



## NPSL Board Meeting Minutes 3/31/15

Attendees: Lisa Getzendaner, Brian Fadely, Yousef Habash, Kelly Huestis, Jimmy McAlister, Naomi Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 7:40p.

Yousef Habash presented information about the new NPSL web site being developed in the new Demosphere system that will also be our new registration system. He hopes they have the new web site up and functioning by the end of April or first week of May. Registration will open end of May so we should have some time to have it up and going before then. The site will work well for game scheduling as well and Gerd is happy to use this system to generate schedules. Teams will also be able to update the contact information easily.

Key Date for the 2015-2016 season:

May 25<sup>th</sup> registration for Fall season opens  
August 1<sup>st</sup> registration for Fall season closes  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Placement meeting for Fall  
August 20<sup>th</sup> Schedules out to Associations for Fall  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> First games of Fall Season  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> HS Girls registration for Winter season closes  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> HS Girls placement meeting vs e-mail placement planned  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> HS Girls schedules to Association  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup> HS Girls first Game  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016- Spring League registration Closes  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> First Spring League Games completing by end of April.

Discussed Development funding- There is \$4000 in the budget. Lisa presented the attached development fund request procedure and after a few clarifications, the procedure was unanimously approved. It would be nice for NPSL to offer some sort of development clinics for our coaches in the coming year. This would need additional planning and likely some additional manpower.

### **NPSL Development Funds request procedure**

#### **Background and Purpose:**

NPSL budgets development funds on an annual basis to promote coaching education and development to improve coaching performance, which should ultimately improve player

development and the level of play within the NPSL. The purpose of this document is to provide parameters for distribution of these funds.

**Procedure:**

NPSL development funds can be requested by Clubs or Associations to help fund activities to promote coach and player developments. Examples of such activities include but are not limited to coach licensing clinics and coaching clinics with development focus. NPSL coaches attending state and national coaching clinics can request reimbursement of registration fees from NPSL through their clubs. Clubs or Associations sponsoring coaching development clinics can request reimbursement or sponsorship for such activities from the NPSL board. Such activities should be made open and advertised to coaches across the League. NPSL can help facilitate such advertisement.

All requests for sponsorship or reimbursement will be discussed and reviewed by the NPSL Board. If the activity is approved, the amount of reimbursement will be also be determined by the NPSL Board. Clubs or Associations boards will then be reimbursed from NPSL via District 1 and District 2. Coaches will not be reimbursed directly. Funds may be requested after completion of an activity, but must have met all the criteria outlined above.

**U10 Procedures discussion:**

There was some additional discussion of the U10 rules and procedures. A final draft of the U10 rules was unanimously approved and will be added to the web site. Many clubs are holding tryouts so there should be a good number of teams for the U10 Division next year.

**NPSL U10 Procedures:**

**Season Duration**

The regular season duration for NPSL U-10 Fall League shall be 10 games.

**Game Duration**

Two 25 minute halves shall be played for U-10 ages.

**Half Time Interval**

There shall be a five (5) minute break between halves.

**Roster Size**

A maximum roster size of 10 players shall be allowed for U-10 teams.

### Number of Players

A total of 6 players shall be allowed on the field. The 6 players shall include a goalkeeper and 5 field players.

### Field Dimensions

The field of play must be rectangular and meet the dimensions shown in the table below and Figure 1. The length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line:

| Age  | Size (yards)                        | Goal Area  | Penalty Area | Goal Size              |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| U-10 | 30-45 yards wide x 35-55 yards long | 6x16 yards | 14x24 yards  | 6x12 feet Or 6x18 feet |

**Note:** A regular size field can be divided into two fields to allow two concurrent U-10 games to be played side to side.

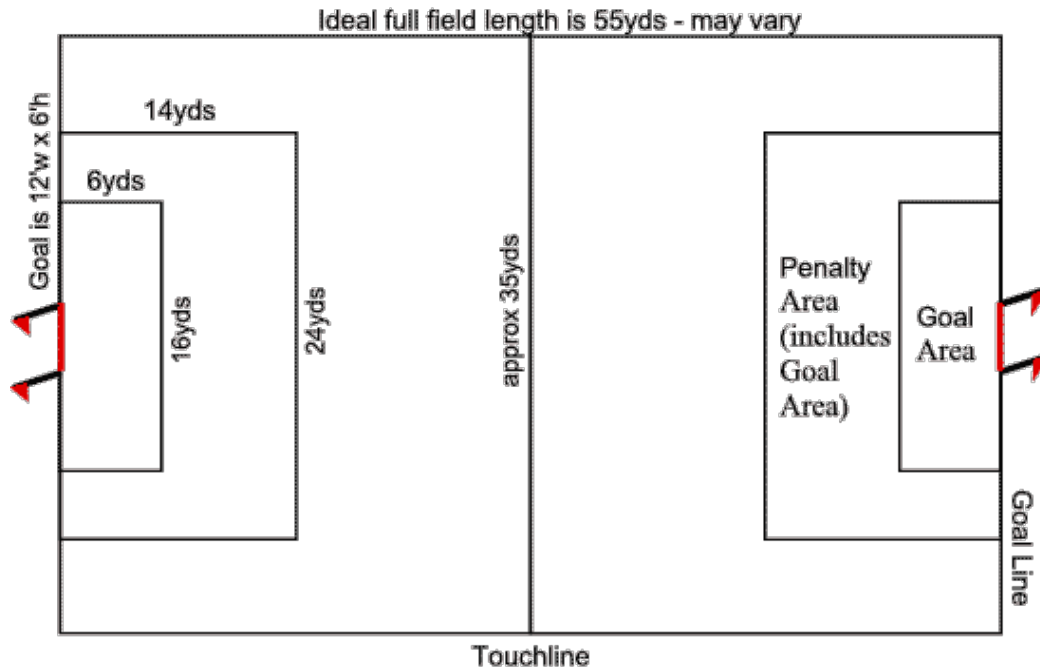


Figure 1: U-10 Field Dimensions

### The Penalty Area

The penalty area can be either marked with lines on the field when possible (dedicated grass field) or by use of wazzies (field turf fields). The home team is responsible for ensuring the field is properly marked.

### Goals

U10 distance between the posts is 12-18 feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 6 feet. Some variation may be seen in goal sizes. Teams should play using the goal built or supplied on the field they are assigned.

**Ball Size**

The Ball size for U10 shall be size 4.

**Free Kicks/Penalty Kicks**

In U10 play, all free kicks for fouls committed shall be taken as indirect free kicks regardless of the foul location including inside the penalty area. There are no penalty kicks for U-10 competition.

**Offside**

There are no NPSL specific modifications to Law XI – Offside.

**Slide Tackling**

Slide tackling is not permitted for U-10 play. A play committing a slide tackle shall be ruled as a foul with an indirect kick awarded to the other team.

**Referee**

NPSL only requires a center referee for all U-10 games. Assistant referees are not required for this age. Due to the likelihood that these games will be officiated by young referees, the league highly encourages coaches, players and parents to show restraint and good sportsmanship towards the referee.

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm.