

## **Arlington Competitive & Development Program Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 12, 2022

The Competitive & Development Program Committee (the “Committee”) of the Arlington Soccer Association (Association or Club) held its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, via telephone and video conference.

Committee members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Sean Flanagan, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Melissa Hardt, Laurie Moret, and Mike Rupert.

Staff members in attendance: Frank DeMarco, German Peri

### **I. Call to Order and Opening Comments**

a. **Review of Minutes:** Committee was asked to review March minutes and submit edits by Sunday, May 15.

### **II. Report on Board Meeting (no meeting since last Committee meeting)**

### **III. Director’s Report**

#### **a. Teams / Leagues Updates:**

- ECNL Girls: Super Cup play, post season and playoffs
- ECNL Boys: MA Cup play, showcase and playoffs
- ECNL Regional League: U11- U14 currently in season  
Possible advancement for some teams
- NCSL: Season continues
- EDP: Season continues
- Super Y League Program – preparation for summer league play
- Pro 23 – preparation for summer league play
- Summer Camp Offerings Expanded – Advanced camp registration plus Travel Clinics

#### **b. ADP:**

- ADP Tryouts scheduled beginning this week
- 2014s in May
- NEW players tryout in June
- Additional communication will be sent tomorrow

#### **c. Staff:**

- Coaching staff announced
- Ongoing adjustments due to coaches moving out of the area, etc.

#### **d. Tournaments / Cup Play:**

- The following teams have advanced to Regional Play:  
Presidents Cup Regionals: 2006 Girls White and 2007 Girls White  
State Cup Regionals: 2004 Boys Red and 2005 Boys Red

## ECNL Regionals (pending confirmation): 2007 Girls Red

### e. Tryouts: Ongoing

- U13 – U19 teams should anticipate receiving notification by end of next week (May 20)
- U10 – U12 teams should anticipate receiving notification by May 27

### Discussion on the Director's Reports:

- We have registered the most Super Y teams ever (23). Some teams are playing up in age group for competitive reasons. Wider variety of talent, different development goals to keep playing during summer.
- ADP players have "right to return" to team.
- Our tryout numbers are strong so far and we (Frank DeMarco) believe there is a high level of competition at tryouts.

### IV. Issues

- a. Coaching Roster (German Peri): In developing roster we consider a number of factors, including opportunities for coach growth and fit. Turnover is expected and appears no greater this year than previous years.
- b. County Fee (Frank Demarco): The County has increased the player fee 4-5 times. There has been no increase in the ASA fee since its inception in 2011. There is a higher fee for travel vs rec players.
- c. Coach "Appreciation Week": The Committee had a discussion about the possibility of having a coach appreciation week, for example, similar to Teacher appreciate week. The Committee suggested that perhaps this would be best in the fall, at the end of the season, to avoid being close to tryouts and end of season which often includes a coach gift process. This issue will be considered early next season.
- d. New Coaching Model: For U11 and 12, next season we will have separate coaches for Red and White teams. There will still be pool coaches for U9 and 10. But the next age group will be a different approach. We will evaluate this change at the end of the season.
- e. Staff Changes: (German and Frank): We are preparing some changes of personnel and technical leadership. We are not ready to reveal these now but soon. Many of these changes seek to address some areas of concern that have been identified during the season and provide more support for coaches.

- f. Coaching Education: For the 2023 Budget, funding for licensing and other external educational efforts for coaches has been restored to pre-pandemic levels. This is done on a reimbursement basis for coaches who take licensing courses. We have not had to turn coaches away for a lack of funds/reimbursements.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.