



General Board Meeting
January 8, 2026
Ciccotti Center 30 Aviation Road, Albany, NY 12205
7:00pm

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order 7:01pm

Roll call: Quorum present

Member Clubs Present: AB, AV, BS, BE, BR, CC, CA, CP, CO, CR, CU, AL, FF, GV, NS, NY, NU, RA, RW, RO, SA, SC, VY

Member Clubs Absent: AF, AM, BK, BP, CL, DU, GA, GB, GB, HF, LS, ME, NP, ON, LC *(subject to not being in Good Standings)*

AFFILIATE CLUBS PRESENT: HH

Reading and approval of the minutes

- Draft October 9, 2025, was reviewed – Dave Yule, CO asked for an amendment to the address of CDYSL be changed from 30 to 24 Aviation Road Albany NY. No discussion
- **Motion was made to accept the October 9, 2025, meeting minutes with change made by CA and seconded by SC**
- **Motion approved – all in-favor, no objections**

Treasurer's report Dave

- Dave Yule presented the treasurer's report was presented – discussion
- **Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as is by NS and seconded by VY**
- **Motion approved – all in-favor, no objections**

Communications

- President's report -Patty
 - Address all the accomplishments made in the office- **(Slide 3 on power point)**
 - Good Standing and obligations of members- **(Slide 4 on power point)**
 - Addition of 10% financial charge on fines and fees to clubs after 90 days and the addition of 2.9% for the use of credit card to pay fines and fees. No credit card charges if clubs pay by checks. Clubs that have not paid their financial obligations after 90 are considered in Not "Good Standing" and all work sent into the office will be held until the club is in "Good Standing" **See Rules & Regulations: Section X, Subsection B – Good Standing, page 28**
 - The Office will now send your invoices for fines and fees through Global payment platform, which is a credit card processing service. This is a secure site, and clubs can now use credit cards online to complete their financial obligations for any fine or fee charged. All team registrations and player registrations will continue to be processed through GotSport platform without any changes.

- Congratulations to Gillian Dessi-Dinnen, who has accepted the role of League Operations Director
- Executive Director Office report- Paul
 - Paul reports that the office is improving communication between the member clubs and the office, emails are being answered daily, and we are caught up on work.
 - CDYSL has made the move from Demosphere scheduling for games to GotSport, this will allow seamless movement from registering teams to scheduling games. This is new to the office staff, and they are working hard to get up to speed in the process. The office is looking to reduce number of errors in game scheduling.
 - EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that clubs get their fields into the office so it can be entered correctly. Field names, location, age groups available and specific issues. Please email them into cdysloffice@cdysl.org
- Communication/IT Director report- Chris- NO report
- League Director Report – Gillian
 - Exceptional Senior Showcase – 28 College Coaches, 108 Boys/ 96 Girls participated.
 - 2026 Scholarships for players that participated in two CDYSL seasons are eligible to apply for one of the four (4) \$750.00 scholarships. See the application and eligibility on the website under Programs, CDYSL Scholarships.

Comments from the Floor (saved for the end of the agenda- since many questions will be answered in the next section of the meeting)

Reports of officers and standing committees

- a. Appeals Committee - Candace McHugh -Chair – No report
- b. Arbitration Committee- Eric Lurie – Chair – No report
- c. Games Committee – Mike Kinnally – Chair
 - 26/27 season the age matrix will be August 1 to July 31 so clubs should be aware.
 - **Slide 10** – Review of Games Committee Open forum with coaches, assistant coaches and administrators of clubs October 28, 2025, to discuss improvements for the 2026 season.
 - A second games committee meeting is scheduled for January 20th at 7:00pm at the CDYSL office 24 Aviation Rd, Albany
 - **Slide 11-** Review of Game Day Procedures
New for 2026 highlights of slide
 - Players must have Jersey number listed on the Primary Roster – No Exception
 - Rosters locked April 1st
 - **Slide 12** - Picture of Primary Roster
 - **Slide 13** - Use of Match Day Cards instead of rosters
 - **Slide 14** – Example of the Match Day Card
 - Definition and Addition of Club Pass Player instead of Guest Players
 - **Slide 15** – EDP Players used as Club Pass Player guidelines
 - **Slide 16** – How to Notify CDYSL of Field Assignments
 - **Slide 17** – Important Dates to Remember for Spring Travel 2026

- Jan 31 Team Commitments end
- Feb 10 Preliminary Team Placements
- Feb 10 Appeals open – use Appeal Form on the website under Resources, forms and documents
- Feb 16 Appeals end – no appeals will be accepted after 11:59pm 2/16
- **Slide 18** - Appeals meeting dates set in-person – see dates and times on website under schedules & standings, 2026 Preliminary Placements.
- **Slide 19** – Mandatory Coaches Meeting for coaches 3 years or less. Recommended for all coaches to review new Match Day Cards and referee guidelines
- Address if clubs can still use the Add/drop/transfer forms in GotSport
 - a.) **Adding Players to the roster** – Registrars can add players at any time to the roster up to the maximum number allowed until rosters are locked April 1st, however new players that require picture/birth certification verification, you must email cdysloffice@cdysl.org to trigger the process.
 - b.) **Dropping Players from the roster** – Registrars now can drop a player from a roster at any time up until April 1st. After April 1st rosters will be locked and then the Registrar must contact CDYSLOffice@cdysl.org to drop a player
 - b.) **Transferring a player** – Players can transfer once during the CDYSL Spring Travel Season. If the player requires a second transfer, the club must go through the CDYSL office for approval.
 - 1. **Club to Club** -the receiving Club Registrars can initiate the transfer through GotSport transfer form (located in forms section) Both clubs must authorize the transfer and then CDYSL will approve the transfer.
 - 2. **Inter-Club Player** transfers can be completed by the Club Registrar at any time up to April 1st. After April 1st the registrar must contact cdysloffice@cdysl.org for approval of transfer
- d. Finance Committee- Dave Yule – Chair – No report
- e. Membership Committee – Palmer Fagnoli
 - First reading of North Country FC for Membership into CDYSL, located in Clinton County. Chris Botten available to answer questions. Intention is to become a limited membership to play in local tournaments
- f. Nomination Committee – Mike Kinnally – Chair – No report
- g. Risk Management Committee – Erin Fay – Chair – No report
- h. Rules Committee – Joe McCullom – Chair
 - Amendments to Rules & Regulations were presented
 - **Section VII Procedures for New Clubs** – Motion to accept Procedures for New Clubs by AB and seconded by NS
Motion approved: all in favor, no objections
 - **Section IV, Game Rules and Regulations, Subsection O. Game Roster** Motion to accept Game Roster was made by VY and seconded by CR
Motion approved: all in favor, no objections
 - **Section XIII., Guest player Policy (now Club Pass Player for Guest play Match Day)** Motion to accept Club Pass Player for Guest play Match Day by VY and seconded by NS

Discussion

Motion to accept changes to the original amendment for Club Pass Player was made by VY and seconded by BR

Motion approved: all in favor, no objections

- i. Scholarship Committee – Candace McHugh – Chair
 - Scholarships are now open and information can be found on the website under Programs

- j. Zero Tolerance Committee- Renee Barlow – Chair
 - ENYISA has mentioned that a majority of the Zero Tolerance Violations will now be handled by the Leagues and will be supported by them.

Programs (ODP, Coaching, Tops)

- Three coaching courses for Grassroots are being hosted by CDYSL for Feb/March, see the website.

Unfinished business

- Research Club Pass Players registered on a higher division team being eligible for a lower division team
- Are players rostered on a tournament team eligible for Club Pass Player (NU)
- Can player not assigned to game day roster, still sit on the bench Not dressed (EC discussion)

New business

Adjournment: 8:52pm **Motion by CO and second by CA - All in favor, no objections**

Handouts (all can be found on the website under resources:

10/9/25 minutes

Treasure report

Club Pass Player Policy

Match Day Card example

Referee Guidelines

Registrar game day procedures

Office Policy for Good Standing and EDP as Club Pass Players