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New Heading Policy



The new heading policy is effective immediately for the current Spring season!

New Jersey Youth Soccer has mandated that players on U11 and below teams cannot intentionally head balls in games or during practices. Players who are 10 years old or young and playing up on a U12 team are also prohibited from heading balls in games and during practices. It is the coach’s responsibility in those cases to ensure that that restriction is understood.

As previously explained, intentional heading of the ball during a game is considered a “dangerous play” and it will result in an indirect kick being awarded to the opponent from the point of the

New Transfer Policy

Effective immediately, SJSL has amended Rule 3002(b) to allow U15 and above teams to have up to five (5) player transfers during the seasonal year.

U8 to U14 teams are still limited to three (3) transfers during the seasonal year.

The transfer policy is currently being reviewed by NJYS and any additional modifications may have an impact on SJSL rules for next year.

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infraction.

U12–U14 players are permitted to head balls during games, but are limited in practices to heading drills for 30 minutes per week and no more than 15–20 headers per player, per week. The players should be using a lighter/softer ball for heading practices and coaches should not be serving the balls from their feet.

U15–U19 players are permitted to head balls during games and the coaches are encouraged to keep the safety of the players in mind during practices.



Reminder – U10 and above players transferring from one club to a team in another club within the seasonal year are required to sit out 3 games prior to being eligible to play for the new team.

Unmanned Aircraft Policy

United States Youth Soccer has adopted a Policy on the use of Drones that applies to all US Youth Soccer Events. Information is posted on the league website.

Pursuant to these requirements, drones are not permitted to be used at USYS activities (all sanctioned games, practices, tournaments and similar events) without specific approval of USYS. People who violate this policy are to be removed immediately from the area.



U15 Administrative Teams

New for the Fall 2016 season, SJSL will begin accepting requests to form U15 Administrative Teams to allow U15 players (birth year 2002) who are in 8th grade to play with other 8th grade players in the fall and return to their primary teams in the spring without running afoul of the player transfer limitations.

To take advantage of this new policy, clubs must register and card their Spring 2017 U15 teams as part of the regular Fall 2016 registration process. The spring registration fee will be due to the league at that time. These teams will be comprised of both 8th and 9th grade players.

The league recognizes that some U15 teams will not be able to play during the Fall 2016 season because the high school freshmen on the team may not be permitted to play. As part of this new policy, SJSL will allow teams in one club, or among more than one club, to combine carded 8th grade middle school players on to a separate “administrative” team. This team must be

registered to play for the Fall 2016 season. At the conclusion of the Fall 2016 season, the administrative team will be dissolved and the players permitted to return to their primary U15 teams for the Spring 2017 season.

For more information, please contact Larry Young at president@sjsl.org.



2nd Annual NJYS Night at Talon Energy Stadium

What: New York Red Bulls @ Philadelphia Union

When: Sunday, July 17 at 7:00pm

Discount tickets can be purchased by visiting www.philadelphiaunion.com/promo and using promo code "NJYS." Individuals and groups coming out as part of New Jersey Youth Soccer Night will be entered into raffles for in-match experiences. Those opportunities include player escorts, pre-game group photo on field, watching pre-game warmups from field level, and more.

Winners will be drawn and informed a few days before the game.



New Jersey Youth Soccer Night
SUNDAY, JULY 17
AT 7:00PM
vs NEW YORK
RED BULLS

Join fellow clubs, teams, and members of New Jersey Youth Soccer at Talon Energy Stadium as Philadelphia Union host the New York Red Bulls.

Discounted Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.philadelphiaunion.com/promo and using promo code NJYS

Groups of 10 or more will receive additional discounts and be entered into drawings for in game experiences!

For ticketing information or questions, please contact: 610-497-9909 or groups@philadelphiaunion.com

Lightning/Thunder Policy

In accordance with USSF and NJYS guidelines, in the event that lightning/thunder is observed in the area:

- 1) All league sanctioned games in the area will be stopped by the officially assigned game referee;
- 2) The game clock will be stopped;
- 3) Players, coaches and spectators will be directed to leave the field;
- 4) The game will not be permitted to resume for thirty (30) minutes after the last observed event.

If an additional lightning/thunder event is observed during the stoppage period, the thirty (30) minute clock will be restarted. In no case should a game be restarted less than 30 minutes after the last observed lightning/thunder event.



The maximum stoppage period per game cannot exceed forty-five (45) minutes. In the event that the required stoppage period has reached or will reach forty-five (45) minutes, the game will be terminated. If a game is terminated before the first half has been completed, the game will be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety. If a game is terminated at any point after the completion of the first half, the game will not be replayed and will count as a complete game for league purposes. The determination of whether or not the game qualifies as a complete game for league purposes will be decided by the league Executive Board.

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Upcoming

Several Rule changes were adopted by SJSL on April 7, 2016 and will go into effect with the Fall 2016 season.

Later issues of this newsletter will recap those changes, including:

- R. 1002 Age Divisions
- R. 3001 Carding and Registration
- R. 6004 Team Size
- R. 6006 Game Day
- R. 6011 Standings/Playoffs
- R. 7003 Game Related Fines
- R. 9000 Select Team Program

"I don't believe skill was, or ever will be, the result of coaches. It is a result of a love affair between the child and the ball."

Roy Maurice Keane

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