



SJGSL NEW COACHES PACKET PLUS GAME DAY QUICK REFERENCE PROCEDURES

Some club reps do all of the registration and carding for teams while others require coaches to do this on their own. Here are some steps for those who need it as a guide.

1. **Team Registration:** The link to register your team for each season can be found on our website - www.sjgsl.org.
2. **Coaches Certifications:** All coaches (both Head and Assistant) must be licensed and/or certified to receive a US Club Soccer Coach Pass to coach SJGSL teams.

To coach a team playing in SJGSL, all head and assistant coaches must hold a coaching license or coaching certificate. SJGSL has developed a Level 1 certification course for new coaches and a Level 2 course for coaches seeking more coaching instruction. The two courses are described below. For the Fall 2021 season and beyond, SJGSL prefers coaching education courses which include sufficient material to satisfy the Rutgers Safety Course certificate. The Rutgers Safety Course requirement is to ensure that coaches receive the limited liability protection provided under the New Jersey Little League Law. However, as the decision whether to qualify for this limited liability protection is personal to each staff member and that member's club, SJGSL will accept any of the following coaching licenses:

- NJYS F (only if obtained before 1/1/2020)
- NJYS E (only if obtained before 1/1/2020)
- USSF National E, D, C, B, A
- United Soccer Coaches (Formerly NSCAA)
- National Diploma, Advanced National Diploma or higher
- South Jersey Coaching Certificate Level 1
- South Jersey Coaching Certificate Level 2
- U.S. Soccer Grassroots - Small-sided (7v7 or 9v9) and Full-sided (11v11) (Coach must complete at least one small-sided level and the full-sided level before being approved to coach in our league)
- No purely ONLINE courses will be accepted
- Further information is available on our website

3. Coaches - US Club Pass Requirements for SJGSL:

For the 2023-24 registration year (August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024), one is registered with US Club Soccer when the following requirements are completed and current:

Requirement:	To be completed by:	Timeframe/Notes:
Purchase of US Club Soccer staff registration / membership	Club / member org registrar	A <u>2023-24</u> registration / membership is needed.
Background screening	Person being registered	Completed and passed on or after June 1, 2023.

SafeSport training	Person being registered	Completed on or after June 1, 2023.
Disqualification review	Person being registered & US Club Soccer	Self-certification by person being registered (once), then verified internally by US Club Soccer.
Coaching License for SJGSL	Person being registered	Upload coaching license for SJGSL

Once the org admin/club registrar adds a person to GotSport with a role of Coach or Manager (catch-all for anyone who is not a coach) and affiliation of US Club, the applicable requirements will be available via the dashboard of that person being registered. Also, a GotSport account will be created for that person if one does not already exist.

To access your dashboard and requirements, please be sure you log into your GotSport account using the same email address used by your org admin/club registrar. ([Help article: How to log in](#))

Additional information regarding US Club staff registration: <https://www.usclubsoccer.org/registration-staff>

4. **Adding Players:** First, the club registrar will add the new player in the GotSport platform to the team then purchase the US Club Membership, which can take 2 to 3 days. Once approved, print the new pass with the SJGSL logo on it. Second, add the new player onto your league roster.
5. **Coaches Mandatory Meeting:** SJGSL holds two coaches meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring. These meetings are mandatory; they are a brief review of the upcoming season, any new LOTG changes, etc.
6. **Game Rescheduling Policy/TBR:** Some teams will receive TBRs when the schedule is released (the dates will say December for fall season and July for spring season). Please start contacting the opposing coach immediately to reschedule these games. Once both teams agree on a date/time, email Mike @ sigslad@gmail.com, with all of the details.
7. **Mercy Rule:** If the goal differential becomes +7 or more at any point during the second half of play, the coaches will be asked if they wish the game to be continued. If both coaches agree to terminate the match, the referee shall do so, and report the time and score when the match was terminated. If either or both of the coaches wishes the game to continue then the referee shall allow it to continue.

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1. Email opposing coach or use the GotSport chat feature about 3-5 days prior to the game (some coaches do this as soon as the schedule comes out) to discuss uniform colors, game location/GPS Address and field requirements for visiting teams (Covid waivers, bathrooms, etc.). It is also a good idea to exchange cell phone numbers in case there are any last minute changes due to weather etc.
2. About 3 days before a game, download the GAME DAY ROSTER from GotSport. Ensure all of your players are on the GDR; all players have a jersey number and US CLUB pass number. Also, ensure all of the coaches are on there with their US CLUB pass number.
3. Things needed for Game Day:
 - a. Laminated coach/player passes
 - b. Printed Game Day Roster
 - c. Referee Fees

d. SJGSL Fact Sheet

- 4. The referee is responsible for reporting the score in GotSport. Both teams should check to see if the score was reported by noon on the Monday after the game and, if not reported, email the league to report the score and the league will formally enter it.** Both teams are also asked to do a referee evaluation, the link can be found on our website: www.sjgsl.org.

Austin and Heather are always available on Game Day. If there are any issues/questions, feel free to call either of them.

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