





South Jersey Soccer League

General Membership Meeting

May 21, 2020



Zoom Protocol

- This meeting is being run through Zoom.
- Thank you very much to Matt Palladinetti (Logan) for providing access and technical assistance to make this happen.
- If you are on a computer or the Zoom App, you can click on the “Raise Hand” in order to vote. If you are on a phone, dial *9.
- If you have any questions, you can use the Chat function. Mark, Soctt and Heather will be monitoring the comments, and we will try to get to all of them.
- We will have a Q&A period at the end to make sure we get to everyone’s questions.
- If you want to ask me questions privately, you can email me at vp@sjsl.org.³

Agenda Topics

- Scholarship Winners
- Spring Season
- US Club Update
- Fall Registration
- Constitution Changes – 1st Reading
- Rule Changes
- Coaching Classes
- Election Positions
- Annual Meeting – June 18, 2020 (Zoom)



Reports

- Registrar
- Treasurer



Treasurer

Scholarship Winner

- **The Brad Wilby Memorial award recipient for 2020 is Sean Smallets.**
- **Sean Smallets:** Tufts University, Mathematics



Scholarship Winner

- The Charles "Charlie" Kellogg award recipient for 2020 is Pietro Del Re.
- Pietro Del Re: The College of New Jersey, Electrical Engineering



Scholarship Winner

- **The Paul F Gilligan III Memorial award recipient for 2020 is Stephan Boyle.**
- **Stephan Boyle:** Albright College, Undecided Major



Spring Season

- The Spring SJS� season was canceled.
- Organized play is still suspended in the state of NJ.
- Phased in plans currently do not allow for a return to play.
- All teams who were registered to play in the league for the Spring 2020 season will be afforded an \$80 credit back to their club.





- On May 14, 2020, US Club lifted their national suspension of activities and delegated return to play decisions back to its members effective May 18, 2020.
- “To be clear, this decision by no means is a blanket permission to return to the fields. Each member is expected to strictly follow state and local guidelines for the resumption of play. PLEASE NOTE: OUR INSURANCE IS ONLY IN EFFECT IF YOUR ACTIVITIES ARE CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES.”

Fall Registration

- Opens on June 1, 2020
- Closes on July 15, 2020
- \$80 per team
- Registration fees due on August 1, 2020
- All clubs will be receiving a credit of \$80 for each of their teams that registered in the spring that can be used for the fall
- Season starts on Sunday, September 13, 2020

South Jersey Strong

- 392 teams requested shirts (all clubs had at least one team)
- An additional 174 shirts were ordered
- Shirts will be dropped off at the club provided address
(Still need addresses for Voorhees and Monroe)
- Shirts should be done late next week and delivered shortly after that.



Constitution Reading

- Article II – expands age level for play to U21
- Article IV, Sec. 5 – provide for voting during virtual meetings
- Article V, Sec. 2 – allows for proxy votes during EBoard meetings and President has one vote
- Article V, Sec. 4 – allows for actions during emergencies
- Article VI, Sec. 1 – allows EBoard to expand beyond 13 members
- Article VI, Sec. 14 – assigns subsequent trustee positions to election years; clarifies you cannot vote electronically
- Article VII, Sec. 4 – new section – allows for electronic or virtual meetings
- Article VIII – changes GM quorum from 15% (~10 clubs) to 50% (~35 clubs)
- Article IX – clarifies that vote must be 2/3 of all authorized votes to be cast
- Article XVII – removes reference to Robert's Orders

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the League is to develop in those associated with this organization the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, and loyalty through competition in the game of soccer among players under ~~nineteen~~ **twenty-one** (~~19~~**21**) years of age, or as set by US Soccer, and at all levels of competition, from Member Clubs located primarily within southern New Jersey. The League does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability. This League is established as a non-profit educational organization.

Explanation – our agreement with US Club allows for U19 and adult play. This allows a place for older players to continue play.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 5 (VOTING)

Each Member Club will hold one (1) vote for each currently carded team, currently playing in or that played during that seasonal year, to cast in all matters before the General Membership; however, a simple one (1) vote per club vote rule may be used on a case by case basis, provided it is agreed upon by the General Membership. Votes may only be cast by the officially recognized Club Representative, Alternate Club Representative or Club President as identified by the Club and disclosed to the League at least fourteen (14) days before the vote in question. Rules governing the suspension and reinstatement of voting privileges shall be as promulgated by the Executive Board. No Member Club is authorized to vote by proxy on the behalf of another Member Club. **Voting during electronic or virtual meetings, held in compliance with Article VII, Section 4, shall follow the guidelines promulgated by the Executive Board.**

Explanation – allows electronic voting following very specific guidelines to be developed in the future.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 2 (EXECUTIVE BOARD)

The Executive Board shall be comprised of all of the Officers duly elected or appointed pursuant to this Constitution. The Executive Board shall have the power to set up the Schedule of Games at the beginning of each season. It shall have the power to formulate League Rules and Regulations, to fine and/or suspend those who shall violate the provisions of the Constitution, the League Rules and Regulations, and adjudicate all protests and differences among the Member Clubs. At all meetings of the Executive Board, a simple majority shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. Each member of the Executive Board, **including the President**, shall have one (1) vote. **Executive Board members may participate electronically or vote by written proxy at any meeting of the Executive Board. A board member may not present more than one proxy vote per voting topic. The President shall always vote last, and this vote may create or break a tie.**

Explanation – clarifies that the President has a vote in EBoard decisions. Also allows board members to vote electronically or by proxy (both allowed under NJ nonprofit laws). Limits proxy votes to one per person. The President vote last and that vote can break an already existing tie, or create a tie. The President does not get an additional tie breaking vote.

SECTION 4 (EMERGENCY BYLAWS)

In the event of any emergency resulting from a military attack, weather related catastrophe, widespread pandemic, or similar disaster resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency, or similar declaration, by Federal or state agencies where the League's principal offices are located at such time, and during the continuance of such emergency, the following Bylaws provisions shall be in effect:

- a. A meeting of the Executive Board may be called by any officer upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice to all persons entitled to notice who, in the sole judgment of the notifier, it is feasible to notify;
- b. The officers in attendance at the meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum;
- c. All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency;
- d. The Constitution may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the officers attending any meeting of the Executive Board, provided such amendment or repeal shall only be effective for the duration of such emergency.
- e. Action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws may not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent; and
- f. After the emergency is terminated, the actions taken pursuant to these Emergency Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Executive Board following the regular Constitutional provisions and either repealed or presented to the General Membership for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting, or if not held within thirty (30) days at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Explanation – new section - allows action to be taken during times of emergency when normal procedures are insufficient to protect the interests of the League.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS
SECTION 1 (NUMBER)

The Officers of SJSL shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a League Registrar, a Treasurer, a General Secretary, a Rules Compliance Officer, an Information Officer, a Games Commissioner for each season in which the League will participate and a sufficient number of Trustees so that there will be a ~~total~~ minimum of thirteen (13) Officers. This group of Officers shall include the state and/or regional youth soccer association representative and alternate representative appointed pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution, if applicable. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary as long there is still a ~~total~~ minimum of thirteen (13) Officers.

Explanation – allows the EBoard to be increased in size while maintaining a minimum of 13 positions. Intended to increase participation on the board and allow for positional training.

SECTION 14 (ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS)

The Officers of this organization shall be elected on an alternating basis by ballot at the SJSL Annual Meeting to serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors shall be elected. The President, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Rules Compliance Officer, the Fall Games Commissioner, the First Trustee, and the Third Trustee shall be elected on odd numbered years. The Vice-President, the League Registrar, the General Secretary, the Information Officer, the Spring Games Commissioner, and the Second Trustee shall be elected on even numbered years. **Additional trustees will be added to the election slate with odd numbered trustees elected on odd years and even numbered trustees elected on even numbered years.** The nominees for offices of the organization shall normally be made known to the General Membership at the meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. However, this clause shall not prevent a nominee to be first named at the Annual Meeting. **Voting for election purposes may not be by electronic or proxy voting, except as provided in Article VII, Section 4.**

Explanation – even numbered trustees (ie. Fourth Trustee) would be elected on even numbered years and odd numbered trustees (ie. Fifth Trustee) would be elected on odd numbered years. Clarifies that you cannot vote electronically during elections unless it is a virtual meeting governed by Article VII, Section 4.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

SECTION 4 (ELECTRONIC OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS)

Electronic or virtual meetings may be authorized by the Executive Board in place of any League meeting described in Sections 1-3. Attendance at the meetings may be audio only, or include a video component. For voting and election purposes at electronic or virtual meetings, attendance must be by video and audio, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board. The format and mechanism of the meeting shall be established by the Executive Board.

