

Rules Committee Report for 14 August 2019 BAYS BOD

There are 8 by-laws and 1 LAW below that need adjustment to show changes in official title (Third VP to Waiver Director), recognition of coach's credentials and only player pass cards, Age Groupings, clarification of the Older Player playing with Classmates waiver(5.B), and adding requirements on roster, passcards and credentials for MTOC in our playoff by-law, stating Ejection Secretary notification. LAW 8 clarifies the use of coach's credentials and player pass cards.

Residency/Waiver Change

Is:

2.B. For division 1: Additional waiver consideration -- The Competition Committee may approve residency waivers for the purpose of providing broader access to competition in division one. A request for such a waiver shall include a written justification. The committee shall review each such submission and inform the organization concerned of the action taken. In acting on such submissions, the committee shall be guided by the following fundamental principles:

- Division 1, like all BAYS divisions, should be evenly competitive and in the spirit of inter-town competition.
- Each player has a right to competition at the highest level his or her capabilities will allow. Premier League (e.g. MAPLE) play will generally be considered to satisfy this requirement.
- A player who has access to division 1 play in his or her town of residency should not be considered for such play in another town (except as already provided in Section A of this bylaw).

PROPOSED:

2.B. second bullet-

- Each player has a right to competition at the highest level his or her capabilities allow. Premier League, e.g. Northeast Soccer League (NSL), play will generally be considered to satisfy this requirement.

Discussion:

To show a current Club League associated with Mass Youth Soccer. I understand NSL will be rejoining Mass Youth this year 2019/2020 on a Pilot Program with US Soccer

Americans with Disabilities Act Waiver Change

Is:

3.B. A request to BAYS for a waiver of BAYS rules or other accommodation under the ADA from a town soccer organization, or where the town has failed to act or has denied

the request, from the individual, shall be sent to the Third Vice-President of BAYS and contain the following information:

- A statement of the nature of the disability, certified by a physician.
- A statement of the accommodation requested by the soccer player.
- A summary of the actions taken by the town soccer organization to accommodate the player, along with an explanation of why those attempts have been deemed unsatisfactory by the town or the player, or why the attempted accommodation requires BAYS action.
- A recommendation from the town as to the specific action requested by BAYS. This requirement shall not apply where the town has failed to act.

C. Upon receipt of a request for a waiver of BAYS rules or other accommodation, the Third Vice-President shall review it for completeness and, if it is complete, shall forward the request to the BAYS Competition Committee, which shall evaluate the request and respond in writing to the town, or where the town has declined to act or it has rejected the request, the Committee shall respond to the individual with a copy to the town, subject to the following conditions:

The committee shall have the authority to seek further information from the player's family, the town, and competent experts to help evaluate the request. The Committee shall consider whether it seems more likely than not that the request bears a logical relationship to the disability, that it does not fundamentally alter the nature of the program being offered by BAYS, and that it does not present any undue risk of harm to any participant. Any request involving an MTOC eligible team must also be approved by the Mass. Youth Soccer Leagues Committee.

D. If the Third Vice-President determines that a request is incomplete, he shall return it to the appropriate town official or to the individual where the town has failed to act or has rejected the request to be amended or revised as necessary for resubmission.

PROPOSED:

3B..A BAYS waiver application for a waiver of BAYS rules or other accommodation under the ADA from a town soccer organization, or where the town has failed to act or has denied the request, from the individual, shall be submitted to the Waiver Director of BAYS and contain the following information:

- A statement of the nature of the disability, certified by a physician.
- A statement of the accommodation requested by the soccer player.
- A summary of the actions taken by the town soccer organization to accommodate the player, along with an explanation of why those attempts have been deemed unsatisfactory by the town or the player, or why the attempted accommodation requires BAYS action.

- A recommendation from the town as to the specific action requested BAYS. This requirement shall not apply where the town has failed to act.
- C. Upon receipt of a request for a waiver of BAYS rules or other accommodation, the Waiver Director shall review it for completeness and, if it is complete, shall forward the request to the BAYS Competition Committee, which shall evaluate the request and respond in writing to the town, or where the town has declined to act or has rejected the request, the Committee shall respond to the individual with a copy to the town, subject to the following conditions:
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Discussion

This is to update "Title" to what was approved and changed last Fall 2018 and again in the Spring 2019 in replacing Third Vice-President Title with **Waiver Director**.

