



# SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## 2018 Scholarship Winners!



This year, SJSL is presenting scholarships to three very deserving players:

- Daniel Green, graduating from Rancocas Valley Regional H.S.
  - Played for the Mt. Laurel United Spartans
  - Planning to attend Johns Hopkins, Georgia Tech or Duke in the fall.
- Brett Towers, graduating from Williamstown H.S.
  - Played for Pittsgrove, Barrington and Monroe Twp.
  - Planning to attend Widener University in the fall.
- Steven Kinginer, graduating from Cedar Creek H.S.
  - Played for Mullica Twp., Egg Harbor Twp., and Hamilton Twp.
  - Planning to attend Georgetown University in the fall.

Each awardee will be receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

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## Online Fall Registration!



Online Fall 2018 team registration will open on June 1, 2018 and close on July 2, 2018. A team registration link to the GotSoccer platform will soon be posted on the league website. The registration fee for the Fall season has been reduced to \$80 per team.

If you have already uploaded your team information into BlueStar, you will be able to export your data to a form (not including pictures) that can be uploaded into the Sports Engine US Club platform. The form and more information will be posted on the league website as we get closer to registration.

Remember, you do not have to wait to upload your Fall rosters into GotSoccer. There is no fee to begin organizing your rosters now.

## Rules Committee



In an effort to keep our coaches informed and to keep our Rules relevant, SJSL will be creating a Rules Committee. The Committee will be comprised of coaches, club reps and other interested parties who have the time and desire to help improve the process.

The intent is to improve the education of our coaches and to review our rules and to update and/or revise them to meet the needs of our membership. Committee members will serve a 1 year term. The Committee will make periodic recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the rules.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please go to the [www.sjsl.org](http://www.sjsl.org) website and click on the link on the Home page and complete the Google form. Committee size will depend on the number of applicants.

## And the Answer is?



The answer to the most often voiced question is – yes, we will be providing additional training, webinars, handbooks, instructions, and new support contact numbers to help everyone through the upcoming transitions for the Fall 2018 season. No worries.

The answer to the second most often voiced question is – no, we will not be changing our PDI for the 2018–19 season. We will continue to follow the small-sided guidelines previously announced and integrated over the last two years.

## New Website



SJSL will be transitioning to a new website hosted by GotSoccer for the 2018–2019 seasonal year.

The new website will continue to offer important links and resources for our member clubs, coaches, players and parents. We will continue to post our meeting minutes, power points, newsletters, contact information, game schedules and other important material on the new website.

The league will also use the GotSoccer game scheduling software to set up the game schedules beginning with the Fall 2018 season. Because GotSoccer is linked with Arbiter, the game schedules will automatically populate to Arbiter and hopefully solve any posting conflicts that we may have experienced in the past.

GotSoccer will also offer GotSoccer “points” for league games beginning with the Fall 2018 season.

## Team Names



Please remember to follow a consistent team naming format for your teams for the Fall 2018 registration.

Team names must end with the birth year of the oldest player rostered to that team. For example: “Philadelphia Union 2006”. The number must come at the end of the team name and be a 4 digit year.

## Guest Players



The pilot program to accept the use of guest players in league games was continued into the Spring 2018 season. The program will be evaluated at the end of the season to determine if it should be continued for the Fall 2018 season.

To date (through May 11<sup>th</sup>), 70 requests were filed to use guest players. 57 requests were approved. Some requests for denied because they were filed too late, the team that the players were coming from did not play in the same club, or even in SJSJL, it was a duplicate request, or because the requested players were not actually carded. The head coach filed 54 of the requests, and 16 of the requests were filed by a club rep.

The requests came from 23 different clubs (approximately 32.8% of our total number of clubs), and from 41 different teams (only 8.3% of our total teams). Most of the requests (26) came from the U11 age group. April 8<sup>th</sup> had the most requests (17). So far, only five teams have used all 3 of their allowed requests.



## New Law



Congress enacted a new law, the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017,” which became effective Feb. 14, 2018.

US Club Soccer has posted an informative update explaining:

- The bill amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 to extend the duty to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours to all adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes by a national governing body, a member of a national governing body, or an amateur sports organization that participates in interstate or international amateur athletic competition. These individuals are called “covered individuals” in the new legislation.
- Child abuse is defined as physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or negligent treatment of a child.
- Per current federal regulations, reports of child abuse should be made to the local law enforcement agency or local child protective services agency that has jurisdiction to investigate reports of child abuse or to protect child abuse victims or to the FBI. These regulations have not yet been updated to reflect the recent change in the law. Until such time as the regulations are updated, U.S. Soccer will make reports to (1) local law enforcement where any alleged incident took place to the extent it can be determined and the incident occurred in the United States, (2) local law enforcement where the victim resides if different than (1), and (3) the FBI.
- An individual who is required, but fails, to report suspected child sexual abuse is subject to criminal penalties including fines and up to one year in jail.
- These obligations are in addition to any state law requirements that an individual may have in a particular jurisdiction.

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## Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 13 Deadline to schedule all TBRs
- May 17 SJSL GM meeting 8:00pm Hotel ML
- June 1 Online Fall Registration Opens
- June 3 Final games
- June 11 SJSL GM meeting 8:00pm Hotel ML
- July 2 Online Fall Registration Closes
- July 6 Registration invoices sent out
- July 17 In person registration 6:00–8:00pm La Quinta Inn (Tuesday)
- July 20 Ratings posted for comment
- July 22 Comment period closed
- Sept 4 Mandatory Coaches' Meeting U8–U11
- Sept 5 Mandatory Coaches' Meeting U12 & Up
- Sept 9 Fall Round 1 Games
- Oct 7 Columbus Day weekend
- Oct 18 SJSL GM meeting 8:00pm Hotel ML
- Nov 18 Fall Round 10 Games
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving weekend
- Dec 2 Makeup games
- Dec 13 SJSL GM meeting 8:00pm Hotel ML



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