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## Are you ready for some soccer?



Are you ready? The Fall 2019 season begins on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Did you prepare a checklist?

- Coaches completed approved certification or licensing class.
- All coaches have uploaded copies of their coaching license to the league.
- Coaches completed US Club requirements to receive a staff pass.
- Players are all successfully carded through US Club.
- All cards have the SJSL logo on the back.
- Team information is updated in GotSoccer.
- Players and coaches are all added to the Fall 2019 event in GotSoccer.
- All coach and player pass numbers are updated in GotSoccer.
- Head coach or other team representative plans to attend the Mandatory Coaches' Meeting at the Hotel ML at 8:00pm (U8-11 on Tuesday, Sept 3, and U12 and up on Wednesday, Sept 4)
- Printed out revised Fact Sheet for the Fall 2019 season.
- Reviewed playing rules and league rules.
- Held pre-season parents' meeting.

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## Mandatory Coaches' Meeting



Do not forget the Mandatory Coaches' Meeting!

All teams are required to be represented at the Mandatory Coaches' Meeting that will be held at the Hotel ML starting at 8:00pm on Tuesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> for U8-U11 teams, and on Wednesday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> for U12 and above teams.

It is preferred that the head coach attends, but the team may be represented by any adult member. All representatives must remember to sign out at the conclusion of the meeting to ensure they are credited with attendance.

## Get carded now!



Don't wait until the last minute!

Everyone knows by now that US Club transitioned from the Kyck system to a National Registration System utilizing the SportsEngine platform. This change was not voluntary for you (or for the league). As can be expected anytime there is a programming change, there have been (and likely will continue to be) some hiccups. To be safe, card your players and coaches early. Remember that background checks can take as little as a day and as long as two weeks or more. To avoid the congestion and backlog right before the season, please card your teams now!

At least one member of each club should be familiar with the SportsEngine platform by this point. A training session was provided for all clubs to attend and a help desk has been set up to handle inquiries. Check with your club to see who is handling US Club memberships for you (often the club registrar or club rep).

Additional information is also available on the league website under the GotSoccer/US Club tab. If in doubt, contact the US Club Help Desk.



## Change Your Pass Numbers!

Which pass numbers should you be changing?

Easy! ALL of them! All coach and player pass numbers have changed. Make sure that you go in and change ALL US Club pass numbers in GotSoccer for ALL of your coaches and players. This includes all coaches who were carded last year. You need to print out a new US Club staff pass for those coaches carded last year. They will all have new pass numbers (8 digit numerical).

Remember – if the pass numbers on the passes do not match the Game Day Roster, that coach or player cannot participate in the game.

## The SJ Cup Better Than Ever!



117 teams have signed on to play in the 2nd Annual South Jersey Cup Tournament. The SJ Cup is a SJSJL league restricted tournament open only to U10 to U15 teams playing in the SJSJL. The tournament does not allow guest players and is played over the course of the fall and spring seasons. The fall season features group play with games scheduled by the teams. The spring season games are scheduled by the league and culminate in group champions.

There are 14 brackets of teams, divided up by age groups and flight ranking. The groups are set up to minimize disparities in team ability and skill. The games follow SJSJL rules and each team pays the regular season referee fees.

Questions should be directed to Heather Talarico at: [southjerseycup2018@gmail.com](mailto:southjerseycup2018@gmail.com).

## Fall Rosters Will be Locked!



As with each pending season, the league will lock ALL team rosters in GotSoccer prior to the start of the season. For the Fall 2019 season, all GotSoccer rosters will be locked on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

This means that no existing player or coach information can be changed without first contacting the league registrar (this includes pass numbers, jersey numbers, etc.). So please make sure that all information is correct before the opening weekend. We will not be able to unlock the rosters for last minute mistakes discovered opening day morning.

All rosters changes, information changes, coach and/or player additions or releases must go through the league registrar. To add a new or transfer player or coach, go to the league website at [www.sjsl.org](http://www.sjsl.org) and click on the link "Request to Add New/Transfer Player or Coach". Complete the google form and click on submit. The league registrar will handle the request and inform you of the change when it is made or of any pending discrepancies. To release a player, click on the link "Release of Player". Again, complete the google form and click on submit. The league registrar will release the player from your Fall roster.

## NRS Common Questions!



The new US Club National Registration System has generated a lot of common questions. Here are the answers to just a few.

Q. Where do I go to see if my teams are approved by the league?

A. On the left hand side bar click the arrow next to US CLUB SOCCER. Click on Governing Seasons. A display will appear with four prompts – Governing Divisions, Teams, Players and Staff. Click on Teams. Here you will see all of your club teams, under the League Status you will see either a GREEN APPROVED (which means the league approved your teams) or an ORANGE DECISION NEEDED (which means it's still pending at the league level).

Q. How do I upload Proof of Birth?

A. 1. Sign in to your account and go to "SportsEngine HQ". 2. On the left-hand navigation bar, click on the US Club Soccer tab. 3. Choose the Proof of Birth sub tab. 4. Locate the athlete you need to upload a document to. 5. On the right side of the page under the Actions column, click the Upload button. A modal window will appear. 6. Either click the Add Image button or click, drag, and drop your document into the upload area. 7. After your image is added, confirm the Legal Information matches the document. 8. Click Submit.