Explanation – allows for virtual online GM meetings by phone or video. Voting and election participation must be by video and audio (to be seen and heard), unless a different procedure is set up by the Executive Board. The specific procedures and guidelines for the virtual meetings will be published by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

The presence of a representative or alternate representative of the Member Clubs comprising ~~fifteen~~ fifty percent (~~15~~50%) of the vote as set forth in Article IV, Section 7, shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the League.

Explanation – a 15% quorum means that approximately 10 clubs could meet and do business as the league. Raising it to 50% would require approximately 35 clubs (or the representative number of votes) to do business.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

In order to amend this Constitution, a Proposed Amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board shall then evaluate the Proposed Amendment and report on it at the next League meeting, then at least fourteen (14) days prior to the following meeting, a written copy of the Proposed Amendment shall be sent to the President and Representative for each Member Club. The Proposed Amendment shall be voted upon at that meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) of the **authorized votes to be regularly cast** as set forth in Article IV, Section 5 shall be required for the proposed Amendment to succeed.

Explanation – clarifying that amendments require a 2/3 vote of all votes (clubs if using a voice vote) authorized to be cast, and not just 2/3 of those in attendance at that meeting.

ARTICLE XVII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business at all Meetings shall be as follows:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Minutes of Previous Meetings
- 3) Financial Reports
- 4) Report of the League Registrar
- 5) Report of the Information Officer
- 6) Reports of the General Secretary
- 7) Reports of Other Officers
- 8) Reports of Committees
- 9) Unfinished Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Miscellaneous Items
- 12) Good and Welfare

~~The latest Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all Meetings.~~

Explanation – Actions taken by a corporation are generally governed by state or federal law first, the constitution or bylaws second, and Robert’s Rules of Order last. Robert’s Rules conflict in several areas with the NJ Nonprofit Corporation Act. To avoid confusion, it is usually recommended that references to Robert’s Rules not be included in the bylaws.

Rules Revision (Eff. April 2, 2020)

- 1002 – adding Division A for U20 and U21 teams
- 1003(d) – language change
- 1004 – new rule authorizing Fact Sheets
- 3001 – adding majority plus one rule for U8 teams
- 3005 – new rule for playing up and adding U17 and up can play on U20-21 teams
- 5004 – complete rewrite
- 6010 – removing requirement for refs to send in passes
- 7003(b) – removing fine for ref evals
- 9003 – expanding SJ Cup to U15

1002. Age Divisions.

Competition shall be divided into Age Divisions. Each Age Division shall be comprised of players who are, before the 1st day of January of the Spring seasonal year, as follows:

Division A under 21 years of age (U21-U20)

Division I under 19 years of age (U19-U17)

Division II under 16 years of age (U16-U15)

Division III under 14 years of age (U14-U13)

Division IV under 12 years of age (U12-U11)

Division V under 10 years of age (U10-U8)

A description of the travel team age divisions is available on the US Soccer website at: www.ussoccer.com.

1003(d) – change reference from “North National Division” to “Flight 4”

1004. Fact Sheet. (“New Rule”)

The league may promulgate Fact Sheets to serve as rule summaries or league policies to facilitate league play.

3001. Carding and Registration. (“New Rule”)

f. All U8 teams are subject to the “majority plus one” rule. A majority of the team, plus one, must be age appropriate. For example, on rosters of 13 or 14 players, 8 players must be age appropriate. On rosters of 11 or 12 players, 7 players must be age appropriate. On rosters of 9 or 10 players, 6 players must be age appropriate. The “majority plus one” rule must be satisfied at all times on the applicable seasonal event roster.

3005. Playing Up. (“New Rule”)

- a. U7 players may play up on a U8 team, but may not play on a U9 or higher team.
- b. U8 to U14 players may play up a maximum of two years (U8 on a U9 or U10 team; U9 on a U10 or U11 team, etc.)
- c. U15 and older players may play up on any older Div. 1 or 2 team.
- d. U17 and older players may play up on any Div. A team.

5004. Player Add, Transfer or Release. (“Major Revision”)

a. Adding New Players.

- 1. New Players” are players that are not or were not carded to a team playing in SJSL during the current seasonal year.**
- 2. All new players must complete and follow the instructions to be carded on the applicable, league authorized state and/or regional youth soccer association website.**
- 3. To add a new player to the team roster for a league sponsored event, follow the SJSL Player Movement Procedures posted on the league website.**
- 4. Any new player added after the scheduled date for Round 8 of the current SJSL Playing Season, or any other date as set by the League Registrar, will be ineligible to play in the remaining league games for that season. This rule does not apply to guest players under Rule 5005, or tournament or other competitive play.**

b. Adding Transfer Players.

