



General Board Meeting
February 12, 2026
Ciccotti Center 30 Aviation Road, Albany, NY 12205
7:00pm

Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order 7:08pm

Roll call Quorum Present

Full Member Clubs Present: Albany SC, Averill Park SC, Ballston Spa SC, Bethlehem SC, Brunswick SC, Capital Elite FC, Catskill SC, Clifton Park SC, Colonie SC, Crane SC, Empire State Youth SC, Fifty FC, Greenbush SC, Greenville SC, Lansingburgh SC, Mechanicville-Stillwater SC, New Scotland SC, New York Elite-Alleycats, Niskayuna SC, Northern United SC, Rip Van Winkle SC, Rotterdam United SC, Saratoga-Wilton SC, Schenectady SC, Schoharie County SC

Full Member Clubs Absent: Albany-Rush SC, Amsterdam FC, Broadalbin-Perth SC, Capital City FC, Calcio United, FC Dutchmen, Fulton United SC, Galway SC, North Star Premier, Oneonta SC, Ravena-Coeyman SC, Saints FC

Limited Member Clubs Present: None

Reading and approval of the minutes

- **Motion to accept the January 8, 2026, minutes 1st by Crane, 2nd by Catskill SC**
- Draft January 8, 2026, were discussed – Blair from Capital Elite FC asked for their club be moved from Absent to Present
- Motion to accept the minutes as restated with the correction of Capital Elite FC present in roll call
- **Motion approved – all in favor, no objections**

Treasurer's report Dave

- Dave was unavailable to review financial reports- Executive Director reviewed the numbers for September through December 31, 2025
- **Motion to accept the financial report as is by Northern United, and seconded by New Scotland,**
- **Motion approved – all in favor, no objections**

Communications

- President's report -Patty
 - Preliminary Team Placements were posted February 9th; CDYSL is committed to adhering to deadlines.
 - Appeals due by 11:59pm February 15th no exceptions
 - Games committee did a great job placing the teams and incorporated the club's recommendation to keep the groups at 6-8 teams maximum
 - Appeal meetings for each age bracket can be found on the website and in power point presentation. All appeals are final at the end of each night. You are highly encouraged to attend these meetings to protect your teams. **(Slide 4 on power point presentation)**

- Mandatory Coaches meeting for coaches who have coached less than 3 Spring travel seasons. It is highly recommended that registrars, veteran coaches and club administrators attend as well to hear the new changes. **(Slide 5 on power point presentation)**
 - Game will be cancelled if teams do not have a printed Match Day Card or primary roster
 - No write ins and every player needs a jersey number on the roster
- Executive Director Office report- Paul -no report
 - League Operations Director – Gillian
 - Gillian reviewed that rosters will be locked on April 1st any player add/drop must go through the CDYSLoffice@cdysl.org after April 1st.
 - If you need updated photos, please email it into the cdysl office and they will do it for you. Also send an email that a new player needs verification of a birth certificate.
 - Many clubs are having problems because they have players with multiple player accounts. Parents are forgetting they have an account and set up a new one. This is a huge problem when it comes time to register the player onto a team. Registrars need to clean up their systems on a regular basis. They should go into their club account and at the top of the home page there will be in red Duplicate players, click duplicate, click search, all the names will be listed. Go through each player, pick the account that is most recent-has birth certificate verified and then hit merge. Clubs are accidentally choosing an account that does not have complete information.
 - Club to club transfers close March 1, contact cdysl office for approval.
 - Fines and fees for Spring Travel Season will be coming out on a regular basis so club administration can keep track
 - **3 weeks after the beginning of the season,**
 - **6 weeks after the beginning of the season,**
 - **and 9 weeks after the beginning of the season.**
 - **You have 10 business days from the time the invoice is emailed to the Club President to appeal the fine. No appeal after that date.**
 - **Any invoices not paid in 90 days will accrue a 10% late charge and be placed in NOT “Good Standing” which means no games rescheduled, no work completed etc.**
 - Your club invoice will be coming from Global/Heartland Payments with a 2.9% credit card processing fee added to the gross total. Your club can pay directly through this secure portal. Clubs are asked to contact the office if they still need coaches to obtain their Grassroots License to be placed on a roster. CDYSL has hosted 4 courses in the last two months and they are full.
- Communication/IT Director report- Chris - No report

Comments from the Floor

Blair-NYE Alleycats- enquire how much it cost to transfer from club to club. Do both clubs get charged? CDYSL costs \$5.00 per transfer if they do the work. CDYSL will double check with GotSport to see if both clubs get charged

- Bethlehem – asked if CDYSL could post videos on the website how to prepare a Match Day Card, CDYSL website under the coaches’ sections has tutorials on coach communication with coaches,

teams and how to prepare Match Day Cards. CDYSL will investigate creating an actual video for step-by-step procedures. Crane SC has agreed to assist with this video.

