



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday January 30, 2018



Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Review minutes of previous 2016 AGM and any SGMs
3. Presidents Report
4. Director Reports
5. Audited Report
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Unfinished Business
8. Amendments to the Constitution and Competition Rules
9. Roll Call
10. Elections of Officers
11. Any other business



President's Report

By Tim Baigent

Last year I reported that we faced challenges due to a trend of a decline in team entries. Those challenges remain as the trend continues. In 2017 we lost a further 9 teams.

This drop in numbers is not restricted to the NCISL. The Ottawa Carleton Soccer League (OCSL) is seeing a similar decline in their number of recreational teams and leagues all across Ontario are also struggling to retain the adult recreational player.

Never the less we must take steps to address the erosion and so reluctantly the board believes that it is time to eliminate the corporate rules from the men's division and make the NCISL completely open. However, this is only a recommendation. The final decision will be made by the members at the AGM

The EODSA has still not resolved its legal challenge from OZ Merchandising. A court case did start in October 2017 but OZ requested that the case be heard by a jury rather than a judge. After deliberation the judge agreed and so the case will drag on. Current estimates are that the case will take place in April 2019.

The Richcraft business plan has been challenging because of a deteriorating relationship with the staff at the City of Ottawa. However, I am pleased to report that we continue to meet our financial obligations due to the hard work of Dawn and the board of directors.

2017 was a good season on the field and I would like to thank all players and team managers for that. I would also like to thank Dawn and the board of directors for their hard work. The NCISL may face challenges but we can all still be very proud of our organization.



Charity Report

By Tim Baigent

The NCISL has again made a significant donation to CHEO Foundation over the years and we continue to do so.

Summer season \$ 4400.00 donated to CHEO Foundation

Our charity program continues to be well received by CHEO and also well respected by the community



General Managers Report

By Dawn Dinsdale

This past season we had some challenges with divisions in the NCISL. The 2017 season saw a drop in the number of teams from 53 to 44. Most of these were men's teams.

Booking of the Richcraft Turf field has been a success with selling all of our allocated hours in 2017. All of our customers have enjoyed playing on the turf field as I assume all of our members have as well. If you are interested in booking the turf field for the spring, please contact admin@ncisl.com.

Game defaults – We are trending in the right direction when it comes to defaulted games. Please ensure your team is organized and prepared to play all their games.

2012	20
2013	18
2014	20
2015	17
2016	14
2017	5

Promotion and Relegation for the 2018 season

Division 1 – Relegated – BoC Liquid Assets

Division 2 – Promoted to Div 1 – Shirley's Bay Crew, Brookfield FC
Relegated – Real Decoy (Div 3)

Division 3 – Promoted to Div 2 – Vandelay Industries, GDC Tankers United
Relegated – BB-QNX United

Division 4 - Promoted to Div 3 – Sidense Tremors, Syntronic Stjarnor

Women's Divisions – By application only

Cup Competitions

The Cup competitions this past season were exciting as always. Challenge Cup was played between GDC Gunners and Ciena Reds with GDC Gunners winning with a score of 6 – 0.

The President's Cup saw Vandelay Industries and Shopify meeting in the final. This was an exciting game with Vandelay Industries taking the double victory this season with a score of 2-0. Congratulations to all teams who made the finals.

Tournament

Due to a decline in interest and entries in the tournament the Board has decided to discontinue the event. A tournament was not held in 2017



Referees Report

By Andy Weston

During the 2017 outdoor season, there were 358 officiated games. Game officials for all NCISL summer games, are appointed by the EODSA. Referees are assigned based on availability, and in some cases, experience and level are also considered. Referees must be classed as District Referees to officiate Adult Recreational soccer.

In 2017, I only received 6 Referee complaints, and also 3 messages commending a Referee's performance.

The complaints I received, basically mirrored the ones I received in the 2016 season, they were concerning:

- The Referee's positioning
- Referee's fitness
- Interpretation of the Laws
- Referee's attitude
- Issuance of cards
- Lack of control

All complaints were discussed with the Referee in question. Some complaints were valid and many of the Referees I spoke with accepted the feedback and advised me they would work on correcting the complaint against them. Some of the complaints I received concerning the Referee's interpretation of the laws or the issuance of cards, were found to be not valid. In my opinion, this is mainly because the complainant was not fully aware of the Laws. Concerning the messages commending a Referee's performance, I passed on these messages to the Referee's and they were extremely grateful to receive this feedback.

The NCISL did not host a Referee clinic in 2017. If anyone is interested in becoming a Referee, please contact me at referee@ncisl.com and I can assist you in finding a clinic to attend in the Spring.

There was 1 report of a Referee assault in the NCISL 2017 season, which was sent to the EODSA Discipline Committee.



Discipline Report

By Tim Wong

It is my opinion that 2018 was a mixed year for discipline within the NCISL and would like to thank you all for these successes but need your help to improve our league from a discipline. The league's discipline index has reduced across the teams but both the dismissals and cautions on a per game basis increased.

By the numbers:

Summer Season	2016	2017
Total Number of Games	456	368
Total Red Cards	17	16
Total Yellow Cards	323	235

All of the teams on performance bonds for 2017 were able to reduce their discipline index levels to a level where they received a refund of the discipline performance bonds.

