



FLAGS: NJYS crime coverage for clubs, Spring season prep, LOTG changes

South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes February 16, 2017

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8:00 PM

Philadelphia Union:

Tim Seidler and Brian Eggenberger from the Philadelphia Union presented on youth soccer club partnerships and group sales info. Club contact list distributed to the membership as well as home game schedule and group pricing. April 8th and August 26th are youth soccer nights where any players wearing a club jersey will be able to walk the field after the game. Group on-field events and rewards program info also provided along with youth soccer partnership options. Reach out to your Union club contact with questions or for more info.

Minutes:

Minutes were distributed to the General Membership via email on Feb 12th and posted online for review. No noted additions or corrections. Motion to accept: Barrington, second: Pemberton. All approved.

Attendance:

All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of: Audubon, Cape Express, Egg Harbor Twp, Tarkill, Upper Twp. Treasurer will invoice the fine for those clubs absent per SJSJ league rule 2003.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report for January 2017 handed out and reviewed by the membership. Total income is \$65,752 inclusive of registration and fines. Total expenses are \$923.32. Notable expenses include meeting expense at \$370 and rental at \$294. Motion to accept: Barrington, second: Pemberton. All approved.
Tom also provided the financial report for July through December 2016. Major December expenses include trophies (\$8245) and ref assigning (\$6,852) expenses and computer expenses (\$3,543). Tom will send the financial reports out electronically and post to the website for preview prior to the GM mtg. No fines due and Tom noted his thanks for a smooth registration process in January.

Registrar's Report:

Larry reminded the membership about transfer rules, review procedures on the website to ensure you are clear on the process. Contact Chuck with any questions.

**Grievance Report:
Rules and
Compliance:**

Tom O. reported carry over sanctions from the Fall season. Suspensions include the following clubs: Coach from Berlin and Haddon Heights and (3) players from Vineland, Indian Mills and Northern Burlington. Passes are in the possession of the league.

State Report:

Joe reported that club directors and officers currently have liability and crime coverage through NJYS. NJYS is going to cease provision of crime coverage in mid-May 2017. Joe suggested clubs acquire crime coverage even with internal controls in place to limit embezzlement.

Joe reported that NJYS is reviewing 4 vendors for the rostering process for the Fall season. Vendors will give presentation next week and a decision is expected by the end of March. Regardless of vendors (even if Got Soccer remains), the process will change for the Fall. Appropriate training will be offered for clubs and coaches.

Spring Games:	<p>Inclement weather policy is posted to the website. Inform coaches that no further reschedule requests will be honored. Only reps can close fields, individual coaches cannot do so. Reps should get out and check fields early and if closing - complete and submit the field closure form and contact club and coaches who must communicate to opposing teams. Final ratings will be posted soon and the home games should be posted by March 1st. Spring dates are posted to the website.</p> <p>Remind all coaches to fill out the referee evaluations and notify the league if the ref does not collect the player passes or if any other major issues. The ref evals are analyzed and used for performance rating.</p>	
Old Business:	Game Day Rosters:	<p>Remind coaches to enter all roster information in Bonzi now – don't wait until the last minute. Coaches should call Bonzi for any troubleshooting issues. Joe will send an email to all coaches to remind everyone. Player info, jersey number, pass numbers, and coach pass numbers are all required – <u>cannot</u> be written in. If pass numbers are missing, your roster will be locked and you will not be able to print your game cards. Suggestion - if a player shows up without a jersey, use the goalkeepers jersey for the field player.</p>
	7v7 Fields:	<p>Based upon feedback from clubs, the recommendation from the league for 7v7 field dimensions are 60-65 yards long x 40-45 yards wide for the Spring season. Build out line should be a different color than primary field markings and midway between midfield and the penalty area. Under no circumstances can the build out line be marked with cones. Spectator lines and technical areas must be marked out as well.</p>
	Referees:	<p>Expecting a potential shortage of referees this Spring. 7v7 will primarily have 1 referee, fees will not change. If a crew can't be moved – there may be a 3 man crew for a 7v7 game. Inform coaches to have sufficient funds for a 3 man crew. If a shortage is inevitable, the ref would be pulled from a 7v7 game. Club Reps should inform coaches before the game the number of expected refs (per Arbiter). The intention is to have a 3 man crew for all 9v9 games. Note that there will be a lot of ref movement between field locations, home schedule will indicate where refs are coming from.</p>
	Hosting Tournaments	<p>If your club is hosting a tournament, send to Larry for approval and the tournament info can be posted to the SJSL website.</p>
New Business:	Spring Dates:	<p>Spring dates are posted to the website. The schedule will be posted by March 1st. There may be different game times depending upon if there are 3 or 4 games on the schedule.</p>
	Bonzi rosters:	<p>Bonzi game day rosters have been updated with field information and will also print the date the roster was printed. Game day rosters may only be printed within 3 days of the scheduled game.</p>
	Injuries:	<p>Ensure the ref notes on the game day roster if there are any player injuries which are or potentially are serious to have on record. Refs are now asked to scan and email to the game card to the league.</p>

Laws of the Game

Bob presented a PowerPoint to the general membership to highlight the Spring changes as well as changes to the laws of the game. The PowerPoint can be found on the SJSL website, under the “Admins” section, “PowerPoints, Charts and Webinars”. Some of the key changes include:

Law 1: Cannot have partial artificial turf and partial grass; cannot have advertising on corner flags.

Law 3: Substitute players may take a restart but must enter the field of play first. Captain has no special status or privilege with the referee.

Law 4: all colors must be matching including sliding shorts or long sleeve shirts. Tape must be the same color of the socks.

Law 5: If several offenses occur at the same time, the referee will punish the most serious one. The referee’s authority starts when they arrive at the field and ends when they leave. If a player is injured by a RC/YC foul, the player can be quickly assessed and remain on the field if no serious injury.

Law 7: Duration of the match can be extended for medical / water breaks.

Law 8: Ball may be kicked in any direction by a kicking motion for start and restart of play, ball must clearly move. Referee cannot manufacture the outcome of a drop ball.

Law 9: If a ball hits a match official in the field of play and the ball does not fully cross the line, it remains in play.

Law 11: Arms are not considered in judging offsides. The offsides FK is always taken where the offense occurs (even if your own half).

Law 12: Foul with contact is a direct FK, attempted violent contact is a RC, even if no contact. Handling the ball involves intentional arm movement towards the ball (not the ball striking the hand). DOGSO with holding pulling or pushing is a RC offense with a PK awarded.

Law 13: YC offense for interference with a FK, a quick FK that is intercepted is not a foul.

Law 14: Penalty kick – ball must go forward and no feinting or hesitation permitted.

Bob will distribute the newsletter with examples of some of these rule changes.

Next GM Meeting:	May 17, 2017
Next E Board Meeting:	March 2, 2016
Adjournment:	Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.
Respectfully,	Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary