

NDA Girls Soccer 2015

1 RESULTS

Senior Boys NDA 2015 Soccer Champions: Widdifield

Senior Boys NDA 2015 League Champions (1st place regular season play): St. Joseph Schollard Hall

Girls Varsity NDA 2015 Soccer Champions: St. Joseph Schollard Hall

Girls Varsity NDA 2015 League Champions (1st place regular season play): Algonquin

Junior Boys NDA 2015 Soccer Champions: St. Joseph Schollard Hall

Junior Boys NDA 2015 League Champions (1st place regular season play): St. Joseph Schollard Hall

2 SEASON OVERVIEW

The season progressed relatively well. There were some scheduling issues due to early start of the season (end of April) and the type of cold winter we received. There was one issue that needed to be resolved by calling a board of review. The season progressed with relative ease given the nature of spring we had. There will be several recommendations in the following sections as a means to alleviate some of the issues in the future. The biggest issue was locations of games and changes to the schedule due to field availability. Because of the high percentages of games that are played on rented fields this puts conveners in the situation where regulations must be breached in order to be successfully navigate the variables, all of which will be in my recommendations or motions to follow.

The Sr. Boys soccer trophy was awarded to Widdifield, I was not able to locate the Junior boys or the Girls varsity trophy if a school has them could you please send them to St. Joseph Schollard Hall.

Finally I would like to thank all the coaches for helping me out it was a great experience.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 CONVENERS HANDBOOK AND FORMS

Being this is my first time convening by myself there are several procedural items that would best be covered if the NDA could create a handbook for new conveners as a simple guide. I was fortunate that many of the soccer coaches and NDA executives were available to help but the time spend contacting and seeking out information could be alleviated if a handbook were readily available for procedural items. My example would be the board of review so that young conveners understand the protocol necessary in calling or attending a board of review.

3.2 FIELD BOOKINGS

After speaking with Sandy Mofatt regarding booking for games, I would suggest if at all possible that all booking be done through the convener for games. Having one contact person in regards to games saves lots of cross communication. There were issues because we were all booking times caused some issues. I'm not sure how to work around it. This could also work for Finals, in the case that a school wish to host on a rental field. The convener would be the contact person for all schools be given the ability to book on behalf of a school, when requested to do so.

3.3 ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility and its role is becoming more and more of a concern. I ask that the NDA examine its policy regarding Eligibility of student-athletes to set clearer standards across not only divisions but sports. Several NDA sports overlap with rep leagues, and other do not, but the variability of the eligibility of student-athletes is depending on the sport. I would like to recommend that an ADHOC committee be formed to examine the purpose of Eligibility for participation in the NDA for student-athletes. These result of this committee's recommendation could have profound implications in the overall standards of the NDA as a competitive association, and would alleviate the variability found across sports.

4 SOCCER PLAYING REGULATION MOTIONS (FALL ASSEMBLY)

4.1 GIRLS ELIGIBILITY – HOUSEKEEPING/CHANGES

Given the current discrepancy between boys and girls eligibility I motion that the playing regulations regarding eligibility for girls mirror the boys as determined by the board of review.

RATIONAL

As soccer becomes more competitive we are seeing that student-athletes are competing in rep. teams after our season. Our season is relatively short (5-6 weeks) and the rep soccer league extends well into the summer. Given that both sexes have rep leagues to keep one league exclusionary in this case the Girls when compared to the boys leagues is unfair. The Boys current regulations states and suits the current playing conditions very well by putting NDA as the primary competitive league over the rep league and can easily be adopted for Girls playing regs.

Proposed by: Daniel M. Stevens

Seconded by: Richard Lachance

4.2 LENGTH OF GAME (BOYS AND GIRLS) – HOUSEKEEPING/CHANGES

All games shall be two (2) **forty (40)** minute halves, with a five (5) minute break between halves. If a game that is in progress is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances, the result of the game will stand if two-thirds of the game has been played. If less than two-thirds of the game has been played, the game will be replayed during the next "make-up" day built into the schedule.

RATIONAL

Because more and more as we start out season on rented fields. We must abide by rented time. To maximize our playing vs costs, having games playable to as close as 1hr and a half will find the balance between cost and play. This has already been done over the last two years. Using the current method causes for a needed time of 4 hours to play two games, which results in just under hour of unused time that has been paid for.

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Seconded by: Richard Lachance

4.3 PLAYOFF FORMAT (BOYS AND GIRLS) – HOUSEKEEPING/CHANGES

4. In the event that teams are tied at the conclusion of regulation time in play-off games, two (2) **ten (10) minute, sudden-death** halves shall be played. If the teams are still tied at the conclusion of overtime, then the following procedure shall be used:

(a) Each team will select five (5) players from those on the field at the conclusion of the overtime. These five (5) players will take penalty kicks alternately, the first team to kick being decided by a coin toss. The winner will be the team scoring the most penalty kicks.

(b) If still tied, the remaining players shall take kicks, one from each team alternately, the winner being that team which is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks.

RATIONAL

By altering the wording from two 15 minute halves that are not sudden death to the wording mentioned above it enables for the faster pace games to occur. Given that finals have to be booked in 2hr time slots it is a move makes games playable to their conclusion within the set time frame. The older language could and did in this case cause us to run over time and puts us in a violation with the city of North Bay which could result in extra charges. By making this slight alteration it makes it possible to complete the game with in the rented time frame. Given the current trend in weather over the last few years it is a small step but alleviates a great deal of potential cost from a school who has to rent a field from the city.

Proposed by: Daniel M. Stevens

Seconded by: Richard Lachance

4.4 REPORTING AND RECORDS (BOYS AND GIRLS) – NEW

I motion that a new section be created under the boys and girls playing regulations entitled reporting and records.

1. All scores with a difference greater then +/- 3 shall be reported to the media/coaches/website and any other external organization at a maximum of +3 for the winning team based on losing teams score with the exception of the NDA executive members upon request.
 - a. Example: School A (3) vs School B (8) shall be reported School A (3) vs school B (6)
2. For record keeping and ranking purposes, the convener must maintain the original scores in the event of a tie breaking procedure is needed, for league ranks

RATIONAL

This practice is already in place unofficially and makes the role clear for the convener it shows dignity to the losing team publically yet maintains the integrity of the win in cases where a tie breaking procedure is needed.

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