Age Groups Change

Is:

5. The BAYS age groups shall be as follows;

12th Grade - Those players that are 19 and younger AND in the 12th grade and lower - plays 11v11

10th Grade - Those players that are 17 and younger AND in the 10th grade and lower - plays 11v11.

8th Grade - Those players that are 15 and younger AND in the 8th grade and lower - plays 11v11.

6th Grade - Those players that are 13 and younger AND in the 6th grade and lower - plays 9v9.

5th Grade - Those players that are 12 and younger AND in the 5th grade and lower - plays 9v9.

4th Grade - Those players that are 11 and younger AND in the 4th grade and lower - plays 7v7.

3rd Grade - Those players that are 10 and younger AND in the 3rd grade - plays 7v7.

PROPOSED:

5. The BAYS Age Groups are as follows:

PG - as defined by Mass Youth Soccer Association- See Paragraph below plays with Grade 12 players.

12th Grade - Those players who are 19 and younger AND in the 12th Grade and lower - plays 11v11 or small sided soccer as designated by the competition committee.

11th Grade - Those players who are 18 and younger AND in the 11th grade and lower - plays 11v11 or small sided soccer as designated by the competition committee.

8th Grade - Those players who are 15 and younger AND in the 8th grade and lower - plays 11v11.

6th Grade - Those players who are 13 and younger AND in the 6th grade and lower - plays 9v9.

5th Grade - Those players who are 12 and younger AND in the 5th grade and lower - plays 9v9.

4th Grade - Those players who are 11 and younger AND in the 4th grade and lower - plays 7v7.

3rd Grade - Those players who are 10 and younger AND in the 3rd grade - plays 7v7.

Discussion:

: BAYS approved on April 4 2018 the inclusion of PG and small sided games for UHS 912. In March 2019 the Mass Leagues Committee transitioned this past Soccer year 2018/19, and also changed the High School Age Groups for the soccer year 2019/2020 to 12/PG, and Grade 9/10/11. This also updates the changes we approved on April 4, 2018 to include PG in 11 v 11 games only.

Higher Grade player playing with Peers Change**Is:**

5B. Players who chose to play within their current calendar year peers but are in a higher grade may play in the age group that includes their calendar year birth year with an automatic grade waiver in all divisions. Application through the BAYS website is required.

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A documented playing history, starting in the 2016/2017 Soccer Season, needs to show that the player requested and was previously permitted to play "down a grade". This continuation of waiver in force needs to be shown for each subsequent year to the present. This information needs to be provided in the comments for the 5B waiver application.

Discussion:

This is to Add clarification to this higher grade player playing with his peers in a lower grade. This waiver was clarified at a LC Meeting in June 2019 on request. We need to add about a documented History starting in the 2016/2017 Season:

Registration Change**Is**

6.F. Coach CORI and Passcards: For both Spring and Fall seasons, any person who will be responsible for the team at a game, including the coach, or other person acting as a substitute in charge of the team, must have a BAYS or a US Youth Soccer coach's member pass card with a current photograph and a validation sticker for the current year. The person also needs to be on the CORI cleared list, maintained by Mass Youth Soccer, prior to their name being allowed on a Team Roster, or allowed to coach a team.

PROPOSED:

6.F. Coach Required Credentials: For both Spring and Fall seasons, any person who will be responsible for the team at a game, including all coaches on the team sideline, or other person acting as a substitute in charge of the team, must have a Mass Youth Credential from the current soccer year with a current photograph..

Discussion

This is to update the by-laws to reflect the use of Credentials for all sideline Coaches and not Passcards. Also, there is no longer a need for a "validation Sticker" for coaches or players during the regular season. Additionally, there is no longer a CORI cleared list, but the CORI and other coaching requirements must be completed for the coach to be able to have a credential printed so this was redundant. This updates the March 14, 2018 approved change.

