



Welcome back to soccer!

# SJGSL FALL 2020

# What are we going to cover?

- Soccer during and after COVID
- What can you expect from us
- COVID pre match check in procedure
- Laws of the Game changes (the notable ones)
- League Rule changes, temporary and permanent
- Club Pass refresher
- Meet your board
- Final thoughts

**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.
- 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.
- Coach will still pay for the officials in the normal matter.
- 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 – U3 and up: Players from the defending team must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked and clearly moves.
  - 9v9 – U1-U2: 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.





# 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 -
- Recording Secretary: Jen Storer -
- Registrar: Jeff Elliot -
- 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-
  - D3 – Jen Storer -
  - D4 – Barry Fitzgerald
  - 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
- SJGSL Administrator: Mike V -



**Just in case anyone forgot!!**



**Stay Safe!!!**

**Have Fun!!!**

