



# SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## Scholarships!



### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOCCER

The league is currently rating the applicants for the SJSL Scholarship Awards. SJSL will award scholarship(s) to applicant(s) based on academic achievement, school activities, participation in the South Jersey Soccer League, participation in sports and community service. Applicants will not be selected solely because of soccer ability or achievements in soccer.

SJSL players and former players who have participated in the SJSL for boys for at least four years and who will graduate high school in Spring 2019 and continue their adult education are eligible to receive a scholarship, subject to the approval of the SJSL Executive Board. A preference is given to players who played in SJSL in Div. 1&2.

This year, the league received 25 applications for the SJSL scholarship award. The number of scholarships given out each year is based on the quantity and quality of applications and the availability of funds. At least one scholarship will be awarded this year. The winner(s) will be invited to and announced at the May 2019 SJSL General Membership meeting.

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## Coaching Education Level 2 Course!

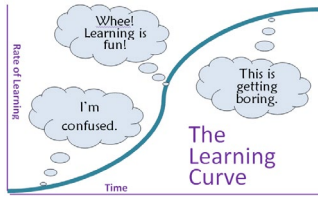


At the request of our membership, this course was designed to help coaches learn how to "coach" and to design and run a practice. It will discuss player development, practice design, basic attacking and defending principles, and coaching techniques. For more information, go to [www.sjssl.org](http://www.sjssl.org), click on the Coach Resources tab, and then select Coaching Education or email Bob Cooper at [profcoop42@gmail.com](mailto:profcoop42@gmail.com).

LEVEL 2 Courses			
Classroom			Location
Wednesday <b>OPEN</b>	Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:30pm	Lions Lake Park, Township Bldg, 101 Dutchtown Rd., Voorhees 08043
Friday <b>OPEN</b>	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:30pm	Voorhees Town Center, Township Courtroom, 2400 Town Center, Voorhees 08043
Field			Outdoor Location
Sunday <b>OPEN</b>	Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am-2:00pm	Voorhees SC, Echelon Complex, 255 Echelon Rd., Voorhees 08043
Saturday <b>OPEN</b>	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am-2:00pm	Voorhees SC, Echelon Complex, 255 Echelon Rd., Voorhees 08043

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# Learning Curve!



The learning curve for clubs, teams, coaches and even the league continued into the Spring 2019 season. A new carding platform and a new scheduling program made life interesting in the Fall 2018 season. There were high hopes for an easier transition into the spring season, but trouble always comes whenever you “assume”.

Some issues were expected and planned for. A very thorough Dec GM meeting covered a lot of those topics and helped to lay the groundwork for the spring. There were several new teams and new coaches expected to join the ranks. Special coaching classes were set up to help prepare those new coaches, and in Feb, 65 new coaches took the SJ Soccer Leagues Level 1 course. Messages were sent out regarding player adds/transfers and disbanding teams. Registration was opened and teams were assisted through the process. After ratings and the schedules were finished, the league took a cursory review of some of the spring rosters. This led to the discovery of a LOT of problems.

Here is an overview of the good, the bad, and the ugly, discovered and resolved along the way.

## My Passes Did Not Have the SJSL Logo:

Some coaches discovered that their passes did not include the SJSL logo. Under the league rules, all coach and player passes must include the SJSL logo. See Rule 3001. If your player passes did not include the SJSL logo, then you did not correctly register your team in US Club. US Club worked with those teams that fell into this category to get them correctly registered and carded.

## I Had Trouble Adding Players in the Fall:


The Fall 2018 rosters were frozen shortly before Round 1 was played. Any player changes after that date had to be approved by the league. Some confusion over the procedure may have led to last minute roster changes or an inability to get a player on a GDR. The proper procedure is to contact the league registrar. A google doc was designed and placed on the league website to facilitate this process.

## Fall Info Did Not Carry Over to the Spring:


That is correct, it does not carry over. The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 seasons were put into Gotsoccer as separate distinct events. In this sense, they are similar to tournaments. Each time you register for an event, you have to assign your players and coaches to a roster and check the default settings. That is why your fall roster could have been correct and yet your spring roster was not. In effect, you are creating a new roster (from your primary player list) every time you register for an event.

## It Was Easier to Create My Fall Roster:

That is also correct. Since it was the beginning of the seasonal year for the fall season, no rosters were frozen/locked. That meant that teams were not restricted in their ability to add in their players and make changes to pass #s, jersey #s, etc. There were no transfer player issues, sit down rule questions, or limits on player adds. It was a fresh start.



**South Jersey Boys Soccer League - Fall 2018**  
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### *I Thought My Team Was Disbanded:*

Some teams played in the fall season, but did not register to play in the spring season. As a result, some of those teams were under the mistaken impression that they were considered to be “disbanded” for league purposes. They were not. Just because a team does not play in the league in the spring season, does not mean that they cannot play as a team for tournament purposes. To avoid dual carding issues and to assist those players who wished to play for other teams because their team was no longer playing, the league created a rule for disbanding teams. See Rule 3003. The advantage of properly disbanding your team is that it allows those players to be released and added to a new team without having to sit out three (3) games. Those players still count as transfers, but they are not required to sit out. The deadline to disband your team was February 1st.

### *My Spring Roster Was Empty:*

Since it was a separate new event, once a team registered for the Spring 2019 season, the team had to create a roster for the spring season. This means that the team had to individually assign players and coaches to the new event. If the team’s primary player list and the spring event were the same, the club registrar/club admin could have simply generated a new roster and all of the players would have transferred over. Those teams which failed to assign players to the spring event soon discovered that they had no players to put on their GDR.

### *How Many Players am I Supposed to Have on My Team:*

A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a valid 11v11 team to commence play in any SJSJL

sanctioned game. If the team has less than seven (7) players, the game may not be played and it will be recorded as a forfeit. A minimum of six (6) players constitutes a valid 9v9 team to commence play, and if the team has less than six (6) players, the game may not be played and it will be recorded as a forfeit. A minimum of five (5) players constitutes a valid 7v7 team to commence play, and if the team has less than five (5) players, the game may not be played and it will be recorded as a forfeit. See Rule 6004.

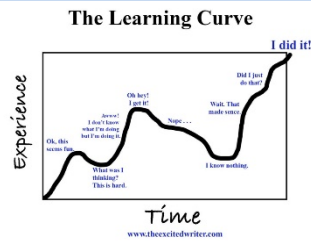
### *Do I Have Too Many Players:*

This questions comes up a lot, even though that the rule has not changed in a couple of years. Under the league rules (with US Soccer’s guidance), no U8–10 team can have more than fourteen (14) players registered at one time or on their game day roster. It may not have more than twenty (20) players registered in total to the team over the entire seasonal year. No U11–12 team can have more than eighteen (18) players registered at one time or more than sixteen (16) players on their game day roster. It may not have more than twenty-two (22) players carded to that team over the seasonal year. No U13–19 team can have more than twenty-two (22) players registered at one time or more than eighteen (18) players on their game day roster. It may not have more than twenty-eight (28) players over the seasonal year. See Rule 3001.

### *I am Having Trouble Adding Players:*

To add players to your team, first verify that you are not in violation of Rule 3001 (team size limits) and Rule 3002 (transfer player limits). Then card your player through the US Club platform and add that player to your Gotsoccer primary player list. Then complete the Player/Coach Add/Transfer form on the league website. If you added the player to your roster before completing the form, the player will appear below your spring roster as an Add, but will not appear on your GDR. Because league rosters

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are frozen during the season, players cannot be added or removed without the league registrar's approval. Once the registrar receives your player add form, he will add the player to your roster.

### *How Many Players Can I Add:*

That depends on how many players you have carded so far. See "Do I Have Too Many Players" on page 3. There is no limit on the number of new (previously uncarded to play in SJSJL) players that you can add as long as you do not exceed the team size limits (game day/active roster/seasonal year). The number of intraclub (same club, different team) transfers is also unlimited, with those same conditions. However, a player may only make an intraclub transfer once during the seasonal year. In addition, teams are limited to taking only five (5) transfer (previously carded to play in SJSJL during the seasonal year) players. See Rule 3002.

### *Can I Add Players at Any Time:*

Assuming you have satisfied the team size limitations covered above, you can add "new" players at any time up until Round 8 for league play. You can add new players after Round 8 to play in tournaments (other than the SJ Cup). You can add "transfer" players only during the transfer window. Between the fall and spring seasons, the transfer window was open until February 20th. The window was extended to February 28th for this year only. See Rule 5004. The league did allow some flexibility here.

### *How Many Player Add Requests Have There Been:*

So far, for the Spring season, there have been 523 player add (new and transfer) requests using the league approved form. There have been over a

hundred additional requests by email that were handled. This has resulted in over 2,500 email exchanges between the league registrar and teams. Between January 9<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>, there were 66 player add (new and transfer) requests. Following the extension of the deadline, in the next week, there were 146 new requests. After that, there were 311 additional requests filed through April 1<sup>st</sup>. The league was very flexible and accommodating in handling the requests, despite the high volume.

