


We will start shortly...

Please ensure you are muted, we will explain how to sign in.

The background of the slide is a dense field of 3D-rendered numbers in various shades of blue and white. The numbers are scattered across the frame, creating a sense of depth and movement. Some numbers are larger and more prominent, while others are smaller and recede into the background. The overall effect is a vibrant, data-oriented aesthetic.

# Spring 2022 Mandatory Meeting

(It's not as bad as it sounds and  
we are giving away money!)



# Plan for the Evening

- ◆ Scholarships – lets give these exceptional student athletes some \$\$\$\$!!!
- ◆ Welcome: Heather – state of the league and things to know
  - ◆ Coffee With a Board Member
- ◆ Admin: Mike V – Spring check in, important dates, words of wisdom
- ◆ Referees: Marc – Referee information and the way forward
- ◆ SJ Cup: Heather – Info and reminders for the semi-finals and finals
- ◆ Coaching Education: Austin/Heather – Certification numbers and update
- ◆ SJYS Summer Select: Austin – teams, exciting news, and future plans
- ◆ Registration: Jeff – Approved teams, any issues?
- ◆ HS 7v7: Matt – Its your baby, you can tell us all about it.
- ◆ Games Commissioners: Jen, Rob, Barry, Adam – Thoughts for your age groups? Behavior issues etc.
- ◆ Anything we forgot...or just questions. Either is fine.

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# This year we are awarding these scholarships in honor of Pete Adams...

- ◆ Pete was a board member for more than 30 years with SJGSL, and served many roles during his time on the board.
- ◆ He was truly committed to developing youth soccer, and gave all of himself to our board and our league year after year.
- ◆ Pete represented, in no small way, the selflessness we as board members strive to achieve, and the desire to make all decisions in the interest of all players. He knew his input would help shape youth soccer for years to come, yet embraced that responsibility with reverence. SJGSL was incredibly lucky to have had him.
- ◆ Let's get to the awards.



# Avery Patrick

- ◆ Senior at Gateway Regional High School
- ◆ Ranked 10 of 152
- ◆ 4.07 GPA
- ◆ Played in SJGSL since 2012, played all four years at Gateway, team captain her senior year.
- ◆ One recommendation letter stated, “Avery is dedicated, motivated, team-oriented, extremely intelligent, and driven to be the best, who is a joy to be around.”



# Nicolette Del Re

- ◆ Senior at Camden Catholic High School
- ◆ Ranked 7 of 167
- ◆ 4.7 GPA
- ◆ Played in SJGSL for 7 years with CHSC and CHFC, played all four years at CCHS, also played lacrosse.
- ◆ In one of her letters of recommendation it was said that “Nicki took time away from her busy school, work, and athletic schedule to volunteer countless hours helping Cherry Hill Soccer Club with field setup, tournament tasks, and mentoring young players in the recreation program”.

# Meredith Waropay

- ◆ Senior at Seneca High School
- ◆ Ranked 1 of 268
- ◆ 6.0 GPA
- ◆ Played in SJGSL for 11 years with Rancocas Valley, Indian Mills, and Marlton played all four years at Seneca.
- ◆ In one of her letters of recommendation the director of Color A Smile said “Meredith was very enthusiastic about donating more of her time and working more closely with them as she provided over 14 pages for their website. She is a hardworking, creative, and fun person”



We want to offer our CONGRATULATIONS to  
our three award winners!!!

◆ **Avery Patrick**

◆ **Nicolette Del Re**

◆ **Meredith Waropay**

**Alright, on to the meeting...scholarship winners, you're free to leave, thank you for coming and best of luck in college and beyond!**

**Coaches...you have to stay, sorry, we will make it as quick and painless as possible.  
Heather, you're first!**



# Welcome

- ◆ Thank you all for coming, we appreciate everyone taking time out of their evening. We know how busy everyone is and we really appreciate your participation tonight.
- ◆ State of the League
- ◆ Anything else you want to let everyone know?

# Coffee With a Board Member

- ◆ Not sure if everyone is aware, but we have been meeting with club presidents in an effort to find areas to improve our league, programs clubs would like, and additional ways that our board can assist your clubs. At the end of the day, we are here to support your clubs and assist in whatever way we can. Unfortunately, we do not get to speak with every president regularly, so these coffee discussions are awesome. We are really enjoying putting faces to names and meeting presidents and board members. The conversations to this point have been really informative and enlightening, it has been interesting to see what needs there are from clubs.
- ◆ HOW IT WORKS: We come to you. At a time that works for you. And coffee (or whatever) is on us! Please encourage your presidents to get signed up, if they haven't already.
- ◆ **Major Announcement!!!!** If you, the coaches, want us to or you have questions, we are willing to come to your club meeting and answer questions you have. Again...we will come to you, just not promising to bring coffee.

Heather and I have really enjoyed meeting the presidents so far, we have had some amazing conversations, and have a better idea of what those clubs need from us as a league.

Its time for your annual reminders from Mike V, he usually doesn't scold but you never know these days. Mike, its your turn.



# Mike is the Admin, it's his turn

## ◆ Important dates:

- ◆ 3/5/22 – Week 1 of Spring Season 2022
- ◆ 4/11/22 – League Annual Meeting
- ◆ 4/23-24/22 – SJ Cup Semis
- ◆ 5/9/22 – League Meeting (tentative)
- ◆ 5/14/22 – Week 10 of Spring Season 2022
- ◆ 5/21-22/22 – SJ Cup Finals
- ◆ 6/1/22 – Registration opens for Fall 2022
- ◆ 6/30/22 – Registration closes for Fall 2022

# More with Mike

- ◆ Club Pass Players:
  - ◆ Club pass requests must be submitted no later than 3/1/22 to be eligible for the first week of games.
  - ◆ Club passes MUST be submitted by the Club Rep or President, submissions from coaches will not be recognized.
  - ◆ Club passes must be renewed each season, they do not carry over.
  - ◆ Changes may be made by written request and may take up to 96 hours to be finalized. Players may not participate as club pass players until they appear on the roster, added by the board.
  - ◆ Please remember the spirit of this program. It is not meant to stack your team or create two teams where there aren't sufficient numbers, it is meant to provide consistent supplemental players to augment your roster. It was developed with the intention to give players on a "B" team the ability to get minutes with the "A" team to aid in their development, conversely players not getting enough minutes could club pass down to the "B" team and get more substantial, quality minutes helping them develop. Development...that is the spirit of the program...Development.

Thank you Mike, hopefully everyone will give as much time as possible for you to get their club pass players entered.

Please make sure you're in contact with Mike regarding TBR, rescheduled matches, self schedule, club pass players, etc.

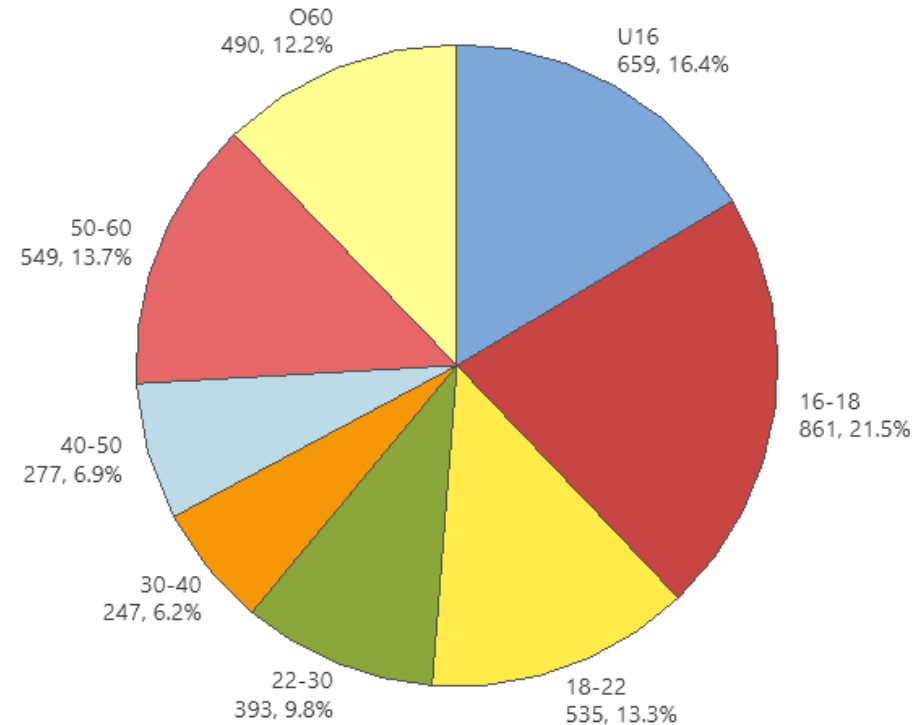
Referee time...Marc, the spotlight is yours sir.



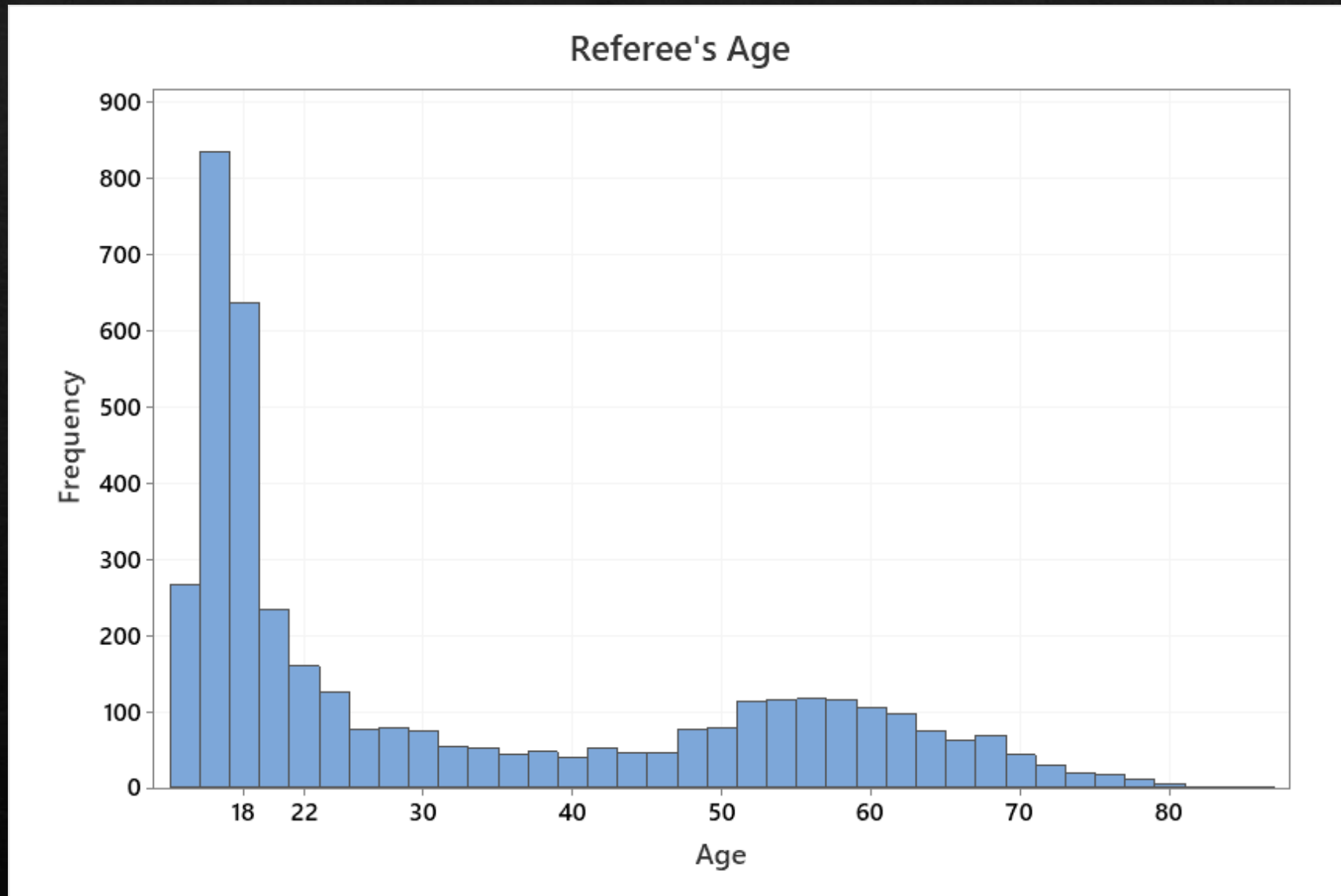
# Referees with Marc

## Referees are young... or old

- ◇ 38% are high school and below
  - ◇ Under 18 = SafeSport...
- ◇ 13% are college age
- ◇ 26% are 50+



It will get worse...



# The Washington Post

Sports parents are horrible and referees are finally doing something about it – quitting

## The Post-Journal Shortage Of Referees Seen In Area Athletics

Referees are leaving youth sports in droves. Kurt Voigt/Associated Press

- The pandemic, low pay, and abuse has triggered an exodus of referees from youth sports.
- The loss of hundreds of referees each season could lead to game cancellations and delays.

