



FLAGS: Mercy Rule, Game Reschedules, 7v7 Field Dimensions, Spring Dates

**South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2016**

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| Call to Order: | Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8:01 PM | |
| Review of Minutes: | Scott noted minutes from the June 9 th meeting are posted to the SJSL website under the “Admins” section. Minutes will be posted to the website within a couple weeks following the GM meetings. | |
| Attendance: | All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of: Indian Mills, Maple Shade, Moorestown, Seneca and Vineland. | |
| Treasurer’s Report: | Treasurer’s report for July 2016 through September 2016 handed out and reviewed by the membership. Primary income is from Fall registration fees. Notable expenses include \$6,000 for scholarships with \$7,450 for ref assigner payment. Invoices for compliance through round 4 have been sent out. Net 30 days required for payment of fines. Follow up with Tom O. with any questions. Motion to accept: Cohansey; second: Marlton. All approved. | |
| Registrar’s Report: | Chuck acknowledged the clubs are responsible to know what is occurring with their respective coaches and teams. Reps should be the central point of contact and knowledgeable of all actions as well as enter all registrations for consistency. Chuck noted the final date to add or transfer players for the Fall is by round 8. | |
| Rules and Compliance Report: | Gary reported the volume of compliance issues with Mercy rule violations. Already have 12 teams through first 4 rounds in violation. Positive comments from Gary about low volume of poor conduct and red card violations thus far. Ed advised reps to reiterate to coaches regarding mercy rule violations and encourage clubs to mentor new coaches for options to manage the game appropriately. Clubs should suspend a coach immediately as soon as a mercy rule violation occurs. | |
| Fall Games Report: | <p>Mike reported that 30 games were rained-out and 7 games are still left to be rescheduled @ 3 weeks after the cancellations. Mike reminded all that a reschedule date and time is to be established within 2 weeks of the game cancellations. December TBR games need to be scheduled ASAP. Contact the Fall Games Commissioner to schedule the TBR games. There are (5) U8-U10 and (9) U11 and up games that remain to be scheduled.</p> <p>2 forfeits thus far: 1 first week of the season due to incomplete Washington Twp. game roster. Seneca coach emailed Mike on Thursday that they needed to reschedule the game for the upcoming Sunday. Rescheduling reminders: Always need at least 2 weeks’ notice to successfully reschedule a game. If submitting a request and more than a few days have passed with no response from a reschedule request – follow up with the games commissioner.</p> | |
| Old Business: | 7v7 small sided fields: | Larry noted the late adjustment of the allowable 7v7 field sizes and build out line spacing. The build out line must be marked by paint (preferably different color) and not by cones on the sideline. If coaches find incorrect markings or goal sizes, etc., please notify the league and it will be addressed. |

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| | | Larry requested all clubs to bring your 7v7 field size measurements that will be used in the Spring to the December meeting. Allowable dimensions are 47-70 yards long x 30-45 yards wide. December meeting will review 7v7 feedback and plans for U8 team decision for next season. |
| | Ref Overpayment: | <p>12 referee overpayments due to confusion between SJGSL ref fees and SJSJL ref fees. Reference the SJSJL fact sheet and game day roster for the proper ref fees.</p> <p>Larry reminded the membership to email him for any major referee issues. Not only are the negative comments diminished, there is an increase in positive comments outnumbering the negative comments 2:1.</p> |
| | Newsletter : | Newsletter posted to the website. Bob sent to all reps and coaches. |
| New Business: | Spring 2017 Dates: | <p>Online registration – opens Dec 3 and closes Jan 4 Invoices will be sent out ~ Jan 12 Final Registration payment- Jan 24, 6-8pm @ LaQuinta Inn No Mailing of registration fees All Fines due by Jan 24th Late fees apply after Jan 24th Drop Dead Date - Jan 24 Ratings for comments - Feb 3rd through 5th Schedules posted Feb 28th First round games - March 12 All requests for TBA due by final registration (Jan 24th). i.e. Easter week, school closing, etc...</p> |
| | Spring Fees: | <p>Fees for returning teams from fall: \$120 New team fees: \$335 for D1/D2; \$285 for U13-U14; \$260 for U11-U12; \$235 for U8-U10.</p> <p>2 boys team minimum per club for the Spring. If only one team, make arrangements with a neighbor club to arrange for field availability. U8 through U18/U19 teams are eligible to register.</p> |
| | Open Board Position: | Board position is currently open for a Trustee. Ideal candidate is someone comfortable with website management. Email Larry Young if interested. |
| | Clubs to Remain Post Meeting: | Audubon, CHFC, CHSC, East Greenwich, Indian Mills, Lumberton, Marlton, Mt. Laurel, Pitman, Seneca, Swedesboro, Tar Kil, Woodbury, and Washington Township. |
| | Re-seeding | Question raised by the membership regarding flight realignment. Mike and Larry described the volume of requests and the estimation of over 500 game schedules would have to be changed. By the time the realignment could have occurred, there would only be a few rounds remaining. |

Discussion also regarding initial ratings process and the amount of data reviewed to make the best decisions possible along with coach feedback and multiple iterations. Spring ratings will now enable improved alignment with history post age recalibration.

Next GM Meeting: December 15, 2016, Hotel ML

Next E Board Meeting: November 3, 2016

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully, Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary