



SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER LEAGUE

Policy

“U15 8th/9th GRADE PLAYERS - FALL GAMES”

Concerns have been raised regarding the age classification changes and how to accommodate certain players whose club teams are not playing in the Fall even though some of the players still wish to do so. Specifically, the U15 age group has been identified as a problem area because some of the players will still be in 8th grade and others will be freshmen in high school. The 9th grade players who are playing on high school teams may not be permitted or able to play with their club teams during the Fall season, but they may want to return to play with their clubs, and their 8th grade club teammates, in the Spring.

SJSL is pleased to announce a solution for players who fall in that category.

- U15 age group players will be permitted to play in the SJSL Fall season on an “administrative” U15 or U16 team.
- An administrative team may be made up of players from the same club or different clubs and must first be approved by SJSL.
- These “administrative” teams will require a regular home field to play on.
- The players on this administrative team will not be considered as transfers when they go back to their primary club team(s) once the Fall season is completed.
- These players may not play on a U14 or younger team and no waivers will be accepted.
- In order to be eligible to play on an administrative team, all players must first be carded to their primary club team that will play in SJSL for the following Spring season, before they can be rostered to play on an administrative team that will play in SJSL for the Fall season.
- This requires teams in this age bracket, who have players who want to play in the Fall on an administrative team, to register and card their team in accordance with the Fall season guidelines. These teams are required to apply to the SJSL President in order to have their team carded.
- Teams that register early to play in the Spring season under this policy that then fail to field a team for the Spring season will forfeit their registration fee, any required bonds, and the Club may be subject to further sanctions by the league.
- Players will use their home club US Club player passes to play on the administrative team in the Fall season and then the same pass when they return to their primary club team for the Spring season. A second or different pass will not be needed to play.
- Using this system, once players return to their club team, they will NOT be considered a transfer and may do so without penalty.
- These players may only play on one team during either season.
- These administrative teams will be disbanded by SJSL once the season is complete as notified by SJSL.
- All other SJSL regulations will remain in place.
- Procedures and deadlines for SJSL registration of these administrative teams will be announced at the May GM meeting.

ALL questions regarding this Policy should be directed to SJSL Registrar or SJSL President.