

**Sandwich Soccer Club
Abridged Meeting Notes
Board Meeting September 12th, 2007 7pm**

President – Brad Diefendorf

The club implemented a new tryout process last year in an effort to bring uniformity and standards to all age groups. This process was developed by a 20 year veteran coach who has worked with kids at all ages up to the ODP level. The process was initially met with some skepticism by coaches last year. Yet once the tryout results were produced, the vast majority of coaches said that they ended up with the results they expected. That's not to say that the process was flawless and without need of improvement. In fact, there are several minor changes that we will introduce this year which we believe will improve not only the results but how the process is delivered. SSC has certainly paved a new path with these tryouts that others are following. We have heard that several other clubs in our own league have adopted this process this year. More importantly, we've heard that Mass Youth Soccer is also endorsing it.

The tryouts will consist of 1v1, 4v4 and scrimmages like last year. Minor changes have been made to length of time depending on age group. Some of the other changes are: 1. Anyone who purposely kicks away a ball after scoring during 1v.1 will automatically lose that match. 2. 1v1's will not be conducted at age U8 and U9. 3. (10) 1v1's may not be adequate for large try out groups, so adjustments will be made accordingly. 4. We will arrange special goalie tryouts for those age groups where demand warrants it. 5. Players are not allowed to tryout with casts or bubble wrap. Please visit the Tryouts page for more FAQ's pertaining to tryouts.

Operations – Terry Altimas

Terry does plan to open the concession stand at the WD fields during tryouts. Please contact Terry if your interested in volunteering!

Coach & Player Development – John Simkins

Age Group Directors and applicants have all now been notified. AGD's are working to finalize tryouts now so please watch the Tryout page for updates as dates/times may change.

Evaluators (typically coaches from other age groups) and scorekeepers along with AGD's will meet with the Tournament Committee to review the tryout process and run some mock tryouts this weekend at the WD fields. Please contact John for more information.

Questions and Answers from this Tryout Meeting will be posted on the Tryout web page under Tryout FAQ's

Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.