Q. How do I print cards?

A. 1. Sign in to your account and go to "SportsEngine HQ". 2. On the left-hand navigation bar, click on the US Club Soccer tab. 3. Under the NRS season, click either the Players or Staff tab. 4. Check the box to the left of the player or staff name. 5. Above the Actions column on the right-side of the screen, click Print Cards.

– Only players or staff with valid memberships will have a card printed. NOTE: The next screen will generate your cards for you. You will also receive an email with a link to your cards.

For more answers, check out:

<http://www.sjsl.org/Content/directors/upimg/dir12679/sports%20engine%20various%20instructions.pdf>

## 2019 FIFA LOTG Changes



Many of you may have noticed the implementation of the new FIFA Laws of the Game changes for 2019. The changes were used in the Women's World Cup, the CONCACAF Gold Cup and the Copa America.

These changes will NOT be used by SJSL for the Fall 2019 season. The league and the NJ Ref Association are reviewing the changes to determine which ones will be relevant to the SJSL. This also allows time to update all of the referees with the changes during the recertification process in the late fall.

## Club Contact Info



If you have not already, please go into GotSoccer and verify that you have the correct labels for your club officials. SJSL will begin using the GotSoccer email addresses for league communications. Our focus will be on reaching out to club presidents, registrars and club reps. We will not be emailing any other labels that are used.

For all club reps, including the alternate club reps, use the "SJSL Boys" label only. DO NOT use Boys Commissioner, Boys League Rep, club rep, League Representative, SJSL Rep, SJSL Rep Alternate. If you use these other labels, you will not receive the league emails.

## Roster Limits?



Yes, like all past years, there are roster limits for the game day roster and your active team roster.

For U8-U10, the limits are 14/14. You can have 14 players on your game day roster; and 14 on your active team roster.

For U11-U12, the limits are 16/18.

For U13 and above, the limits are 18/22.

Your GDR will print out with all of the players that you have listed in your Fall 2019 GotSoccer event. That is normally the number of players that you have on your active roster. If that number is greater than the number you are allowed to carry for your game day roster, simply line out the extra players that will not be participating at that game.

## Subbing on Corners?



Following the standard player substitution rules on throw-ins, you can now also sub on corner kicks. The corner kick must be in your favor, or in your opponent's favor and they are making one or more substitutions.

## Guest Players!



SJSJL Rule 5005 provides:

- Players may not appear on the main roster or be otherwise carded to more than one team registered with SJSJL at a time.
  - The guest player must be carded on league authorized passes to play for that same club on another team playing in SJSJL or in SJGSL.
  - You must “need” guest players – 7v7 teams that will have eight (8) or fewer players; 9v9 teams that will have ten (10) or fewer players; and 11v11 teams that will have twelve (12) or fewer players.
  - If more than the above player amounts appear for the main team at game time and are listed on the GDR, the team may not use guest players even if they present an approved Addendum Form. You can list more players than described above and then cross out those that do not show up at game time to reach the limit.
  - The guest players may only be added using the league approved roster addendum form.
  - The Addendum Form is only good for the date indicated by the league on the form. The form cannot be transferred or used on a later date. If a game is postponed, rescheduled, etc., a new guest player request must be submitted for the rescheduled date if guest players are still needed.
  - Players may only guest play for another team three times during the season. Teams may only use guest players three times during the season.
  - If guest players are requested but not used for that game, the league should be notified so that the game is not counted toward the 3 game limitations above.
- Players on a lower flighted team in SJSJL may guest play up on a higher flighted team in their same age bracket.
  - Players on a higher flighted team in SJSJL may not guest play down on a lower flighted team in their same age bracket.
  - Players playing in a lower age bracket in SJSJL may play up on a team in an older age bracket, regardless of the flighting of either team.
  - Players playing on a team registered to play in SJGSL may guest play on a team playing in a SJSJL league sanctioned game, regardless of the flighting of either team.
  - Players playing up on another team may guest play with their age appropriate team, regardless of the flighting of either team, as long as the other guest player rules are followed.
  - Players playing on a team registered to play in any other league may not guest play in a SJSJL league sanctioned game.
  - Playing up rules otherwise apply.

## New Coaches!



Although the league only expected to run 3 SJ Level 1 courses over the summer, the demand increased that amount to 7! Thank you to Winslow, Deptford, Audubon (2x), TBAA, Berlin, Washington Twp, and Cape May for hosting courses. As a result, 237 new coaches have joined our ranks. That makes 497 new coaches since the Level 1 program was started. Welcome aboard everyone!

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For the first time in 6 years, our referee fees have been revised. The new ref fees are \$10 more per game (or \$5 each team):

7v7 – \$40 center ref; \$20 each AR  
Total – \$80 (each team pays half)

9v9 – \$50 center ref; \$25 each AR  
Total – \$100 (each team pays half)

U13–14 – \$60 center ref; \$35 each AR  
Total – \$130 (each team pays half)

U15–16 – \$64 center ref; \$43 each AR  
Total – \$150 (each team pays half)

U17–19 – \$74 center ref; \$48 each AR  
Total – \$170 (each team pays half)

**SJSL Logo!**

Important reminder – ALL player and coach passes MUST include the SJSL logo on the back of their member pass to participate in SJSL games.

