2) or 3) above shall be allowed to participate in any competition sponsored by BAYSA or STYSA.

There is reference in the BAYSA constitution that dues must be paid in full by July 31; however, the members extended it to August 9 this year. Melyssa Bratton, BAYSA secretary, will get with Rich Newell, BAYSA treasurer, on August 9, 2024 to see who has not paid and forward that information to Sayed Naser, BAYSA Scheduler.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**Proposal and Timeline for
BAYSA WINTER INVITATIONAL
Dates: February 8th and 9th , 2025**

Prices

9u/10u Teams \$500 Early Bird Price Before December 15th \$475
11u/12u Teams \$600 Early Bird Price Before December 15th \$575
13u/19u Teams \$700 Early Bird Price before December 15th \$675

Actionable Items and Deadlines

Tournament Application and Payment submitted to STX/Harris CO..... Sept 1st 2024
Tournament Committee Formed (5 members) Sept 1st 2024
Email Communication sent out to all Coaches/Team Managers Sept 15th 2024
Flyers passed out during weekend games Oct 1st 2024
Tournament Registration Opens Oct 1st 2024
Early Bird Registration Closes Dec 15th 2024
General registration Closes Jan 5th 2025
Food Truck and T Shirt Vendors Finalized Jan 10th 2025
Schedule Released Feb 1st 2025