

**SECTION VI GIRLS SOCCER COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting March 24, 2012**

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**In Attendance (8):** \* Voting members

Chris Durr – Section 6 Chair / (Will East) ECIC 2  
\* JoAnna Fildes – ECIC Chair / (Amherst) ECIC 3  
Jeff Petherick (Lancaster) – ECIC 1  
Tom Cashmore (East Aurora) – ECIC 4  
\*Mary Neilon (Ellicottville) – CCAA (at Large)  
\* Dave Bowman (Grand Island) – NFL  
\* Joe (Akron) – NO  
John Kramer – Head Official

**Absent (5):**

Steve Sabo (North Tonawanda) – NFL  
Lori Welch (Akron) – NO  
Dale MacArthur (Allegheny-Limestone) – CCAA1  
Bob Main (Panama) – CCAA3  
\* Buffalo City School rep.

Distributed for meeting:

- Section 6 Girls Soccer 2012 Calendar
- 2012-2013 Classification Numbers

Guests: Dave Laux, President of Laux Sporting Goods and Dave Garbacz, Sales Representative for Laux Sporting Goods

Presented Section 6 members a special price on soccer balls made by Select. Flyer and information provided. They asked to submit a separate PO when purchasing the balls for tracking purposes in this "special".

Conversation followed about the Select balls as used in last year's Finals games. Those present seemed to like them. No negatives were mentioned about the balls.

I. Review of 2011 Season and Sectionals

- a. Sites – no issues for 2011 tournament
- b. Officials – no major issues . . . to be mentioned at all League Mtgs.
  - i. Contract Issue with Buffalo City – lack of payment for Officials
  - ii. Let head official (John Kramer) know if/when
    1. Officials are late for assignments
    2. Questionable / bad attitude
    3. Inadequate fitness level and/or lack of mobility
    4. Lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game
    5. If any player is injured in a "bad foul"
  - iii. Arbiter issues to let John Kramer know about
    1. An official shows up to game that is not actually scheduled
    2. If the same team sees the same official repeatedly (more than 3 times in regular season)
    3. Chronically late officials
    4. No-Shows
  - iv. Don't bother John with minor interpretation issues ... esp. Offside

II. Section Book – update info

- a. Chris passed around information update sheet for members to double check addition to Handbook for Sectional eligibility: Besides current tournament eligibility rules . . . **In order**

**to be eligible for Sectional postseason play, a team MUST be registered on the Section's Girls Soccer website then that team MUST have its roster and schedule entered on the website BEFORE Friday September 14, 2012. Penalty for failure to comply = NO Sectional Tournament eligibility** Proposed by Dave Bowmen/NFL seconded by Mary Neilon/CCAA [voted: 4 - yes, 1 - ?, not present (Buffalo City schools)]

- III. Rule Changes – John Kramer spoke to changes for the 2012 season
  - a. Elimination of “soft yellow” card (2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card in one game = red card) [Previously, after soft yellow, player had to leave game – but team was allowed to substitute that player] For 2012 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Yellow card in same game is the equivalent of a Red card = ejection of player and team playing short for remainder of game. (Due to ejection, following game is also missed).
    - i. For the Sportsmanship / Card policy: When a single player accumulates 2 yellows in a single game – it becomes a Red card. For purposes of counting cards: That situation counts as 1 red; neither yellow card is added to players previous yellow card count.
  - b. Handling of ball going into goal
    - i. If ball goes into net and counts as goal, player handling ball gets a Yellow card + goal counts
    - ii. If ball does not enter goal due to being “handled”, player gets Red card
  - c. If a PK is somehow ‘disrupted’ – it is to be re-taken
  - d. To be addressed – Language on the field (mainly players course and abusive language)
- IV. Sectionals
  - a. Sites for C & D finals discussed – This committee likes the way Pioneer Hosts the tournament, no issues.
  - b. Dunkirk has proposed to host 2012 Sectional games on its new field for classes C & D. It is thought the field is 120 yds x 80 yds, made of the Turf-Field surface.
    - i. Investigation to follow as to location, seating, parking and actual dimensions.
- V. Regionals to be Hosted and played in Section 5 for 2012
- VI. States to be played in Cortland for 2012
  - a. Games are played on Saturday & Sunday because Superintendents do not want kids out of school for games . . .
- VII. Website Issues
  - a. Discussion of sites capability to ‘rate’ officials
  - b. Discussion of sites capability to carry documents for use during the season.
    - i. Officials non-preferred
    - ii. Officials Ranking form
    - iii. Other misc. forms and/or information
- VIII. Section VI Kicks Cancer program to continue.
  - a. Procedures to be announced at Pre-season coaches meetings and in e-mail
  - b. NT Lady Jacks Soccer Boosters to continue to act as ‘clearinghouse’ for monies collected. They would like checks made out to: “NTLJ Soccer”, they would also like only 1 check per school.
  - c. 2012 will be Tee shirts only.
  - d. Cause ??? Discussion followed on donation distribution. Where and where not to donate – thoughts welcome.
- IX. State meeting minutes and issues
  - a. Discussed by Chris Durr

- b. NYSPHSAA championship “issue” brought up by Section 11 (Long Island) as a cost cutting measure – to be discussed ... the proposal needs 6 other Sections to agree in order for it to succeed

X. Misc.

- a. Proposed to use the Sections website to rate officials.
  - i. Would have to be mandatory for all teams/coaches due to fact that Official's ratings must be entered before site will allow game results and stats to be entered
  - ii. Site allows comments when rating officials
    - 1. Mandatory comments for ratings below 5 (of 10)
    - 2. Optional comments for any rating above 5 (of 10)
    - 3. Comments are recommended for all officials
  - iii. Coaches responsibility to know who's officiating games
    - 1. Officials always introduce themselves
    - 2. AD's have access to Arbiter and game assignments
- b. Officials Rankings to stay at 15 officials
- c. SOCKS: Again reiterated: Home team wears white or light socks, Away team wears dark socks – Socks match jersey. Will again be addressed at pre-season coaches meetings.
- d. Both JV and Varsity play by SAME rules
  - i. Can no longer “opt-out” of overtime in ANY game. Overtime is 2 x 10 minute periods, played in entirety – league and non-league games.
  - ii. ALL Games (Varsity & JV) are played in halves (2 x 40minute halves)
- e. Calendar notes: Actual 2012 calendar distributed
  - i. 2012 Season Start Date: August 13, 2012
  - ii. Last league game played by: October 18, 2012
- f. Conversation on Lightninging delays ... rules distributed last season still in effect – no changes.
- g. Number of total games allowed to be played to be discussed at all coaches meetings prior to season.
  - i. Not this committees job to do the actual count each teams schedule, we just double checking for seeding purposes in the Sectional tournament – based on seasons record.

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Petherick  
Lancaster / ECIC I