

Welcome back to soccer!

SJGSL FALL 2020

What are we going to cover?

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- COVID pre match check in procedure
- Laws of the Game changes (the notable ones)
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DON'T FORGET THIS HAPPENED!!



Soccer during and after COVID-19

For a long time we have been inside, not allowed to play soccer, not allowed to coach. Well we are back, and we are doing everything in our power to make sure your players and staff have a safe and enjoyable experience this fall. We expect all clubs to enforce and abide by all COVID guidelines put in place by their local authority. If your local club or township mandates something specific, please be proactive and reach out to your opponent and make sure all the requirements are met. If waivers or any certification is required, please pass that information along. If you're traveling to another club please reach out before heading out so you are aware of what you're in front of. If we work together we can make this an amazing season!

What can you expect from us?

- We are here for you! If you are having a COVID issue with your team, have your Club Rep contact us. We are not here to penalize people for circumstances out of everyone's control.
- Do not try and take advantage of the leniency, people snitch, we always find out!
- We are NOT mandating how clubs set up their fields. If they choose to set up with teams and spectators on each side of the field that is fine, or if they choose to set up in the classic format, also fine!
- We will notify the league if any information comes out from the NJDOH regarding increased or decreased restrictions regarding match day.
- Our goal is to get as many games played during the season without endangering the players, staff, or their families. We are shooting for a full season, but hey...its 2020!

Now how are we going to do this?

COVID Check-in procedure

- Coach will retain all passes during check in and entire match. Passes **MUST** be physically present at the field. Digital passes **WILL NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.
- Coach will read the names of all players and staff, one at a time and show the official the corresponding pass. That player will raise her hand when called. Same process also repeated for all coaches.
- Coaches will retain all GDR for a period of one year in case the league needs to reference it.
- Referees will inspect all player equipment as normal.
- Coach will still pay for the officials with cash during check in.
- Coin toss will be one representative from each team and the Referee only.

LOTG CHANGES THAT MATTER TO US.

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- Handball (handling)- IFAB has rewritten the handball language to reflect several changes.
 - First, handball is now judged from the tip of the fingers to the bottom of the armpit.
 - Handball committed during the build-up to a goal will cause the goal to be called back.
 - If a player is sliding or falling and an arm is used to brace them, contact between the ball and that arm will not be considered handball.
 - If a player is considered to be making themselves bigger with their arms, it will be considered handball.
 - A ball coming off of another body part or close opponent and contacting the area will not be considered handball.

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- Goal Kick: IFAB has rewritten this to reflect that the ball no longer needs to leave the penalty area to be considered “in play.”
 - 11v11 – U13 and up: Players from the defending team must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked and clearly moves.
 - 9v9 – U11-U12: Players from the defending team must remain outside the penalty area until the ball leaves the penalty area or is touched by a second member of the kicking team inside the penalty area.
 - 7v7 – U8-U10: Players from the defending team must remain behind the Buildout Line until the ball leaves the penalty area or is touched by a second member of the kicking team inside the penalty area.

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- Decision by the winner of the coin toss. IFAB has reverted to the format many were used to for as long as I have played the game.
 - Winner of the coin toss may choose either which direction they will attack or to have the kickoff for the beginning of the first half.
- Remember that a dropped ball is no longer contested. It is taken by one (1) member of the team last in possession of the ball. Opposing players must remain a minimum of 4.5m (5yd) away.
 - Dropped ball will now be awarded if the ball hits the referee during the run of play and possession changes, a promising attack is lost, or the other team begins a promising attack.

League Rule changes, temporary and permanent...

- **Permanent:**

- Club pass players may be requested or changed after the start of the season, but may take up to ninety six (96) hours to process.
- Requested CP players may not be used until added to the teams roster by the league admin.
- Unlimited substitution on any stoppage U11 and above.
- NJYS State Certificate issued after 12/31/2020 will not be accepted for coaching.
- U8-U10 may have three (3) referees if those matches back up to others where a three (3) referee crew is already assigned. We made this change to provide as many possible matches for young referees to learn as possible. Please be aware of the referee fees prior to each match.
- U7 players may play up on a U8 team. As long as the team consists of at least 51% age appropriate players.

- **Temporary:**

- Pre-match check in procedure.

LEAGUE COMMUNICATIONS

WE WILL BE USING THE EMAIL ADDRESSES IN GOTSOCCER FOR ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH COACHES, CLUB PRESIDENTS, AND CLUB REPS.

- **FOR CLUB REPS, ALTERNATE CLUB REPS, AND PRESIDENTS; USE EITHER THE "PRESIDENT" OR THE "SJSJL GIRLS" DESIGNATIONS IN YOUR CLUBS GOTSOCCER ACCOUNTS ONLY.**
- **OUR BLAST EMAILS THROUGH GOTSOCCER GO ONLY TO THESE DESIGNATIONS.**
- **ANY OTHER DESIGNATION WILL NOT RECEIVE OUR EMAILS SENT TO REPS AND PRESIDENTS.**

SJ CUP

- 2020/2021 SJ CUP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.
- FOR THE 20/21 SEASON SJGSL WILL PRESENT SJ CUP TO BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS.
- REGISTRATION LINK FOR SJ CUP CAN BE FOUND ON [SJGSL.ORG](https://www.sjgsl.org)
- REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
- PAYMENTS FOR CUP CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE.

2021 SJGSL SELECT

- **OPENING SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS IN END OF OCTOBER.**
- **2011-2007 PLAYERS ACCEPTED FOR TRYOUT**
- **TRYOUTS DATES WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE NEAR FUTURE
ONCE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INDOOR FACILITIES
BECOMES AVAILABLE.**
- **LOOKING FOR COACHES WITH NATIONAL LICENSES AND
EXTENSIVE TRAINING EXPERIENCE.**
- **HAD A GOOD SHOWING THIS SUMMER EVEN WITH COVID**
- **EXCITED FOR NEXT YEAR!!**

Club Pass Refresher...

- Each team may request through their club rep, the ability to use Club Pass (CP) players. The Club Rep, or President should submit the online form no later than the Wednesday prior to the first round of matches.
- Requests may be submitted at any time during the season but may take up to ninety six (96) hours to process. Players may not be used until added to the getsoccer roster by SJGSL
- Small sided teams (U8-U12) may have a max of three (3) CP players at any time.
- Full sided teams (U13 and up) may have a max of four (4) CP players at any time.

Meet the Board

- President: Heather Talarico - served on the SJGSL E-Board for 5 years, and has been the President of Maple Shade Soccer Club for more than 10 years. Current U19 coach and USSF Referee. Chair of SJ Cup!
- Vice President/Treasurer: Pete Adams – SJGSL board member for over 20 years. Former SJGSL coach.
- Recording Secretary: Jen Storer - – HYSC coach from 1995-2016 and served on their board from 1997 – present. SJGSL Board member for over 10 years as secretary and games commissioner.
- Registrar: Jeff Elliot – joined the SJGSL board in 2020, Pal-Riv E-board since 2003, Pal Riv SC coach 2002-present, both boys and girls.
- Referees/Rules: Austin Barr – served on SJGSL E-Board for 4 years, in current role for 3. Director of Coaching for Maple Shade Soccer Club. Current coach in SJ and USSF Referee. Chair of SJ Select, SJ coaching course instructor.
- Games Commissioners –
 - D1/2 – Adam Pearlman- joined SJGSL board in 2020, coach with VSA for 22 years, served on VSA board several times in different roles. SJGSL Summer Select coach and SJ Cup committee member.
 - D3 – Jen Storer – HYSC coach from 1995-2016 and served on their board from 1997 – present. SJGSL Board member for over 10 years as secretary and games commissioner.
 - D4 – Barry Fitzgerald - served on SJGSL E- Board for 4 years, USSF Referee, Marlton soccer commissioner for 5 years.
 - D5 – Rob Barr – serving on SJGSL E-Board for over 10 years as D5 games commissioner. Former President of PYAA soccer for over 5 years. Current USSF Referee.
- General Secretary: Steve Peterson – Harrison coach
- SJGSL Administrator: Mike V – Admin for 3 years, former coach and board member of TBAA for over 20 years.
- Member at Large Matt Palladinetti – Joined board in 2020, Logan SC VP U14 girls coach.

