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## US Club Carding



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SJSL has moved to US Club carding for the upcoming 2018–19 seasonal year. The league determined that it was in the best interests of its membership, teams, coaches and players to transition to a more efficient, reliable and professional platform.

All carding for the upcoming Fall 2018 season should be done through the US Club link on the league website. Only US Club passes will be accepted for league games. Two important reminders – **(1)** do not print your player passes until after July 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure that you will receive the new US Soccer “one number” pass (this same pass ID number will stay with the player throughout their youth playing career), and **(2)** do not print your passes until after you register and are accepted into the league (thus guaranteeing your team the lower \$15 rate). More information on carding and FAQs is available on the US Club website, [www.usclubsoccer.org](http://www.usclubsoccer.org).

Details regarding webinars and additional training will be released soon!

## Getting Carded



US Club registration requires the completion of a Youth Player Registration Form & Medical Treatment Authorization Form (which must be kept for 5 yrs). For teams playing in SJSL, player pass fees will be \$15 per player for the 2018–19 seasonal year.

To be carded as a coach, coaches must complete the US Club “Sideline Sports Doc” online safety training course (\$5), submit a Background Screening Application (\$18), and then request a Staff Card (\$25). So the practical cost will be \$48, however, staff/coach passes are good for 2 yrs. In addition, beginning July 1, 2018, in conjunction with recent federal legislation, US Club will also require coaches to complete free online training which consists of three modules covering the following subjects: sexual abuse, hazing, bullying, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, harassment (non-sexual) as well as reporting obligations.

Once teams register with the league “event” through GotSoccer, team roster size limitations and playing up restrictions will come into play.

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## Dual Carding



When the issue of dual carding was originally raised, it was done with the concern that SJSJL would be using the same cards as other competing leagues. With the recent disclosure that this is no longer true (we are essentially swapping platforms), dual carding is not as much of an issue.

Nonetheless, SJSJL will allow clubs/teams to dual card players using US Club cards, with the following understanding. Players may not be dual carded to play on more than one team registered to play in SJSJL. Where there is a conflict between two or more teams regarding carding a given player (ie. one team refuses to allow a player to be dual carded), US Club will leave the final decision up to the parents. It is not a league issue.

## Coaching licenses?



For the Fall 2018 season, SJSJL will continue to recognize any USSF grassroots or higher license and the NJYS license certificates. A license is still required. The league is also hoping to roll out its new certification for coaches focusing on league procedures, laws of the game, first aid and injuries, and team management. The league recognizes that many new coaches lack soccer playing or coaching experience and we want to provide them with an opportunity to learn as much as they can about their responsibilities as a coach as well as teaching techniques and positional play.

## Carding? Transfers?



All carding applications will go through US Club Soccer. The league will not be involved in the carding process and will have no ability to go in and modify or approve applications. US Club has a paid staff to handle all player and coach registrations.

All transfers, with respect to carding, also go through US Club. Players transferring from one team to another team within the same club are not considered to be transfer players by US Club. Following current practice, SJSJL will continue to restrict transfers within a club to only once during the seasonal year. A team attempting to card a player that is already carded to play on another team in SJSJL will not be permitted to print the new card. The first team will be contacted by US Club to release the player, and if released, the new card will be approved. If the team/club fails to respond to the release request, US Club will release the player to the new club to minimize the number of games that the player misses.

Once the player is carded to the new team, the team must contact the League Registrar to unfreeze the league roster so that the player can be added to the league event and play in league games.



## Insurance



All US Club Soccer-registered youth players, coaches and staff members are covered by an accident insurance policy. The current policy also covers approved international travel. US Club Soccer's member clubs, teams and leagues, and its registered member players and staff members are also insured for US Club Soccer youth activities by a general liability policy.

If your club or facility is in need of a Certificate of Insurance (COI), complete the appropriate form (available at <http://usclubsoccer.org/members-area/insurance/>) and submit it to your regional administrator (Karla Dalton at [AdminRegionA@usclubsoccer.org](mailto:AdminRegionA@usclubsoccer.org)). Forms will be available shortly on the league website. Please allow a minimum of three business days for processing. Remember that youth membership COIs are valid for a calendar year (Jan through Dec) and are issued for the upcoming year beginning in December. So for this winter season, you would need one for Jan 2018 – Dec 2018 and Jan 2019 – Dec 2019.

If you have insurance questions, you can contact [insurancequestions@usclubsoccer.org](mailto:insurancequestions@usclubsoccer.org).



## Can't Wait to Get Started?



If you are anxious to begin exploring the US Club Soccer registration process, there are several resources available on the US Club website.

Registration tutorials and webinars –  
<http://support.kyck.com/>

Youth player registration forms –  
<http://usclubsoccer.org/resources/forms-documents/>

Player picture editor – <https://pixlr.com/editor/>

Staff registration page –  
<http://usclubsoccer.org/registration/staff/>

Safe Sport Training – <https://www.safesport.org/>

Sideline Sports Doc course –  
<http://usclubsoccer.sidelinesportsdoc.com/>

Background Screening –  
<https://usclubsoccer.sportngin.com/register/form/502067227>

Registration FAQ Webinar –  
<http://usclubsoccer.org/registration/registration-platform-webinars/>



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## Committees



SJSL is looking for interested coaches, club reps, and/or any other individuals with the time and desire to volunteer their time to serve on one of several new committees.

**Rules Committee** – designed to educate coaches on leagues rules and procedures, this committee will review the league rules and make proposals to the Executive Board to revise, modify and/or improve the process.

**Coaching Education Committee** – designed to assist in the development of a curriculum for coaching education, this committee will help to design league training materials and coaching education training sessions.

**League Cup Committee** – designed to develop a league cup format, this committee will help to develop a league cup platform that is geared toward the competition in the SJSL.

To volunteer for one or more committees, go to [www.sjsl.org](http://www.sjsl.org) and click on the Committee link in the upper right hand corner.