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Scholarship Applications



Every year, SJSL awards one or more scholarships to applicants based on academic achievement, school activities, participation in the SJSL, participation in other sports, and community service. Applicants are not selected solely because of soccer ability or achievements in soccer. To be eligible, applicants must have participated in the SJSL for boys for at least four years and graduate high school in spring 2017 with plans to continue their adult education. All applicants participating in other leagues and not fulfilling the four year participation requirement in the SJSL will not be considered. A preference is given to players who play in SJSL for Div. 1&2. Payments are tendered directly to the winner(s) choice of school. For more information, go to the league website at www.sjsl.org.

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Open Board Position:



SJSL has one open position on the Executive Board. The league is looking for someone with website or computer programming experience to join the board in the position of First Trustee. The trustee position will be tasked with assisting in updating/revising the league website, improving league communications, assisting in the team ratings process, and other tasks as needed by the EBoard. Interested individuals should contact Bob Cooper at vp@sjsl.org for an application.

Mercy Rule Violations



There were over a dozen mercy rule violations this season, almost double the regular amount. Remember the maximum goal differential allowed is six (6) goals. If the first half ends with a greater goal differential or at any time during the second half it reaches seven (7), the referee will stop the game and report the game as a mercy rule violation. The head coach will be fined and suspended according to league rules, and the team will be ineligible to win the flight championship.





League Rule Changes You Might Have Missed

Rule 2003(c) – If a club misses three (3) general membership meetings over the course of the last twelve (12) months, the club will be declared ineligible for play in the next immediate playing season and shall be required to appear before the Executive Board for review.

Rule 3002 – All teams may now add up to five (5) transfer players from another club to their roster during a seasonal year. New players, not previously carded to a team during the seasonal year, do not count as transfer players. Intraclub transfers also do not count toward the transfer limitation.

Rule 5004(a) – defines the transfer window as December 1st of the current year to February 20th of the next year for the fall window, and June 1st to August 1st of the current year for the spring window.

Rule 5004(d) – the deadline to add players is now Rd 8.

Rule 6008(b) – A regularly scheduled game may be canceled due to unplayable conditions by the club rep for the Home team by contacting the appropriate Games Commissioner prior to 8:00 am on the day of the game.



FIFA LOTG Changes for Spring 2017

As many of you know, FIFA adopted a comprehensive revision of the Laws of the Game. Those rule revisions will go into effect this coming Spring 2017 season. Some of the rule changes and/or clarifications include:

Law 5 – a player injured by a yellow/red card offense may be quickly assessed and treated and remain on the field.

Law 8 – the ball must clearly move to be in play for all kicked starts. The ball may be played in any direction.

Law 11 – a player's arms are not considered when judging an offside position. The halfway line is also neutral. The ball is spotted at the point where the offense occurs.

A reminder – where a buildout line is applicable, it must be located halfway between midfield and the penalty area. The buildout line, rather than midfield, on those fields determines the offside position.



Law 12 – if a denying an obvious goal scoring offense occurs in the penalty area and a PK is awarded, the player receives a yellow card. If the offense is holding or pushing, no attempt is made to play the ball or the offense is punishable by a red card if it had occurred anywhere else on the field, a red card is given.

Law 12 - attempted violent conduct, even without any actual contact, results in a red card.

Law 16 - a goal may be scored directly from a goal kick but only against the opposing team.

SJSJL will go over this information again before the start of the Spring 2017 season!

SJSL Executive Board

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Important Spring Information:



Important dates for the Spring 2017 season were previously announced:

December 3, 2016	Online registration opened
January 4, 2017	Registration closes
January 12, 2017	Invoices sent out
January 24, 2017	Registration meeting
February 3, 2017	Ratings posted for comment
February 5, 2017	Ratings removed
February 28, 2017	Game schedules posted
March 12, 2017	Round 1

Spring Registration Fees:

Returning teams – \$120

New team fees (same as Fall fees):

- \$335 for D1 /D2
- \$285 for U13–U14
- \$260 for U11–U12
- \$235 for U8–U10

“Failure happens all the time. It happens every day in practice. What makes you better is how you react to it.”

Mia Hamm

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