### *I Thought I Was Ready for the Spring Season:*

A review of the SJSJL Spring 2019 team rosters uncovered more problems than were expected. Out of the 478 teams playing in the spring, about 5% were expected to have errors. Instead, 261 teams (55%) were found to have one or more roster issues.

### *Missing Player US Club #s:*

There were several reasons that a team had one or more players with no pass number appearing on their spring roster and/or on their GDR. One, the team may have failed to select "USClub" in the box for Player ID Numbers. The "Default" setting automatically carries over whatever number is placed in the Player ID Number box for each player. The "USClub" setting pulls over whatever number is in the US Club # box for each player. Most teams simply used their old Gotsoccer accounts when they registered to play in SJSJL for the 2018–2019 seasonal year. As a result, those teams typically had old USYSA pass number or last year's Bonzi player numbers in the Player ID Number box. If the team left the setting on "Default", those (incorrect) numbers carried over, even if they placed the correct US Club numbers in the player's US Club box. The simple fix was to change the default setting to US Club. Some teams also chose to put the US Club pass # in both boxes to avoid the issue altogether.

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South Jersey Boys Soccer League - Spring 2019  
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All team names MUST have a 4 digit birth year at the end of the team name. For example: T

Application Information

Event: South Jersey Boys Soccer League - Spring 2019  
Confirmation#: E70971-11071989  
Date Applied: 1/12/2019 11:16:35 AM  
Last Updated: 2/22/2019 10:01:25 PM  
Group: Boys U10  
Club Name: Barrington SC  
Team Name: Union 2009  
Team State: New Jersey

Prev Year Record: Wins Losses Ties

Team Colors: Red  
Alt. Colors: White

Preferred Division: **USClub**

Player ID Numbers

Team Communication Preferences  
At least one contact below must be made available for the Team Chat and Team Contact function.

Team Contact  
 Team Coach  
 Team Manager

Guest Player Preferences  
 Allow unassigned Guest Players to email manager and coach (if available)

Save

Player [redacted]

Login Information

7/4 Player Login is Active

Username: [redacted]

Player Identification

Competition Level: Travel

Player ID #: 0203007

USClub ID #: [redacted]

Full Legal Name: [redacted]

Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: 7/4/2009

State or Association Registered: New Jersey

Additional Information

Jersey #: 58

Rating: [redacted]

School District: [redacted]

Grad Year: [redacted]

Primary Position: [redacted]

Notes (optional): [redacted]

Two, some teams simply did not put in any number in either box for the player. So obviously there was nothing to carry over. This problem continued when coaches were adding new players to their roster. And finally, some teams put in all of the correct information, but never requested permission from the league to add or update their player's info. As a result, the number stayed blank.

## How Many Numbers Should There Be:

When the Fall season started, the league was informed that all coaches passes would have a 7 digit number. We were also informed that while the US Club roster might show less numbers, the full 7 digits would appear on the coach's pass. We therefore required in the Fall that all coaches include all 7 digits on the GDR, and the referees were informed. Clearly that rule was glazed over, as we discovered at the start of the Spring season. While checking the rosters, a lot of coaches were found to only have 6 digits on their GDR. Most of the those were in error and were subsequently fixed. However,

some coaches were found to have only 6 digits in their pass number. Further contact with US Club revealed that those coaches who were previously carded might actually have only 6 digit in their pass number. Somehow this was never communicated to anyone. In the end, everyone worked together to resolve the confusion.

## My Jersey #s Will Not Update:

Some coaches were confused when they put in the player's new jersey number, but it did not correctly appear on their GDR. That is because, once again, all rosters are frozen. That means that any roster changes that you make will not carry over until approved by the league registrar.

## My Assistant Coaches Are Not Appearing on My GDR:

The league unlocked the GDR printing restriction early (normally you cannot print the GDR until 3 days prior to your game) to allow teams to check the accuracy of their GDR. Several coaches thought that there was a problem because their assistant coaches were not appearing on their GDR. The coach was not there because they were never assigned to that event. In some cases, they were never even assigned to that team. The club admin for each club is tasked with assigning each coach to a team.

