

Competition Committee: No report.

Administrator: Denise Edwards distributed the Spring 2003 team schedules to all the clubs. Denise emphasized the correct usage of the match cards. It was also stated that with double headers for teams to be careful of the home (H) versus the visitor (V) status. Match cards are included in the packets for all **home matches**, plus the IL teams have match cards for all IL games. It is important that **ALL** cards be sent in promptly by Monday, the day following the matches.

Rules & Discipline Committee: Tom announced that Alan Keck has resigned as the chairman of the Rules & Discipline committee. The Co-Chairman Bob Roth will assume the role of Chairman for the remainder of Alan's term.

Bob reported there was a hearing on 21 February 2002 involving two (2) ODSC players and (1) Portsmouth Soccer Club (PSC) player. During a South Side Indoor Soccer League match, (1) One ODSC player and (1) one PSC player received "Red" cards for violent conduct. (1) One ODSC player was petitioned to the hearing for un-sportsman like conduct during the match. Due to an outbreak of fighting among both players and spectators, the scheduled match was abandoned at the 10-minute mark of the first half. The South Side Indoor Soccer League matches were SEVYSA sanctioned matches.

Based on the testimony presented at the hearing as well as the written documentation provided to the Committee in advance of the hearing, the Rules and Discipline Committee found all three players guilty of violent conduct and were each sanctioned equally as follows:

That they each be immediately suspended from league or SEVYSA sanctioned tournament play for the next twenty (20) SEVYSA matches.

Based on the fact that the opponent(s) that they struck were not injured, the Rules and Discipline Committee suspended all but five of the match suspensions, conditional on their good behavior for the next two years as outlined following.

If, between 21 February 2003 and 1 February 2005, any one of the three players accrue more than six (6) penalty points in any season, the remaining fifteen (15) game suspensions will automatically and immediately be reinstated without review. If, between 21 February 2003 and 1 February 2005, any one of the three players receives a send off (red card) in any match for violent conduct, that player will be suspended from all future league play or SEVYSA sanctioned tournament play.

Additionally, SEVYSA will petition the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) to enforce this decision statewide.

DC United: Tom Halstead provided copies of a ticket purchase plan for DC United's home matches. This is a flex plan and allows you to choose the games that you wish to attend. For any further information please contact Steve Ritchie at (703) 397-5470. The 2003 season schedule can be found on the web at www.dcunited.com/ebrochure.

Chris Friant announced that the Williamsburg club would be sponsoring a National Youth Diploma Course this summer. The dates of the course are 27-29 June 2003. Flyers with the course overview and application forms were made available to anyone interested.

Announcements:

March SEVYSA Meeting 25 March 2003 7:30PM at Riverside Regional Medical Center

President, Tom Halstead, adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEVYSA Secretary