- Clubs brought it to our attention that the next General Board Meeting of Directors is scheduled for April 9th which is during Spring break. CDYSL will look into a different Thursday to avoid vacation time. Clubs will be notified as soon as we confirm a venue and date.

Reports of officers and standing committees

- a. Appeals Committee - Candace McHugh -Chair -NA
- b. Arbitration Committee- Eric Lurie – Chair-NA
- c. Games Committee – Mike Kinnally – Chair
 - Games Committee met with clubs on January 20th for the second Round Table and held their Preliminary Team Placement meeting- thank you to all that helped
 - CDYSL and CDRRef met to discuss the upcoming Spring Travel Season – it was agreed that Referee will cancel games as per CDYSL, if teams do not produce a printed copy of the Match Day Card or Primary Roster at the time of their game- NO exceptions. – No write in accepted at any time.
 - Examples of Primary Roster and Match Day Card. **(Slide 8 & 9 on power point presentation)** if clubs need training on how to team their registrars to train the coaches how to print the Match Day Card, contact cdysloffice@cdysl.org and we will assist you.
 - Substitute coaches for a team may cover the game if they have a copy of a primary roster or match day card from the same club with their name on it.
 - Review of roster rules that there is a maximum number of players allow to participate in the game including the number of Club Pass Players. This can be found on the website and the power point presentation. **(Slide 10 on power point presentation)**
 - Reviewed important dates – **(Slide 11 on power point presentation)**
 - Weather field closures and game cancellation need to be submitted by 4:30pm weekdays and 10:00am on Saturday/Sundays **(Slide 11 on power point presentation)**
- d. Finance Committee- Dave Yule – Chair-NA
- e. Membership Committee – Palmer Fargnoli- Chair
 - Second reading for North Country FC for Limited membership into CDYSL
 - **Motion to accept North Country FC as it was made by Paul, Schoharie County SC, and seconded by Mike, Clifton Park SC**
 - **Motion approved- all in favor, no objections - Welcome North Country**
 - 1st reading for BUSC from the Pittsfield area. Games will be played at the Berkshire Community College or New Lebanon. They have one U08 travel team. They participated in fall ball as a guest team and are looking to put more younger teams in both fall and spring season next year.
 - All the required paperwork has been submitted to the office. Second reading will be during the April Meeting.
 - **Motion to accept BUSC for Full membership by Paul, Schoharie County SC and seconded by John, Brunswick SC**
 - **Motion approved – all in favor, no objections**
 - 1st reading for Hudson FC from the Hudson area. Games will be played at Hudson Town Park. They currently have one U19 Boys team that are registering with another member club of CDYSL for this Spring season. They are looking for full membership. All paperwork has been submitted to the office. Second reading will be at the April meeting
 - **Motion to accept Hudson FC for full membership by Paul, Schoharie County and seconded by Don, Catskill SC.**

- **Motion approved – all in favor, no objections**

f. Nomination Committee – Mike Kinnally - Chair

g. Risk Management Committee – Open- Chair

- CDYSL is looking for a new Risk Management Chairperson

h. Rules Committee – Joe McCullom – Chair

- **The motion was made to amend the Rules & Regulations, Team Tryouts and Poaching by Dritan, New Scotland and seconded by John, Brunswick**
- A discussion occurred and the decision on when tryout need to stop so that clubs don't lose players. It was recommended that the amendment be tabled so that clubs could go back and discuss with their members. It will be reviewed at the next General Board of Directors meeting, April.
- **Motion to Amended the Team Tryouts and Poaching was tabled**
- **A motion was made to include No Slide Tackling in the Rules & Regulation at the 08U and 10U levels by Charlie, Mechanicville-Stillwater and seconded by Mike, Clifton Park**
- **Motion to accept as written was approved-all in favor, no objections**

i. Scholarship Committee – Candace McHugh – Chair

- Scholarships are now open, please let your Senior that have played in CDYSL for two years that they are eligible to send in an application. We give out 4 \$750.00 scholarships each year. Applications are located on the website under scholarships.

j. Zero Tolerance Committee- Renee Barlow – Chair

- U.S. Soccer Policy 531-9 was reviewed.
- **Slides 13 – 21 – (Level 1-4 Non-physical abuse and Level 1-3 Physical Abuse)**
- CDYSL policy was reviewed
- Penalties were reviewed
- Referees who are wearing a **Green Badge** are minors and any penalty will be tripled (3x), so for example, if you receive a 2-game suspension for verbally abusing a referee, the penalty will be a six (6) game suspension.
- Red and Yellow Cards will be tracked through CDYSL and GotSport. Review the points and game suspension for which offenses on the website.

Programs (ODP, Coaching, Tops)

- CDYSL will work on one more Grassroot Coaching Course in the month of April. Watch the website for information

Unfinished business

- Revisit the Amendment to the Team Tryouts and Poaching Rules & Regulations
- Work on video training for Coaches Match Day Cards
- Check on cost to transfer a player club to club

New business – No new business

Adjournment 9:05pm