



FLAGS: Spring dates and registration, 7v7 field sizes, LOTG changes

**South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 15 , 2016**

Call to Order:	Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8PM
Minutes:	Scott noted the October 25 th , 2016 meeting minutes were distributed to the General Membership via email and posted online for review. By show of hands, the majority of the general membership acknowledged review of the minutes. No noted additions or corrections. Motion to accept the October minutes: Audubon, second: Maple Shade. All approved.
Attendance:	All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of Egg Harbor & Millville.
General Secretary Report:	No report.
Treasurer's Report:	<p>Treasurer's report for July through November handed out and reviewed by the membership. Notable expenses include State registration payment of \$97,680, meeting room expenses of \$231 and ref reimbursements of \$310. December expenses will include the 3rd and final ref assignor payment, trophies at approximately \$8,000 and miscellaneous charges. Motion to accept: Florence, second: Pemberton. All approved.</p> <p>Fines update: Tom distributed and reviewed list of fines outstanding. If fines are not paid by registration, clubs will not be able to register their teams for Spring.</p> <p>Scholarship application is posted on the website and copies were provided at the GM mtg. Applications are due Friday March 3rd to Tom D.</p>
Registrar's Report:	Chuck reminded club reps that they control their teams, coaches and players and are responsible to communicate changes to their clubs. 5 transfers will be allowed for U11's and U12's to match state rules. U10 and down is still limited to 3 transfers. All rules and regulations have been updated and posted to the website as well as the Power Points and Administrative Reference Handbook. Reps and coaches should look at these resources before reaching out to the Exec Board. Clubs need to be diligent with collecting registration payments from players to limit the liability to your club being fined if a team drops out due to players backing out. If a team legally disbands with NJYS, players do not need to sit 3 games if they join another team. U10 and below are free to transfer club to club with no sit-down. If team does not disband and a player, U11 up, transfers from one club to a different club – they are required to sit 3 games. Confirm that any new players being added to your teams are not currently carded to another team. Players cannot be dual-carded with USYSA passes. This will result in sanctions.
Grievance Report: Rules and Compliance:	Tom reported a good season overall with the exception of mercy rule violations which were significantly higher than prior seasons. The violation carries and fine and suspension. Inform club coaches that this is not acceptable.
State Report:	No report, next meeting is in January.
Fall Games Report:	Mike reported 2770 total games scheduled with 2760 played, 10 which were not due to forfeits, rainouts and a TBR. Larry commended the general membership for everyone being flexible as we worked through the mass of changes that took place in the Fall

	<p>season. Mike reminded reps to review tiebreaker rules with coaches. Head-to-head, then goal differential between the two tied teams, then overall goals against.</p>	
Information/Tech Report:	<p>Joe reported on Spring registration process is open, Bonzi is the only registration required for Spring. Reminder to update players for any changes. Joe reminded all to enter complete registration info. Registration closes Jan 4th at 10 PM. Don't wait until the last minute. If after the close date, contact Joe if a team needs to register. Late registrations will only be accepted as needed and a late fee will be added. Pass numbers need to be re-entered in Bonzi.</p>	
Old Business:	Mercy rule violations:	Larry added that there will be zero tolerance for mercy rule violations including further coach sanctions.
	U8 Fall 2017 decision:	U8 will stay in SJSL, age appropriate only and will play 7v7. Final determinations on how the age group will be set up to be communicated.
	Coach pass #'s on game roster:	Multiple fines for coaches without pass numbers on the game day roster. Remind coaches before the start of Spring that this is mandatory.
New Business:	Spring dates:	<p>Online registration opened Dec 3 and closes Jan 4th. Invoices sent out around Jan 12th. Final Registration payment- Jan 24th 6-8pm LaQuinta Inn- No Mailing All Fines due by Jan 24 Late fees apply after Jan 24 Drop Dead Date-Jan 24 Ratings Feb 3-5</p> <p>Note- all request for TBA games due by final registration. (i.e. Easter week, school closing, confirmations, etc...). Send requests to General Secretary. Only one TBR per team permitted.</p> <p>Fees: returning team from fall = \$120; new team registration = \$335 (U15- up); \$285 (U13-U14); \$260 (U11-U12); \$235 (U8-U10)</p>
	7v7 field recommendations:	<p>Larry received responses from all but ~10 clubs so far. 47x30 yd 7v7 size is significantly too small. Recommendation from US Soccer is 65yd max with a 45yd width max. 60-65 x 40-45 is the general recommendation of the SJSL Executive Board.</p> <p>All markings must be correct- including tech area and spectator line. Suggestion to make the build-out line a different color so easier to discern and stands out from the primary markings. No cones are allowed to mark the build-out line. Build out line is required to be half-way between the penalty area and the midfield line.</p>
	Open Board position:	Larry reported applications are being accepted for a Trustee position on the Executive Board. Looking for a candidate who has

		background in website management and updating. Contact Larry for more info.
	LOTG revisions:	Larry reported the laws of the game have been revised and are effective for the Spring season. A few notable changes include kickoff can go in any direction, positioning of the ball on an off - sides call. Ball is now spotted where the offense took place, offside position is only if the entire body is beyond the final defender, DOGSO (denying of goal scoring opportunity) – player may not always be red-carded unless guilty of violent conduct. Many other changes included. Review the full laws of the game document if you want to know all the changes in detail.
Next GM Meeting:	February 16th, 2016	
Next E Board Meeting:	Jan 5th, 2017	
Adjournment:	Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.	
Respectfully,	Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary	