**Northwest District**

**Of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

September 17, 2025, via ZOOM

**Attendees:** Nelson Dovale (New Milford), Ed Sakl (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Chris Kennan (Pomperaug), Dwayne Pond (Litchfield), Alex Mendoza (CT Impact), Dyan Combs (Highlander), Jeff Hepp (Thomaston), Ian McDonald (Torrington), Kristin Swati (Northwest United), Ricardo Schmidt (CT Impact United), Daniel Ifcher (Shepaug), Jen Gode (Terryville), Edgar Cochancela (EC Soccer), Mark Zaccagnini, Mike Desjardins (Watertown), Chad Schaefer (New Fairfield), Paul Maloney (Wolcott & Admin), Karen Puskas (Admin), John Hester (Ref Admin), Dave Brouillette (State Rep), Scot Shakley (District Registrar), Rich Zimmerman (District Commissioner).

**Not in attendance:** Danbury, Brookfield

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Paul Maloney

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Daniel Ifcher (Shepaug) to approve the minutes from August 2025. Seconded by Chris Kennan (Pomperaug) All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Karen asked the three clubs that still have outstanding invoices from the 2024-25 season to pay them as soon as possible as they will not be receiving any more invoices from this year: Litchfield owes $11.25, Northwest United owes $177.25 and Woodbury/Bethlehem owes $22.50. The District brought in roughly $17,000 in team fees for the fall. Player income over the 24-25 year was down some $2,000 and District expenses were also down some $69,000. Team fees remained fairly even. End of fiscal year report shows the District with $75,525.60 in revenues and $69,027.37 in expenses for a net in the black of $6,498.23. The budget for fiscal year 25-26 was presented and will be voted on in November. Notable items for new year are showing an increase in the fall awards banquet of $1,000 and trophies will go up by $1 a piece. Hotel expenses will come down since the District is now doing 4 zoom meetings yearly.

**Registrar Report:** Scott reported everything is and has gone well. Roster freeze on September 24th.

**State Report:** Dave reported that there are 338 teams registered for CT Cup. There will also be a Top Soccer event in West Haven on October 11th from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. All clubs and players are invited and if interested in starting a program within your club, you are encouraged to attend. Lanyards have arrived to CJSA and the District will be getting Josh and Sue their numbers by Monday so they can be mailed out. Karen is asking all clubs to respond with their club numbers by Saturday and this includes recreation volunteers. The District is looking to have the lanyards in use starting October 4th. CJSA is sending out a cheat sheet on how to upload recreation volunteers to a sports connect roster so they can be printed. Karen will forward to all clubs. Dave also said any clubs looking to purchase pink socks for breast cancer awareness month in October to contact Josh at CJSA directly. They will be $2.50 per pair.

**Referee Report:** John reported all is good.

**Commissioner Report:** Rich reported all is going well but to make sure you get your week 1 games in soon as many were postponed due to weather.

**New Business:**

**Sports Connect:** Karen updated the clubs with issues surrounding sports connect and coaches not being able to log in. Most likely due to trying to log in with child account and not parent. Sports Connect had to fix several coaches so they are able to log in and report scores.

**Double Rostering:**

Dave visited the double rostering the clubs currently do for their rosters as at the August meeting, the action was brought up in question. This is an issue the executive board can change without clubs voting on it as it is a rule so going forward, Dave asked for the clubs’ input on the current practices and possible change. Clubs and board discussed and Dave presented some ideas for the future:

1. League 1 players listed as Primary cannot be double rostered to a League 2 Team.
2. League 2 players can be double rostered on League 1 and League 2 Teams.

**Potential changes to the existing framework**

1. Restrict double-rostered players to 4 per team.
2. Teams must have a quantity of at least the minimum number of players to legally play a game. They must be listed as primary players. Additional players may be double rostered as long as the League 1 restriction rule is followed.

Teams must have a quantity of at least the maximum number of players legally allowed on the field of play. They must be listed as primary players. Additional players may be double rostered as long as the League 1 restriction rule is followed

Other items on double rostering included how many teams a player can be rostered on and how many age groups above their actual playing age can it be.

Dave asked the clubs to get their thoughts and ideas to Karen so she can put something together for the November meeting for discussion and then if necessary, the board will take action in January.

**Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting:** Karen reminded all clubs that the annual holiday dinner meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at the Heritage Hotel. 6:30 pm is cocktail hour followed by meeting and then dinner. All club presidents are invited and highly encourage to bring at least two volunteers with them from their club that they feel deserve recognition for jobs well done. More to follow in October.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Puskas