

Agenda for Presidents Meeting

November 9, 2025

1. Roll Call of Communities
2. Rules on voting
 - a. Consensus vs Roll Call
3. **Field Requirements** (Discussion only)
 - a. If unplayable (coach and ref agrees) you can choose not to play the game and reschedule (ref would get paid & then the league would reimburse for paying the refs again)
 - b. If size is in question, play the game
 - c. Missing lines on the field, work with communities and give grace if they have no control
 - d. Discussed if game is called before over due to Referee or a team playing
 - e. Tech Request: Add a form online for spring season to report field issues.
 - f. *Audience Comments: need to let refs know of what we decide so here so everyone is on the same page.*
4. **Length of Spring Season** - 6 or 8 games (Discussion & Vote)
 - a. *Audience comments - Could we have 8 games for younger and 6 games for older? Or go to 6 games for just divisions 1 & 2 of the older ages? Conflicts are more than just club players but weather, school schedule and lots of other sports conflicting (baseball, softball, lacrosse, etc.). Can we look at a more advanced software that could take into account geographic location so games that have a far commute are played on Sundays and closer games are weeknights*
 - b. **Roll Call Vote: Do you want to stay with 8 games? 38 yes vs 13 no**
 - c. The league will continue with the 8 game spring season.
5. **Out of Community Players** (Discussion & Vote)
 - a. Current Rules 2025-26: 3 per team, all players count even if their community doesn't have a travel program
 - b. How do we handle players that live in communities without an OHTSL program? Are they OOC in this situation? **Consensus Vote: If the community does not have an OHTSL program they will not be considered an OOC player. (Implement Fall 2026)**
 - c. If they have a program, but not in your age group, are they in community or out of community? **Consensus Vote: If the community has a program but not in your age group, the player is considered an OOC player. (Implement Fall 2026)**

- d. Exceptions: The league will consider one off exceptions when there is a specific need for communities to combine together for a specific age.

6. Guest Player Rules (Discussion & Vote)

- a. Discussion: Number per game? Different based on # on field? Rules on playing up and down
 - i. Current Rule: Players can only play down 2 divisions.
 - ii. Issue is that coaches can't tell a guest player's roster if they are showing a player card.
 - iii. If a team has a guest player that is playing down more than 2 divisions and it is reported, the game will be a forfeit.
- b. **Consensus Vote - Guest players must have the guest roster so we can see what division they are rostered rather than the player card.**
(Implement Spring 2026)
- c. **Consensus Vote - If a guest player is playing up an age group, they can play in any division.** *(Implement Spring 2026)*

7. Referees (Discussion Only)

- a. Classes
 - o 1st week of March, female referee course with mentors, details sent out in late November, held in Lodi
- b. Rec referees at U-9/10
 - o We can consider using them for this level. Most did not think this was a good idea.
- c. Fees
 - o Ref fees in NW Ohio: 7v7 - same as us, 9v9 - one man is \$45, 11v11 - \$60 & \$44 or \$70 for one man
 - o Ref fees will increase & we will likely have referees doing the check in next fall.
- d. No Show issues and how to handle
 - o Could the ref assignor also tell the away team that there is no referee b/c the home team is not always alerting the away team?
- e. Ref assignor fees and potential changes
 - o Will be changing how we pay ref assignors & they will be penalized for games not assigned

8. Neutral Site games/Scheduling (Discussion Only)

- o Need a list of communities willing to host
- o Work on a system to make this easier to schedule
- o Had only 15 scheduled in the fall
- o Port Clinton asked that if we move to a neutral site, each team should pay half the referee fees

9. **Fall 2026 New US Soccer Age bands** (Discussion Only)

- a. Upper division would be U14-U15 (trapped players can play)
 - U14 would be an 8th grade team (along with trapped U15s)
 - No high school players would be allowed to play
 - If there was a U16 player, they can not play

10. **Discipline** (Discussion only)

- a. Coaches / Players- League
 - Very few issues with players, some issues with coaches
- b. Parents- community/coaches
 - Parents is the biggest issue
 - Most communities want to handle the parents in house using their code of conduct
 - Most communities have CoC and do enforce it but often the boards are not getting information about CoC issues
 - Tech Request: Create a ref tab on our website so anyone can input information because we are not always finding out when red cards are being issued.
 - Tech Request: Could we have a check box on the score reporting page if there were any red cards issued?

11. Community Board Responsibility

12. Final Comments

- **Consensus Vote - Allow a digital roster in addition to the paper roster**
(implement spring 2026)
- Request: Under Community Contacts could we put the home and away jersey colors for each team.

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