



SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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First Edition

Welcome to the First Edition of the South Jersey Soccer League Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide our coaches, teams, clubs and general membership with additional information and reminders to help the season and the league to run smoothly.

We encourage everyone to frequently check the league website (www.sjsl.org) for updates and additional information. The website is often updated on a daily basis and it is an important forum that allows us to exchange information. We also send out a lot of information through email. If you are not receiving emails from the league, please verify that your email/contact information is correct in Bonzi.

Questions during the Spring 2016 season should generally be directed to the Spring Games

New Heading Restrictions

Effective beginning with the Spring 2016 season, SJSL has adopted the US Soccer guidelines regarding heading during league competition for U10 and younger teams.

U8, U9 and U10 teams playing in SJSL are not permitted to intentionally head a ball during league games. Intentional heading of the ball during a game will now be considered a "dangerous play" and it will result in an indirect kick being awarded to the opponent from the

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If you have other questions and do not know who to direct them to, go to the league website at www.sjsl.org and cursor over the "Contact Us" tab on the top menu bar to the far right and click on "Who Do I Contact?".

Questions on the content of this newsletter, unless otherwise specified below, should be directed to Bob Cooper at vp@sjsl.org.



point of the infraction.

All referees have been informed of this new requirement and they will make the necessary calls.

Concussion Protocol

United States Youth Soccer has adopted a Concussion Protocol that applies to all US Youth Soccer Events. Information is posted on the league website.

Pursuant to these requirements, if a player shows signs of a concussion after a blow to the head (through collision with another player, person, goal post, ball, ground or otherwise), the player should be removed from the game. The coach is permitted to allow the player to re-enter the game at the next appropriate time. However, if in the referee's opinion, the player continues to show



signs of a concussion, the referee will remove the player again. Since most coaches and referees have received very little or no training in concussion recognition, the safety of the player should be the primary concern of all parties.

Remember – if in doubt, sit them out!

Coaches' Goal Keeper Clinics

As announced during the GM meeting and during both Mandatory SJSL Coaches Meetings, in response to a survey request for more coach based training, South Jersey Soccer League is sponsoring a Goal Keeper Clinic for Coaches with former USWNT goalkeeper and Olympic Gold Medalist Jillian Loyden, to be held at The Keeper Institute (TKI), 11 Enterprise Court, Sewell, NJ 08080 (off of Delsea Drive).

We arranged for four different dates for coaches to sign up. All of the dates are on a Saturday from 2:00pm – 7:00pm. The class dates are on March 26th, April 9th, April 16th and April 23rd.

SJSL will cover the cost for the first 100 coaches that sign up (25 for each night). The coach must be from a team in SJSL, but there can be more than one from each club that attends. If a coach signs up and fails to attend for any reason, the club will be billed the cost of attendance (\$50).

Registration is posted on the SJSL website. Please



remember to register soon if you want to attend a class. The classes will be first come, first served.

As the dates are filled, it will be announced on the website and the attendees will be listed.

No walk ups will be allowed. You may only attend if you are on our list. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Cooper at vp@sjsl.org.

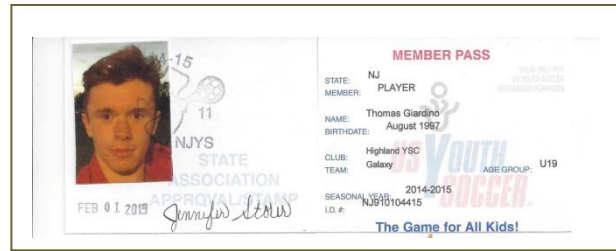


No Pass, No Roster, No Play, No Exception

“No Pass, No Play, No Exception” means exactly what it says. You must have the physical pass in your possession at the game in order for the player to play in that game. Alternate passes (US Club, etc.) are not adequate substitutes. Copies of the passes on a cell phone or other smart device are not sufficient.

Each team is required to bring 2 copies of their Game Day Roster to every game. One is for the referee and the other is for the opposing team. The rosters are given to the referees to add their names to both copies.

All information: coach names, pass numbers, player names, jersey numbers and pass numbers, etc., must be electronically included on the roster through the



Bonzi system. Coaches may not write, type or otherwise change the Game Day Roster other than to change jersey numbers where there is a conflict or last minute changes. Players' information may not be handwritten on the roster.

You must have the physical hard copy of the Game Day Roster with you at the game in order for the game to be played. Copies of the roster on a cell phone or other smart device are not sufficient.

Spring Games Reminders

A couple of quick reminders:

ALL games will be played on the days, times and fields as scheduled.

Coaches CANNOT change or move games unilaterally, even if both coaches agree.

Games can only be moved with the Games Commissioner's permission.

All game results must be reported by the HOME team online by noon of the following day.

BOTH teams must complete the online referee evaluation by noon of the following day.



There are no playoffs during the spring season. Any teams tied for first place in a flight will be declared co-champions (even if there are more than two teams tied). Reminder - teams that have forfeited a game during season are not eligible to win their division or flight.

All games rescheduling requests must be submitted in the manner and within the time frames as specified in the Games Commissioner's policies as posted on the league website.

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Upcoming

As discussed at the last couple of General Membership meetings and at both mandatory coaches' meetings, SJSL has adopted Player Development Initiatives as recommended by US Soccer effective for the Fall 2016 season.

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

Registration by Calendar Birth Year

How to Calculate Age Levels

Number of Players on the Field

Goal Keeper Restrictions

Playing Up Rules

Majority Rules

Roster Sizes

Field Sizes

Goal Sizes

Build Out Lines

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

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