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# **Glen-Ed Sports Association Spring 2016 Club Information March 8, 2016**





# Agenda


- Welcome/Introduction
- Club Update
- USSF Mandates
- Team Formation
- FAQ & Questions





# Introduction

 Mark Rimkus, President

 Rob Landers, Vice President

 Chuck Hentz, Treasurer





# Club Update





## 501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation

- ⚽ Due to the generosity from our partners & volunteers, the club maintains a low due structure
- ⚽ Committed to helping players in the St. Louis and Metro East area.
- ⚽ **Donated \$38,000 to the EGHM (District 7) from the proceeds of the Glen-Ed Spring Kick-Off Tournament**





# Mission Statement

## "Pursue the Dream"

- ⚽ Offer participation in select Soccer, Volleyball and Softball
- ⚽ Focus on leadership, character and integrity.
- ⚽ Create a challenging, fun and safe environment.
- ⚽ Develop individual and team skills through coaching, mentoring, knowledge, teamwork and self esteem.





# Teams

⚽ 300 + Players

⚽ 26 Teams in Boys and Girls ranging from teams U7-U18

⚽ Playing in SLYSA, SISL, and Tournament







# Finances

## 3 is the magic number

- ⚽ 3 consecutive years of increasing Program Revenue
- ⚽ 3 consecutive years of increasing Funds Balance (cash on hand)
- ⚽ 3 consecutive years of EGHM Donations to District 7





# Facilities

- ⚽ 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Training
- ⚽ Southern Illinois University-Game and training Fields
- ⚽ Edwardsville HS –Game and Training Fields
- ⚽ Metro East Lutheran HS – Training and Game Fields





# USSF Mandates





# US Soccer Structure

National Governing Body



National Youth Body



State Governing Body



Local Leagues





# US Soccer Regulations

## Right Focus in our Opinion

- ⚽ All sanctioning bodies are required to adopt the mandates (USYSA, US Club Soccer)
- ⚽ Our leagues adopted the mandates for 2016-17
- ⚽ Glen-Ed will transition to the mandates starting with tryouts June 2016 for the 2016-17 year.





# USSF Mandates

- Small Sided Games
- Birth Year Registration
- Age Group Classification





# US Soccer Regulations

## Small Sided Games Mandate

- ⚽ US Soccer will mandate playing formats for all sanctioned leagues, including playing field sizes starting 2017-18.
- ⚽ No heading U11 & below (States define an Indirect Kick). It applies to players who will be age 10 or younger.
- ⚽ No Punting in 7v7 (U9/U10). Instead a “build out” line to promote teams playing out of the back.





# US Soccer Regulations

## WHY

### Small Sided Games Mandate

- ⚽ US Soccer is concerned an over-emphasis on team development at younger ages.
- ⚽ Fewer players on the field means more touches on the ball and more involvement in the game, which focuses on individual development.
- ⚽ Greater confidence and control of the ball







# US Soccer Regulations

## Birth Year Registration Mandate

- ⚽ Current US standard since 1980. Current International Standards Birth Year since 1983.
- ⚽ Conform to International Standards (FIFA).
- ⚽ Move from a Aug 1<sup>st</sup>-Jul 31<sup>st</sup> to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>-Dec 31<sup>st</sup>





# US Soccer Regulations

## Age Group Classification Mandate

- ⚽ Age groups classifications determined by the year in which competition ends (i.e. 2017) minus the year in which the player was born (i.e. 2004).
- ⚽  $2017 - 2004 = 13$ , therefore considered U13 for that year.
- ⚽ The result of this mandate will bump every player up an age group classification. U11 today is U13 next year.







# Player@Large/Trapped

- ⚽ For 2016-17 all Players Born in 2002 (approx. 5)
- ⚽ 8<sup>th</sup> graders too old to play club but no able to play HS
- ⚽ The leagues have not issued guidance yet.
- ⚽ Glen-Ed will offer training option and friendlies should they not be allowed to participate.





# Team Formation Process 2016-17





# Team Formation

- ⚽ Normal tryout process with decisions made by Committee
- ⚽ Committee rely heavily on coaches ratings and rankings
- ⚽ Several sets of eyes over the course of the process
- ⚽ Some players may receive communication prior to tryouts
- ⚽ Some teams desiring to play mixed team.





# Birth Year ID Session

- ⚽ Birth Year ID sessions to identify teams for 2016-2017
- ⚽ Held at numerous times during spring to ensure players are able to attend as many as possible
- ⚽ Players attend Birth Year Club training not team training.
- ⚽ Some players may be asked to attend ID sessions with the age group above their actual age group.





# Birth Year ID Session

- ⚽ Every team is broken out by age group
- ⚽ Mixed players will only be allowed to play up if they are able to succeed on an individual and team basis.
- ⚽ Groups of about 40 players.
- ⚽ Just play







# Birth Year Committee

## Committee

- ⚽ President – Mark Rimkus
- ⚽ Vice President – Rob Landers
- ⚽ Treasurer – Chuck
- ⚽ Club Trainer – Mark Ward
- ⚽ 01 Coach – Ron Lacy
- ⚽ 03 Coach – Mike Beatty

## Advisor

- ⚽ DOC-John Becher
- ⚽ USSF A - Dave Fernandez
- ⚽ Mckendree Men's Coach-  
John Van Buskirk





# Committee Experience

- ⚽ Diverse experience with over +50 years of coaching and player development.
- ⚽ Using the latest techniques and methods from USSF
- ⚽ College Coaches
- ⚽ College Players.





# Timeline

- ⚽ December 2015 – Committee discuss procedures
- ⚽ January 2016– Some age group discussions
- ⚽ March/April 2016– Birth Year ID training sessions
- ⚽ June 2016 - Tryouts
- ⚽ Mid June Tryout decisions.





# FAQ


## Can't we just keep teams as is and play up?

- While any change will bring anxiety, to pretend that this change has not happened would be professionally irresponsible, detrimental to players development. Failing to adapt and/or ignoring reality is not a long-term solution, nor is it one that is beneficial to a players development.





# FAQ

 **You are telling my child he/she can no longer play with his/her school friends?**

- US Soccer has made the decision. In the best interest of our own players development, we are adapting our structure to comply. Similar to school, each player will not be placed in class with all of their friends; however, this does not end the friendship nor does it impair the ability of the child to develop as a person.





# FAQ

## **My child will lose a year of soccer due to the changes?**

- The documents from US Soccer are complicated and it is understandable why parents may be confused. All players will be afforded the same opportunity to play in the club for as long as they have in the past. However, the age classification under which they fall may change (i.e. U18 is now considered a U19)





# Change Acceptance

- ⚽ Accept the change for the good of your child
- ⚽ Don't spread rumors.
- ⚽ Enjoy the Spring season.
- ⚽ All the stress/uneasy feelings will be forgotten as you watch and enjoy your child play a game they enjoy.





# Thank You Partners







Questions?  
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