

MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025

The Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:32 PM by President Mike Poulos, via 'Zoom'.

Board Members Present: Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Adam Dixon, Tina Ramirez, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovitch, Anthony Spica, Connie Campbell, Bre Brendsel, and Susan Jaske (non-voting).

Board Members Excused: Oscar Castañeda, Doug Prim, Gerhard Mengal, and Robin Crawford.

Administrators Present: Tom Faro, Mark Zathey, Julie Pearson, and Ryan Theisen.

This is a **Non-Reporting** Meeting.

The Meeting Minutes for the 4-28-25 Board Meetings will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Mike Poulos

The State Cup quarterfinals and semifinals took place over the weekend. The finals take place 5/31-6/1.

MSYSA will participate in a State Analysis project managed by US Soccer and US Youth Soccer.

US Youth Soccer announced the locations for the 2026 National Championships. Boys and Girls are being split and will have their respective NCS events at different locations (e.g., Utah, Tennessee).

Nominations for open MSYSA Board positions will be posted & disseminated on July 1 and September 1. Open positions at the 2026 AGM include MSYSA President, MSYSA Treasurer, MSYSA Recreational Director and District Commissioner positions.

Treasurer's Report: Adam Dixon

Adam relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending April 30, 2025, was \$2,457,943 with year-to-date (YTD) expenses totaling \$1,829,622 resulting in a year-to-date net profit of \$628,321 and Deferred Revenue (on balance sheet) is currently \$432,598.

Staff Report(s): Tom Faro, and Mark Zathey

Tom Faro: Written Report submitted.

Mark Zathey: USYS has a new Director of Coaching Education (Chris Bentley). Preparing for ODP try-out, Pre-ODP trainings, and working on coaching assignments for the next ODP cycle. Mark is also in the process of identifying and reaching out to evaluators for ODP try-outs in July. The ODP Subregional events take place July 7-13 in Rockford, IL.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion: (Mike Egnotovitch) To approve proposed change to Rule 3.2 F (e), as presented, effective July 31, 2025.

Second: (Wendy Zielen)

Discussion: Includes additional leagues/platforms, other than just NLC, to the elite competitive level category.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Denise Moote) To approve change to MSYSA Rule 3.4 A (5), as presented, effective July 31, 2025.

Second: (Wendy Zielen)

Discussion: Teams falling under the elite competitive level category, as defined in MSYSA Rule 3.2 F (e), are exempt from this rule.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Denise Moote) To approve change to MSYSA Rule 3.4 A (9), as presented, effective July 31, 2025.

Second: (Bre Brendsel)

Discussion: This change permits players to commit, sign, and register with their existing club at any point during the current seasonal year.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Denise Moote) To eliminate MSYSA Rule 3.7, in its entirety, effective July 31, 2025.

Second: (Connie Campbell)

Discussion: The rule has been a challenge to enforce since its inception. Competitor (non-affiliated) organizations without comparable rules/restrictions place MSYSA clubs at a disadvantage. Leagues may institute rules/policies of their own. MSYSA staff will work on best practices and recommended guidelines as resources for clubs/leagues.

Motion: Approved (6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention)

Motion: (Tina Ramirez) To approve Saturday, June 13, 2026, as MSYSA's official try-out start date for premier and select competitive level teams in 2026.

Second: (Mike Egnotovich)

Discussion: Provides an additional week for matches to be played in the month of June for clubs/teams for premier and select competitive level teams.

Motion: Approved (8 yes, 1 no)

For the Good of the Game:

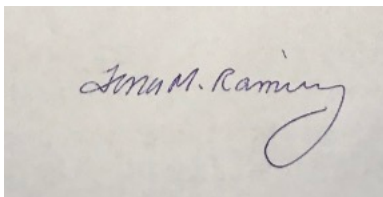
Denise Moote shared information from the National Top Soccer program on upcoming Top Soccer events.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

There is no meeting in the month of June.

The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM via Zoom** (Reporting Meeting).

With no further business to conduct, the Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Tina M. Ramirez" in a cursive script.

Tina Ramirez, Recording Secretary
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.