Responsibility for Teams Change**Is**

12. At each game, each team must have a qualified responsible person present who can be a coach, or someone designated to substitute for them, and whose responsibilities shall include maintaining control and discipline over the team and its spectators. The responsible person must present his/her passcard to the referee before the game commences.

If at any time during the game the team does not have a person with a valid coach's passcard able to be responsible for the team, the game shall be abandoned, and the

team shall forfeit the game. In all cases the person responsible for the team must be older than the qualifying age for the team.

PROPOSED:

12. At each game, each team must have a qualified responsible person present who can be a coach, or someone designated to substitute for them, and whose responsibilities shall include maintaining control and discipline over the team and its spectators. The responsible person must present his/her MYSA credential with the current soccer year to the referee before the game commences.

If at any time during the game, the team does not have a person with a valid coach's credential with the current soccer year able to be responsible for the team, the game shall be abandoned, and the team shall forfeit the game. In all cases, the person responsible for the team must be older than the qualifying age for the team.

Discussion:

This is to recognize the change from Coach's pass cards to Coach's credentials under Mass Youth review. This eliminates the transition period where either/or was required as approved on March 14, 2018.

Consequences of Ejection Change

Is:

15 A If the referee ejects a person from any game between two BAYS teams, that person will be automatically suspended from participating in the next BAYS game that his/her team actually plays. If the ejection is received during a BAYS playoff game, the person is suspended from the next BAYS playoff game. If the ejection was for violent conduct, fighting, or certain forms of serious foul play, the suspension will automatically be for two BAYS games. The ejection report and passcard (when required) shall be sent immediately to the ejection secretary; the passcard **MUST** be retained by the referee at the game in all circumstances. If a suspended person does participate in a game for which the suspension applies, the team will forfeit the game and this violation will be referred to the Sportsmanship Review Committee.

B. If a person receives a second ejection during a season, the matter will be referred to the Sportsmanship Review Committee, which may subject the offender to additional discipline.

C. If the ejection secretary considers an ejection offense to be serious, or if there are more than two ejections in a game, the ejection secretary shall refer the situation to the Sportsmanship Review Committee.

D. To have a passcard returned, you must contact the ejection secretary immediately after all games for which the suspension applies have been completed to indicate where to mail the passcards that are to be returned. The

ejection secretary will not mail any passcard until notified. A person who needs his/her passcard for activities outside the BAYS league during the period of suspension from BAYS games may make arrangements with the ejection secretary to obtain the passcard, after providing the ejection secretary with an appropriate contact for the outside activity. The ejection secretary will notify that contact of the suspension in effect in the BAYS league. It is the responsibility of the person to return the passcard to the ejection secretary immediately after the outside activity

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C. If the ejection secretary considers an ejection offense to be serious, or if there are more than two ejections in a game, the ejection secretary shall refer the situation to the Sportsmanship Review Committee.

D. To have a player passcard returned, you must contact the ejection secretary immediately after all games for which the suspension applies have been completed to indicate where to mail the player passcards that are to be returned. The ejection secretary will not mail any player passcard until notified. A person who needs his/her player passcard for activities outside the BAYS league during the period of suspension from BAYS games may make arrangements with the ejection secretary to obtain the player passcard, after providing the ejection secretary with an appropriate contact for the outside activity. The ejection secretary will notify that contact of the suspension in effect in the BAYS league. It is the responsibility of the person to return the player passcard to the ejection secretary immediately after the outside activity

E. The Ejection Secretary reviews the red cards issued each week and notifies the President of the Town Club whose person was ejected (red carded) about the length of the suspension and the person's name.

Discussion: Coaches Passcards have been replaced with Coach Credentials and only player passcards are sent to Ejections Secretary now. We therefore need to add the word “player” before the word “passcard” wherever it shows in 15 A to D. The Rules Committee felt we needed to add that the Ejection Secretary notifies the President of the ejected person of any suspension and the duration.