Asst. Coach Information

This Application

Coach Name: Jeffrey Linstra

Address: 117 Old New York Road

City: Fort Republic

State: NJ

Zip: 08241

Country: US

Email: linstr125@comcast.net

Phone: (609) 455-8159

Mobile: [redacted]

Mobile Text: [redacted]

Fax: [redacted]

Remove

Select / Change Asst. Coach

Linstra, Jeffrey

Apply Changes to Team Profile

2nd Asst. Coach Information

This Application

No 2nd Asst. Coach is assigned for this event.

Select / Change 2nd Asst. Coach

(none)

Change

Apply Changes to Team Profile

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### *So Why Are the Rosters Frozen:*

This is a topic discussed many times with the club reps. There is still a great concern among the clubs regarding poaching, stacking teams to win flights, and the creation of “all-star” teams. As a result, there are league rules regarding team sizes, player movement, and team composition. In order to monitor player movement, it is necessary to lock rosters and to require all roster changes to be approved by the league. Notwithstanding these restrictions, there still have been instances of improper player movement.

### *Some of My Coaches Were on the List of Missing Coach Certifications:*

In NJ, all soccer coaches are required to hold a coaching license/certification. This is not a new requirement. NJYS required coaches to hold a state coaching license or a national coaching license along with the Rutgers Safety Course certification. This is because NJ law provides limited liability to coaches who complete certain courses with very specific requirements, including first aid and safety (which the state course provided but the national courses did not). When SJSJL transitioned to US Club, the league kept that requirement to protect both our players and our coaches. ALL coaches and trainers were required to upload their certificates to an online google doc in order to coach in the league. Because there was no way at the time to create a list of all coaches and match it against the uploads received, some coaches may have illegally coached during the fall season. At the start of the spring season, each roster was manually checked by the league and compared to the list of uploads received. As a result, approximately 336 coaches were found to have not uploaded their certificate into the league system. A couple of coaches were even found to have not been

licensed at all. As a result, any coaches who failed to upload their license by an imposed deadline, were suspended pending further review by the league.

### *I Had Trouble Closing My Field:*

Some clubs were confused over the proper procedure to close their fields during inclement weather. A lot of emails and phone calls were exchanged. The proper procedure is posted on the league website. Instructions are provided and a google form must be submitted each time. The form is live on the website and lists all of the field closures that we received.

### *How Do I Reschedule My Game:*

A form was placed on the league website to facilitate game reschedule requests. Remember, these are requests only, until approved by the games commissioner or the league. To date, there have already been 88 requests to reschedule games!

### *Can We Still Use Guest Players:*

Yes. In fact, there have already been 31 requests to use guest players. Remember you can only use guest players in accordance with Rule 5005. Generally, this means players from another team in your club playing in SJSJL playing in a lower flight or lower age group. You can also request to use players that are playing in your club but on a team playing in the SJSJL (girls' league).

### Guest Player Request Form

ALL teams that wish to use guest players in a SJSJL game must complete this form to request permission from the league. Guest players may not be used until expressly approved by the league on a game by game basis.

You must comply with SJSJL Rule 5005 to use guest players. The approval granted here does not mean you have complied with the rules.

Submission of this form does NOT guarantee approval.

If approval is granted, a Game Day Roster Addendum form will be emailed to you. This form must be used to add the guest players. Guest player information will be pre-ordered on the Addendum form, and not the GDR. Guest players may not be added using the GotSoccer system. Neither the GDR or the Addendum form may be written on.

Requests must be received no later than 3:00pm on the Friday before a Sunday game, or at least 48 hrs before any other game. Late requests will NOT be granted.

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

Your last name \*

Your answer

Your first name \*

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On March 27, 2019, the Palmyra Riverton Soccer Club was the proud recipient of a brand new automated external defibrillator (“AED”) for Legion Field donated by the Heroes Foundation NJ. “The Heroes Foundation NJ is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide the necessary tools and education to our communities in an effort to combat the loss of life through sudden cardiac arrest.” For more information on the Heroes Foundation, visit [heroesfoundationnj.com](http://heroesfoundationnj.com).

**Local Star**

Brenden Aaronson, formerly of Medford SC (playing in SJSL), later joined the Union Academy, and at 17 signed a professional contract with the Philadelphia Union. He received his first call up and scored his first goal against Atlanta United FC on March 17, 2019. The Union tied the game 1-1. Great goal Brenden!

**SOCCER GOAL SAFETY**

**Warning!**  
Never allow anyone to climb on or hang on soccer goals or nets. Goals can fall over causing serious injury or death.