Just in case anyone forgot!!



Additional notes from other board member reports.

- Registrar Report:
 - All teams approved in Sports engine as of meeting.
 - Teams need to confirm correct pass numbers on got soccer roster so they will be correct on the GDR.
- Coaching Licenses:
 - Coaches registered for SJGSL, who have not uploaded their coaching certification yet have been contacted.
 - Jen will start suspending coaches after the holiday until their documents are submitted to the form on the website.

Additional notes from other board member reports continued...

- President:
 - USCLUB: coaches waiting for background check clearance for more than two weeks should reach out to Heather.
 - SJ CUP: will be run under SJGSL for the 20/21 tournament. The link for registration can be found on sjgsl.org.
 - Coaching education: we have certified 211 coaches as of the time of the meeting between both leagues. Still have a couple classes open.
 - New Coaches Meeting and Packet: many interested coaches for the meeting, Heather and Austin will meet with new coaches on zoom to discuss packet and answer questions. For a zoom invite please contact Heather.

Additional notes from other board member reports continued...

- Admin Report:
 - Club Pass: requests need to be in no later than the Wednesday before the first round of games. (September 9, 2020) The request MUST be submitted by the club rep, coaches requests will not be honored.
 - Emails: please put team name, age and game number if possible in subject line of email. Please check with your club rep before contacting Mike, usually they have the answer. And please don't reply to the GotSoccer email address because we don't receive those emails.
 - Let Mike know if your fields are closed by 9am. If you use several fields please reference which games are cancelled.
 - TBR's need to be scheduled within two weeks of the start of the season. Also reschedules need to be done within two weeks of the cancelled game. Not played, just scheduled.

Meeting Q&A

- Q: Can all player passes be on one sheet now?
- A: Passes still need to be like they always have, cut individually and laminated.

- Q: Since this is being recorded, can it be posted on the website?
- A: The power point will be posted.

- Q: Will there be coaching trainings in the winter for coaches who hold F licenses?
- A: There will be classes over the winter, there will be Level 1 and Level 2 courses scheduled. Check the SJGSL website for updates.

- Q: Do we have to pay 3 refs if you assign them to us for U10?
- A: Yes, all referees assigned to the match must be paid.

- Q: What time do we need to notify on Saturday if we are shutting fields?
- A: 9 am and please include what fields and which games are effected.

