

Empire 8 Men's Soccer Conference Call Minutes
May 2, 2103

On Call: Devin Rensing, Stevens, Eric Watson, Utica, Danny Gilbertson, Nazareth, Scott Miller, Alfred, Matt Webb, Houghton, Rob Searl, St. John Fisher, Andy Byrne, Ithaca, Janelle Feuz, Empire 8

Voting Items in Yellow

Action Items in Red

Welcome to all: Congratulations to Rob Searl, for winning the Doug May Coach of the Year Award. Congratulations to Devin and Stevens for their progress in the NCAA tournament.

Game Ball:

Select contract is up; we had the choice to continue to work with Select or to explore other options.

Discussion:

Rob Searl: \$400 discount with the Select contract. Ball is of good quality.

Eric Watson: Expressed concern over the quality of the Wilson ball, in particular the practice ball. We use different balls at different venues. Happy with select ball and financially it makes sense to stay with Select.

Devin Rensing: Would be in favor of using the Wilson ball in preparation for NCAA tournament play.

Danny Giberston: In favor of using the Wilson ball.

Matt Webb: Interested in exploring other options.

Vote: To stay with Select for 2013

In favor: Ithaca, St. John Fisher, Alfred and Utica

Opposed: Stevens, Nazareth, Houghton

Will stay with Select (4-3 in favor) and the conference office will work with Select to renew the contract for another year.

Tournament Format:

Coaches unanimously supported to move to a Wednesday-Saturday Post-Season tournament format. Top two seeds host on Wednesday, highest seed remaining hosts Saturday.

Yellow Card Policy:

There is a consensus among the coaches that the Empire 8 should use the present NCAA card accumulation policy. Matt Webb will put together a document representing the coaches concerns that will be presented at the Empire 8 meetings. Matt will distribute the document to the coaches for approval.

If we stay with the present policy of three unsporting yellow yards the coaches asked for clarification on the post-season policy card accumulation. Per-E8 policy

the number of unsporting yellow cards required to miss a game increases from 3 to 5 at the start of the post-season.

Tape Exchange Policy:

Coaches agreed unanimously to the following policy:

The teams will be able to request one HOME game, conference or non-conference, from all conference opponents, on DVD format.

Requests need to be sent to the respective coaches by September 1, 2013. Please include your office mailing address with your request.

Conference Chair:

Matt Webb was unanimously supported to be the new chair.