



Navarre Youth Sports Association

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NYSA BOD Meeting Agenda

August 6th 2025

- i. Call to Order – 6:08 PM
- ii. Attendance:
 - a. Board Members: Michael Kennedy, Rachel Russell, Katianna Tylor. Chandin Whitten, Sean Acosta, Dan Baccarini (Phone in), Jessica Grimm (Proxy)
 - b. Commissioners: Taylor Blasini, Lee Solt, Buddy Stephens, Otis Simmons, Ron Mann, Jonny Gonzalez, Becky Fleury
- iii. Minute approval – July 16th 2025 – Attachment 1
 - a. **Final Motion**
 - i. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16th meeting as presented.
 - ii. **Discussion**
 - 1. The minutes from July 16th were distributed and reviewed. Clarifications were made regarding the correct version of the minutes. Copies were provided to those who needed them. No objections or corrections were raised.
 - iii. **Voting Results**
 - 1. Sean 1st, Chandin 2nd, All approved
- iv. Treasurer's Report – None Given
- v. Sports Reports
 - a. Baseball:
 - i. Report was presented by Lee Solt and Buddy Stephens: Discussed proposal to sanction with USSSA for baseball, including details on cost savings, tournament structure, umpire and baseball provision, and opportunities for coaching clinics and mentorship. Also discussed issues with current umpire quality and possible solutions, including using high school players for lower age groups and developing an umpire/referee committee.
 - ii. Travel Baseball/Feeder Program report was presented by Coach John Crossley: Outlined the need for a developmental, competitive travel baseball program to serve as a feeder to the high school, emphasizing local player development and gradual growth.
 - b. Basketball:
 - i. Winter basketball season team reduction proposed by Otis Simmons. Suggested reducing from eight to six teams to improve quality and player retention
 - c. Cheerleading:
 - i. Opening Registration for Cheer Comp. Comp season End of January. Santa Rosa County Championship (Gulf Breeze) Red Nose Reindeer, Jan 17, Biloxi. Extended season for 14U Jan – Apr.
 - d. Flag Football – No Update
 - e. Football – No Update

- f. Lacrosse:
 - i. Chris McCall emailed his report in Fall Registration ongoing. Approximately 90 players so far, including high school. Two tournaments this fall, October 19th (Mobile) and October 26th (Navarre). If the league no longer provides the robot to paint our field (possible), we may need to explore options of renting/contributing.
- g. NUFC:
 - i. Sean Acosta – Season kicking off, Utilizing Main parks common area to practice. Will Open Soccer Complex on the 18th. Culver’s fundraiser complete, proposing a telethon for future fundraising idea.
- h. Rec Soccer:
 - i. Coach meeting next Monday 11 August practice start Aug 25th
- i. Softball:
 - i. Suggested switching field one with another field for T-ball and softball convenience. Schedule meeting at Pace next week, Clinics with high school coaching team. Softball evaluations scheduled for August 12 and August 14, 2025, on fields one, four, and five.
- j. T-ball:
 - i. Registration as of Monday evening had ~4 6U spots open till full. There are about 6 families on the “4.5U” waitlist. I am planning on activating this waitlist this week (if there are still open slots) in order to give these families predictability. Registration is open until next Wednesday evening which is also the Coaches meeting from 6-7:30. Season will be 4 teams with ~50 players. Planning on initiating the Shades fundraiser approved over the summer as the season starts (and families have to sit out and sweat). Also will be getting quotes for electrical power outlets (30/50 AMP) and gate expansion to present to the board for next steps. Looking to see if other sports or the NYSA at large wants to go in ‘halfies’ on my previous initiative regarding the scoreboards previously mentioned. Each scoreboard ~\$2000k, looking for 2. Portable and multi-sport capable.