The Discipline Index threshold will be set at 0.70. Each team on a discipline performance bond will be notified. The highest discipline team this year had a discipline index of 1.25; the next closet team had a discipline index of 0.88. This team will not be playing in our league next year.

We plan to help improve in this area with several corrective actions with teams that are displaying unacceptable discipline indexes. The corrective actions will range from a team being placed on probation, performance bonds to expulsion from our league. These corrective measures are in place to maintain the leagues standard for a competitive, fun and friendly environment in which to play soccer

Finally, I would like to thank the 2017 Discipline Panel Members: Peter Judd, Ronald Mitton, Dawn Dinsdale, and Kevin Crothers. These people are invaluable to maintaining an efficient discipline process within the guidelines of the EODSA and insuring that our member costs are kept down. These people also volunteer their time to sit on numerous EODSA discipline panel hearings throughout the year to ensure that they are delivering consistent discipline in both the NCISL and the greater EODSA.



Auditor's Report

Financial audit will be presented at the meeting.

Appointment of Auditors

The NCISL Board of Directors recommends Chris Finlay, CA, to continue as the Auditors for the NCISL.



Unfinished Business



Proposed changes to the published rules

The following changes are being proposed by the Board of Directors

1. Discontinue the Open rules
2. Make the following changes to the Corporate rules in order to makes the Men's Divisions open
 - i) Remove the following sections from the Corporate rules

Rule 2: TEAM APPLICATIONS

5. Each team is to be represented by a single corporation who will be identified on the clubs application form
6. In subsequent years the club may only change its corporate representation following approval from the Board of Directors.

Rule 4: PLAYER REGISTRATION

3. Eligible players for the Corporate Divisions are persons who meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - a) Persons currently employed by the Corporation which the club represents;
 - b) Persons who have previously registered for the club, except as a guest player, in one of the previous two seasons, and have not registered for any other NCISL club since that time
 - c) Persons who were former guests and have been made eligible by the NCISL Board of Directors in accordance with rule 4.5
4. In addition to eligible players for the Corporate Divisions, each team may register up to 10 guest players in accordance with the current season registration policy
5. At the April Board of Directors Meeting each year, a club may request that the Board of Directors make a guest player eligible to play in the Corporate Divisions. A club may only submit a request for a guest player if he or she has been registered with them for the 3 previous seasons and has maintained a good discipline record within the NCISL.
8. The Board of Directors may request that a player who has declared himself eligible as an employee of the Corporation that represents the team present evidence to substantiate that declaration. If the evidence is not provided within 14 days of the require then the Board of Directors will declare that player's declaration ineligible.

- ii) Throughout the rules replace the word `Corporate to `Men's`



Rational for the proposed change

- In order to help the NCISL maintain its teams the NCISL Board of Directors are recommending that the requirements for players to be employed by a corporation that represents the team be removed. The corporate divisions will therefore become open divisions.



The following change are being proposed by the GDMS SC.

#1

Current Rule

Rule 4. Player Registration

9. a. Players who are registered with a team in the OCSL Men's Premier Division or any division higher than this on the Ontario Soccer pyramid are not eligible to play in the NCISL men's division.

Proposed Rule Change

9. Players who are registered with an OCSL Men's or Women's Premier team are eligible to play as long as one of the following criteria are met:

- a. If a player is employed by the corporate and agrees to provide proof of employment (i.e. letters from HR, Copy of T4) at the time of registration via himself/herself or by club representative
Note: If a player does not provide enough justification, the NCISL has the refusal to accept his/her registration
- b. If a player has been grandfathered before the 2016 Season.

Rational for the proposed change

- To allow employees within a company to play with their team no matter the level of soccer they play outside the NCISL.



The following change are being proposed by Sidense Tremors SC

#2

Current Rule

Rule 3. Formation of Divisions

3. Promotion and relegation rules will be published on an annual basis by the Board of Directors on or before the pre-season team meeting.

4. Teams eligible for promotion cannot refuse promotion.

Proposed Rule Change

3. Promotion and relegation rules will be published on an annual basis by the Board of Directors on or before the pre-season team meeting.

4. Teams eligible for promotion can either:

- a. Accept the promotion and join the new division and night of play or
- b. Decline the promotion and maintain their position (priority) on the current night of play

Rational for the proposed change

- The NCISL Corporate division is a recreational league.
- The competition level in the lower divisions have not seen any significant discrepancy in the competition level.
- Rule 4, that forces teams to change game nights is not conducive to the teams recruiting and retaining players.
- The current rule suggest that new teams take precedence for play over teams that have been loyal.



2018 Elections of Officers

The following positions are to be elected for a period of 2 years:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Director of Referees
4. Director of Membership

Three incumbents are prepared to stand for election.

President	Tim Baigent
Director of Referees	Andy Weston
Director of Membership	Peter Judd
Treasurer	

Clubs in attendance may nominate other people for any of these 4 positions.

If there is more than 1 candidate then a vote will take place. The person with the most votes will be elected to that position. If there is only one candidate then the individual will be elected by acclamation.