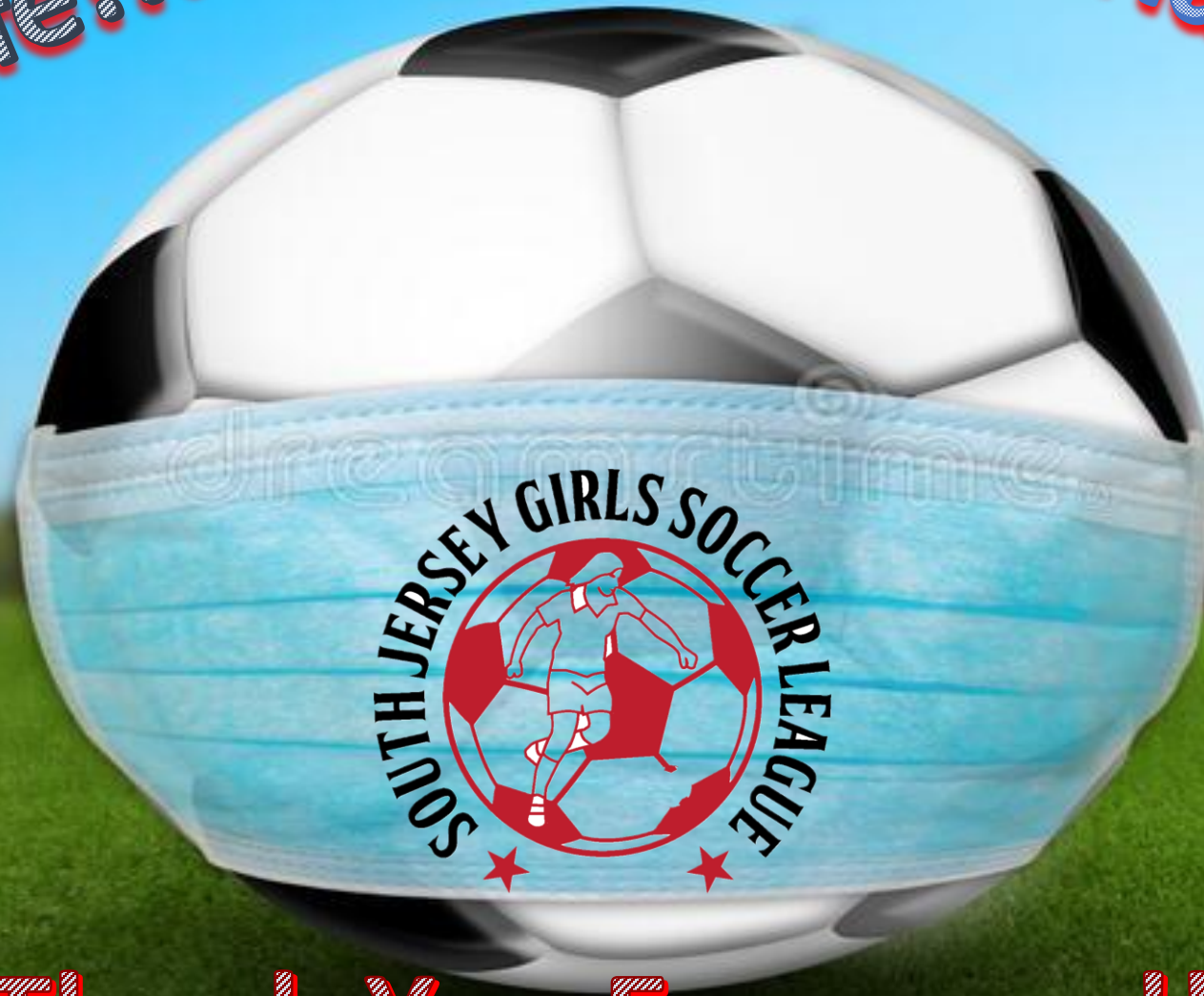
- Q: Will the coaches that need to update their licenses be notified?
- A: No update is needed but they need to upload their license. Presidents and/or club reps will be notified if a coach does not have their license uploaded.

Meeting Q&A continued...

- Q: What is so bad about the F license that the league won't accept it?
- A: We decided 2 years ago that we would have our own classes since we are no longer affiliated with NJYS. Our class has parts that are specific to our leagues and satisfies the NJ Little League Law.
- Q: Are there rules in place with parents needing to be a certain distance from coaches and players?
- A: If teams are at opposite side of the field, the technical area should be clearly marked and spectators should be a minimum of 6 feet away.
- Q: Since ZOOM works so well, can future meetings be ZOOM so people don't have to travel so far?
- A: We are considering it, but often need to meet with club reps and coaches at least one time per season.
- Q: Can you explain the club pass rules again?
- A: They are stated on the website under the Rules and Forms tab.
- Q: Do NJYS F or E licenses need to be renewed?
- A: No unless they were taken after December 31st, 2019.

Stay Safe!!!

Have Fun!!!



Thank You Everyone!!!