vi. Old Business

- a. Field Use Request for Panhandle Punishers – Holley Field August 10th 2 hrs
 - i. **Final Motion**
 - 1. Motion made via email by Board Secretary for the use of the Holley Field on August 10th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM
 - 2. **Discussion**
 - a. Concerns about Rec Baseball and Rec Softball needing to use the fields. Spoke with Lee. Initially said no, but changed to yes once it was explained to him that the request was for the Holley Field on Sunday August 10th. Rec Softball does not use the Holley Field
 - 3. **Voting Results**
 - a. 3 yes, 1 no, 7 did not submit a vote

vii. New Business

- a. County Maintenance tickets
 - i. Repair or Replace Stairs going to Football’s Press box
 - ii. NYSA Concession 1 Roll up shutters broken
- b. All-Pro
 - i. Football and baseball fields treated for stickers
 - ii. Soccer field will be top dressed starting Friday into Saturday
- c. Rec Basketball winter season proposal

- i. There will be 6 teams in each age group, with a maximum of 10 players. The girls' league could start on 1 November and end on 10 Jan, and the boys' league could start on 1 December and end on 21 Feb. The girls will practice and play at the YMCA, while the boys will practice and play at NYSA.
- ii. Practice schedule is tentatively 5-8, and games only on Saturdays
- iii. We have coordinated an agreement with the YMCA for field rental. The cost for the 9 weeks 74 hours over the season will be \$1000. Otis said he has the budget to cover the cost. The request to have YMCA's location added to our insurance has been made.
- iv. In return for such a good deal, the YMCA asked if they could use our fields to host games if their fields are flooded. Their games are played inside of their retention pond. During rain storms their fields will flood out and have no where to play. They would need half of a soccer field or two softball/baseball fields. Games are held on Saturdays.
 - 1. Softball, Football and Soccer fields have space and typically are available. Baseball and T-ball have games on Saturdays from 0800 until 2.
- v. If NYSA Basketball books a food truck, they would split the proceeds with the YMCA.

vi. Final Motion

- 1. Motion to approve the recreational basketball league structure for the 2025-2026 season as follows: six teams per age group with a maximum of 10 players per team; girls' league to run from November 1, 2025 to January 10, 2026, practicing at the YMCA; boys' league to run from December 1, 2025 to February 21, 2026, practicing at NYSA; games to be held on Saturdays; field rental agreement with the YMCA for \$1,000 for nine weeks (74 hours); NYSA to add YMCA to insurance; in exchange, YMCA may use NYSA fields if their own are flooded; food truck profits to be split if booked for games at YMCA.

2. Discussion

- a. explained the proposed league structure, scheduling, and field rental agreement with the YMCA, including insurance and reciprocal field use in case of flooding.
- b. discussed logistics of field sharing, scheduling conflicts, and field space requirements.
- c. discussed the rationale for six teams, developmental options for players not placed on teams, and registration fee adjustments.
- d. noted previous issues with large team sizes and limited play time.
- e. The group discussed the benefits of the new structure and developmental program, referencing past participation numbers and logistical improvements.

3. Voting Results

- a. 1st Sean, 2nd Chandan, All Proved
- d. STEM Camp Parents Night Out - approved
 - i. 5-8 PM once or twice a month depending on Gym availability
 - ii. Curriculum developed by Samantha.
 - iii. Additional possibilities to host home school co-ops which would qualify for state funded payment program (Step-Up)
 - iv. Cost for Parents night out would be \$50 per child, discounts offered for siblings.
 - v. Dinner would be provided. (Pizza or Chicken Nuggets)

vi. Final Motion

- 1. Motion to approve the continuation of the STEM camp as a Parent's Night Out event, led by certified teacher Samantha, with a 60/40 revenue split

(Samantha/NYSA), price to be determined (suggested \$50), to be scheduled based on gym availability and sports schedules.

2. Discussion

- a. described the success of the summer STEM camp and the plan for a Parent's Night Out format.
- b. Details included the leader's qualifications, revenue split, and scheduling constraints.