League Standings and Spring Playoffs Change

Is

24. last paragraph

Any team refusing to play in a playoff or refusing to represent BAYS at MTOC after having qualified as a BAYS MTOC entry, will forfeit its right to the section championship and to all trophies. If BAYS suffers a monetary loss for such default by an MTOC-qualifying team, the team’s town or club organization will be required to make good for the loss.

PROPOSED:

24 add before last paragraph

A BAYS Team winning a BAYS Division in the BAYS Playoffs needs to have their Frozen BAYS Team Roster reviewed by a designated BAYS Official along with the player passcards which need to be provided a validation sticker once approved. Up to 3 Coaches listed on the Frozen Team Roster can be given a lanyard with a Team Official Pass specifically for MTOC. Their Credentials must also be reviewed and confirmed valid. Coaches must wear both the Credentials and Team Official Pass to be allowed on the sideline with their team.

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Discussion:

With the change of by-laws Registration 6.F., 12 and 15 on Coach’s passcards to Credentials and adding player to passcard description the rules Committee felt Coach Credentials and player passcards needs to be addressed for qualified MTOC teams.

LAW 8 The start of Play/Team Late/Forfeit/Game Cancelations

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8D. In both seasons, the referee will submit his/her game report on the BAYS website. The referee should retain his/her copies of the team rosters until the end of the season. All adults on the team sideline during the game must present a BAYS or a US Youth Soccer coach's passcard to the referee prior to the game. Such person must be at least 18 years old and older than the age limit of the team. If at any time during the game a team does not have a responsible person with a passcard, the referee shall abandon the game and that team shall forfeit the game.

Player passcards are required in the spring season for the following age groups and divisions: all Grade 12 and older; all first and second division Grade 10, Grade 8, and Grade 6 . For games where player passcards are required, each player will present his/her passcard to the referee as the player's name is read off the roster/game form. Players without required passcards cannot play.

All coaches' and players' passcards must have a current photograph, and coaches' passcards must also have a validation sticker for the current year. The referee shall return the passcards at the conclusion of the game, except for any player or coach who has been sent off, in which case the referee shall send that passcard to the BAYS ejections secretary. If a team does not have its passcards by the end of the 15-minute grace period, the game cannot be played. The division director should assign a forfeit.

PROPOSED:

8D In both seasons, the referee will submit his/her game report on the BAYS website. The referee should retain his/her copies of the team rosters until the end of the season. All adults on the team sideline during the game must present a BAYS Credential to the referee prior to the game. Such person must be at least 18 years old and older than the age limit of the team. If at any time during the game a team does not have a responsible person with a Credential, the referee shall abandon the game and that team shall forfeit the game.

Player passcards are required in the spring season for the following age groups and divisions: all Grade 12 and older; all first and second division Grade 11, Grade 8, and Grade 6. For games where player passcards are required, each player will present his/her passcard to the referee as the player's name is read off the roster/game form. Players without required passcards cannot play.

All coaches' credentials and player passcards must have a current photograph and the coaches' credentials must also have the current soccer year. The referee shall return the player passcards at the conclusion of the game, except for any player who has been sent off, in which case the referee shall send the player passcard to the BAYS ejection secretary.

Discussion:

Coach passcards are now credentials and wording needs to be changed to current terminology. This eliminates the transition period where either/or was required as approved on March 14, 2018..

Also note the Age Group change from Grade 10 to Grade 11

Law 12 Removal of Coach Passcard**Is:**

If a team is left without a responsible adult in charge with a valid coach's passcard, or if a team has more than two people ejected (sent off or dismissed) from a game, the referee will terminate the game and that team will forfeit. If both teams have more than two ejections, the outcome of the game will be determined by the Sportsmanship Review Committee.

PROPOSED:

If a team is left without a responsible adult in charge who has a valid coach's credential, or if a team has more than two people ejected (sent off or dismissed) from a game, the referee will terminate the game and that team will forfeit. If both teams have more than two ejections, the outcome of the game will be determined by the Sportsmanship Review Committee.

Discussion:

This is to recognize the change from Coach's pass cards to Coach's credentials

Dick Penta and the Rules Committee

8/13/19