**He is Someone's Teenage Son  
She is Someone's Teenage Daughter**

- Verbal abuse is causing a shortage of referees in youth soccer
- The majority of them are young and starting their referee careers
- 75% of young soccer referees quit after the first year

**-Help us change those numbers!**



**Respect the Referee**

**#MAKETHE RIGHTCALL**





# Preaching to the Choir

- ◆ The VAST majority of coaches are well-behaved and share the common interest of promoting a safe, fun, and fair environment for our young athletes
- ◆ What can YOU do?
  - ◆ Continue to be the role model
    - ◆ “Football is life!”
    - ◆ Remember, your non verbal reactions are just as important as your verbal ones.
  - ◆ Call out those who are ruining things for our kids, and please use appropriate channels to inform the board.

Thank you Marc, that was some really good information! Hopefully moving forward, we will all be more aware of how our conduct on the touch line can effect the game for other players and coaches.

Now lets move on to SJ Cup – Heather, you're up!

# SJ Cup

(some say the greatest cup competition around, I'm not saying it...but some are)

- ◆ SJ Cup:
  - ◆ Dates and times for semi finals and finals have been set, they are at a few locations, tournament style, and the games will be played on the scheduled days and times.
  - ◆ Remember no players can be added after rosters were locked during group play.
  - ◆ Club Passed players can not be used.
  - ◆ Referee fees are still needed for the semi final.
  - ◆ We are always looking for volunteers to help at several sites and assist the board members at each location. You can do part of a day, a couple hours, help us set up or break down, check in, we also look for photographers looking to donate some time to the league and take some shots of the games at each site. Please reach out to heather if you're interested in helping us this year!!!



# Coaching Education

- ◆ Level 1 courses for the winter have been posted and are closed to registration. Two classroom sessions are complete with two more to come.
- ◆ Remember both parts of the course must be completed to obtain the license.
- ◆ Over 100 coaches registered for our Level 1 course this winter. That brings us to a total of over 500 coaches certified this year alone.
- ◆ We pride ourselves on providing accessible, affordable, comprehensive, and complete coaching courses for our leagues. Unlike other courses you can take, the South Jersey course covers league specific information that new coaches need to be prepared.
- ◆ If you already have the Level 1, or one of several other qualifying licenses, consider the Level 2 course. Where the L1 course focuses on the basics of coaching, the L2 course dives deeper into running an effective training session both on the field and off.

# SJYS Summer Select – This one is mine...

- ◇ THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT!!! 706 total players at tryouts, and they were in December.
- ◇ 15 teams this summer (the most we have ever sponsored)
- ◇ Last year was the first year we were able to put in two teams of almost equal quality in the same age.
  - ◇ This year, we have that in 3 ages. 2009 Girls, 2011 Girls, and 2010 Boys. This truly is a testament to the quality in our league, and their great development. (which you can be proud of, you did it)
- ◇ Girls Teams: 2007/08, 2009 (x2), 2010, 2011 (x2), 2012, 2013
- ◇ Boys Teams: 2008, 2009, 2010 (x2), 2011, 2012, 2013
- ◇ We have received so much positive feedback about our grassroots approach to Summer Select. The players and families that participate appreciate that our coaches come from clubs in our league (and even two SJSL board members), players come from our league clubs only, and that we provide an atmosphere for players to develop without having to leave their home clubs.
- ◇ We know that building the strength of our league from within will provide long-term opportunities for players. We want those players to stay with us and our member clubs, that's good for everyone.
- ◇ We are exploring ways to make Select more expansive. When we know, you'll know.



# Registrar, not just a job, a lifestyle!

◆ Jeff, it's your time, tell us what's new in the registrar's world.



# HS Age 7v7 – Matt, this one is for you to bring everyone up to speed...aannndd go!

- ◆ Complete rules can be found on [SJGSL.org](http://SJGSL.org)
- ◆ Similar to indoor style of play.
- ◆ Single Referee
- ◆ No offside
- ◆ Great way to keep older teams playing when they can not field a full team due to other sports, work, life, etc.
- ◆ While we have you here, is there anything coaches need to know about GotSport at this point?
- ◆ Have I forgotten anything?

Time to hear from the people who keep track of you and your games. Now we will talk to the games commissioners.

◆ Our Games Commissioners:

◆ Rob

◆ Barry

◆ Jen

◆ Adam

◆ This is our seasonal reminder about coach conduct. I understand that sometimes our emotions are on 1,000 but remember that we are role models, for the players, and the families. Don't be ***“THAT”*** coach.

Alright members, this is slide 28, is there anything else we need to talk about? Or can we open the floor to questions?



Thank you for your time tonight, we know all of you are extremely busy preparing for the season, and with your lives in general. We appreciate all of you who continue to do the right thing, and set a good example for your players.

Have a GREAT night and good luck this season!!

To sign in to the meeting tonight please follow this link:

<http://www.sjgsl.org/clubsite/?p=24729>

We will also post this link in the chat.