3. Voting Results

- a. 1st Sean, 2nd Rachel, All approved

e. Met with Santa Rosa County Tourist Manager (Julie White)

- i. Discussed the tournaments held over June and July
- ii. Discussed my goal to start a Tournament Committee pending board approval
- iii. If we show consistent bed tax revenue from our events, they can approve use of taxes made off of tourism towards our facilities.

f. Tournament Committee – Attachment 2

- i. NYSA Rec Sports come first
- ii. Committee consisting of representatives for each sport with one chair.
- iii. Chair would report to the board, sport representatives would coordinate with their respective commissioner.
- iv. Draft Tournament Committee Handbook

v. Final Motion

1. Motion to table the formation of a tournament committee until August 16, 2025, to allow further review and discussion.

vi. Original Motion

1. Motion to form a committee for tournaments, with a chair appointed by the vice president, to coordinate with sport commissioners and present recommendations to the board.

2. Discussion

- a. Discussion about the need for a tournament committee to relieve commissioners of extra duties and to better utilize NYSA resources.
- b. Clarification that committees only present information and do not make final decisions; the board retains authority.
- c. Concerns raised about the scope of the committee and whether commissioners can delegate these tasks.
- d. Discussion about the financial implications and the process for approving tournaments.
- e. Motion was made to table the decision until August 16, 2025, to allow more time for review.

3. Voting Results

- a. 1st Rachel, 2nd Chandin, All approved

g. Turf Tank – Attachment 3

- i. Current Cost is \$10,000 a year. Cost is divided between, NUFC, Rec Soccer, ~~Lacrosse~~, High School Soccer.
- ii. Upgrade to the newer model Turf Tank 2
 1. Initial \$1700 plus \$11,000 a year
 - a. Comes with \$2000 worth of paint
- iii. Upgrade to subscription to top tier is \$16,000

1. Comes with one Customized logo
2. \$3000 worth of paint
- iv. Customized logo costs \$1500 for one or \$2500 for two.
- v. **Final Motion**
 1. Motion to table the decision on upgrading the Turf Tank field marking machine until August 16, 2025, to allow for budget considerations and further input from football.
2. **Discussion**
 - a. presented details about the current and proposed Turf Tank models, costs, and which sports currently share expenses.
 - b. Discussion about adding football as a contributing sport and the benefits of upgrading.
 - c. Consensus to table the decision until August 16, 2025, to allow for budget planning.
3. **Voting Results**
 - a. 1st Chandin, 2nd Katianna, All approved
- h. NYSA Bylaws and Code of Conduct updates – Sean Acosta
 - i. **Final Motion**
 1. Bylaws and Code of Conduct Review Committee: The formation of a committee to review bylaws and related documents
 2. **Discussion**
 - a. Discussion about the need to update bylaws, code of conduct, and commissioner's handbook.
 - b. NYSA Policies and Bylaws should be reviewed annually
 - c. Agreement to form a committee with commissioners and members
 3. **Voting Results**
 - a. 1st Rachel, 2nd Sean, All approved
- i. NYSA Sport Registration Policy – Rachel and Mike
 - i. No Additional update. Just restated the policy requirement.
- j. NYSA Ethics Board Additions
 - i. **Final Motion**
 1. Motion to open up the ethics committee to Commissioners
 2. **Discussion**
 - a. Open it up to commissioners. Have one or two representatives from each sport.
 - b. Request to post who is on the Ethics Committee
 3. **Voting Results**
 - a. 1st, Katianna, 2nd Sean, All Approved
- k. Baseball Rule book
 - i. **Final Motion**
 1. A motion was made to approve the proposal for a rule book and structured tournament schedule for NYSA travel baseball, including setting a fixed number of tournaments per season and establishing clear registration expectations for coaches and teams. , seconded by Rachel, and supported by Katie and Anna.
 2. **Discussion**
 - a. Discussion focused on the need for a rule book and clear guidelines for travel baseball, concerns about travel teams taking recreational players,

and the importance of mandating tournament participation for registered teams.

- b. Considered the impact of tournament scheduling on coaches and players, and the need to avoid conflicts of interest in voting.
- c. Agreed that board members with children on competing teams should abstain from voting.

3. Voting Results

- a. 1st Katianna, 2nd Rachel, All approved

viii. Reminders –

- a. Commissioners start working on your annual budgets for FY2026
- b. Membership and registration fee increases will take effect on October 1, 2025.

ix. Member Concerns

x. Open Discussion

xi. Adjournment -7:34