1. “Transfer Players” are players that are or were carded to another team playing in SJSL during the current seasonal year.

2. Within Club Transfers.

a. All within club transfer players must follow the instructions to be transferred on the applicable, league authorized state and/or regional youth soccer association website.

b. To add a new player to the team roster for a league sponsored event, follow the SJSL Player Movement Procedures posted on the league website.

c. Players transferring from one team to another team within the same club during the seasonal year are not required to sit out prior to being eligible to play for the new team.

3. Club to Club Transfers.

- a. All club to club transfer players must follow the instructions to be transferred on the applicable, league authorized state and/or regional youth soccer association website.
- b. The player must be released from the original club before he/she may be added to the new club.
- c. To add a transfer player to the team roster for a league sponsored event, follow the SJS� Player Movement Procedures posted on the league website.
- d. U11 or above players transferring from one club to another club within the seasonal year are required to sit out 3 games prior to being eligible to play for the new club, UNLESS the releasing team consents to waive the sit down period following the procedure established by the League Registrar.
- e. U10 and below players are not required to sit out 3 games prior to being eligible to play.

4. Any transfer player added after the scheduled date for Round 8 of the current SJSL Playing Season, or any other date as set by the League Registrar, will be ineligible to play in the remaining league games for that season. This rule does not apply to guest players under Rule 5005, or tournament or other competitive play.

c. Releasing Players.

1. Players who will not be participating in any event for your team and/or club should be released following the instructions on the applicable, league authorized state and/or regional youth soccer association website.

2. To release a player from the team roster for a league sponsored event, follow the SJSL Player Movement Procedures posted on the league website.

d. Once a player is rostered to a team, they are bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless they are released or transferred.

e. Players who change teams without first properly completing the required steps in subsection (a) may be sanctioned. Such discipline may include a fine and/or suspension. Players are not authorized to play for their new team until the appropriate approval is received by the League Registrar.

f. All player movements are subject to the discretion of the League Registrar. Both player additions and releases may be denied, and are not authorized until approved by the league.

6010. Referees.

d. Referees are directed to send the completed game day rosters ~~and passes of~~
~~players and/or coaches sent off the field, as well as challenged player's passes~~ to the South Jersey Soccer League Rules Compliance Officer or designated league official within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game. The completed game day roster shall include a concise explanation of the reason why players and/or coaches were ~~carded and/or~~ sent off the field by the referee.

7003. Game Related Fines.

(b) Reporting Scores/Ref Evals.

Any team or club not reporting game results by 12:00 noon the following day shall be fined as follows: no fine for the first offense, \$25.00 for the second offense and \$50 for each additional offense during that season. In addition, if an 11v11 team fails to report their scores four (4) or more times during the season, it will also forfeit three (3) points in the standings. ~~Any team or club not completing the referee evaluation surveys by 12:00 noon the day after the game is played shall be fined \$25 for each occurrence.~~

9003. Teams.

b. The SJ Cup is only open in the U10 to U~~14~~**15** age brackets.

Coaching Classes

- Tentative Dates (Need hosting sites):
- Classroom – Wed Aug 5th, Fri Aug 14th, Th Aug 20th, Fri Aug 28th
- Field – Sat Aug 8th, Sun Aug 16th, Sat Aug 22nd, Sun Aug 30th
- Contact Bob at vp@sjsl.org if you can host.

Election Positions

- The following positions will be up for election at our June meeting, along with the names of those who (as of this date) are seeking those offices. Contact Mickey Foltiny – mfoltiny@comcast.net.
- Vice President – Bob Cooper
- Registrar – Chuck Snyder
- General Secretary – Jim Miller
- Information Officer – Mark Roxberry
- Spring Games Commissioner – Helmut Lackermayer
- Second Trustee – Heather Talarico

Additional Positions

- If you are interested in new positions that are anticipated to be created, please contact Bob Cooper at vp@sjsl.org
- Additional trustee slots (pending Constitution approval)
 - (potential responsibilities – sponsorship, recording secretary, scholarship, assistant registrar, social media)

Annual Meeting

- June 18, 2020 (Virtual)
- Constitution 2nd Reading
- Officer Elections
- Fall Updates

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Q&A