



LONG ISLAND JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

COACHES GUIDELINES & RESPONSIBILITIES FALL 2021

➤ BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS

- Each HEAD Coach (or Team Manager) checks that they can log into the [LIJSL Games Scoring System](#)
- Username: Pass ID Password: NEW Coaches = soccer (all lower case)
- If you have issues logging in, please call the office 631-648-9020 or email info@lijsoccer.com
- Check your contact information to be sure that it is correct. If not correct, please advise your club registrar to communicate this to the league.
- You can access your schedule, list of team contacts for your division, and print this information as well
- You can also see contact info for Games Committee (Division Supervisor, Age Group Coordinator)
- At the earliest opportunity, please contact your Division Supervisor and provide them with an alternate phone# (cell phone) or contact (Assistant Coach if the Head Coach/Manager is unreachable).
- It is also suggested that you set up 'LIJSL' as a contact in your cell phone with League Office, Division Supervisor, Age Group Coordinator, Referees Office.

➤ [REMAIN TO PLAY](#)

- NO Major Changes to the successful 2020-21 Game Day, In-Match protocols.
- Continue to follow Governing Authorities (NYS/CDC) & Governing Bodies (ENYSSA/US Soccer) protocols and directives.
- Participants and Non-Participants alike are NOT required to wear face coverings before, during or after matches. Individuals may choose to wear face coverings, maintain social distancing as they feel appropriate. This includes Referees as well.
- ***HOWEVER, Facility owners/permit issuers maintain the right to set specific protocols for the use of their facility or permitted field.***

➤ RESPONSIBILITY of HOME & VISITING COACHES

- **Communication Prior To The Match**
 - **VISITING team coach contacts Home coach**, the week of the match to confirm location (and directions as needed), time and uniform colors.
 - It is the **HOME coaches' responsibility** at that time to **communicate any specific COVID protocols required by that facility owner/operator.**
 - It is the **VISTING team's responsibility to acknowledge and abide by these protocols.**
- **Referee Notification**
 - Home Coaches should be contacted by the assigned Referee by Thursday night of the week of their game.
 - HOME team coach responsible to review, advise referee of specific facility protocols (IF 3-referee system, CRhas responsibility to communicate with AR's)
 - Exchange cell phone #'s with the referee, in case of inclement weather and the field is closed, or your opponent notified you they are forfeiting the game, **YOU MUST** call the referee in either case a minimum of two (2) hours before the game.

- **If you have not heard from the Referee by the Friday before the game date**, call the Referee Office (631) 648-8877 on Friday after 12 noon to 10pm. Please have your Game ID # available. If you leave a message please leave your name, contact phone number and the game ID number that is all the information you need to leave, they will get back to you.

➤ AT THE PLAYING FIELD

- Teams are required to follow the [LIJSL Fall '21 REMAIN TO PLAY protocols](#)
 - Please have your team at the field 30 minutes prior to game time, FOLLOW ALL Facility protocols.
 - If there is a match in progress on the field, teams should NOT enter playing field area until AFTER the prior match is completed AND the teams, players, coaches, and spectators have left.
 - **HOME team determines selection of touchlines**, coaches discuss & confirm at field before the prior match concludes. ***Teams (Players, Coaches/Trainer) AND their spectators take positions on opposite touchlines as per the Fall '21 Remain To Play protocols.***
 - Before the game starts it is advisable that the two Coaches and Referee discuss specific match rules (LIJSL, LI Cup, or ENY State Cup) as each one has slightly different rules. It would be best to bring a copy of the pertinent rule book to the game.
 - Both coaches must bring two (2) completed rosters with players information as well as their player and adult supervisor passes (laminated and/or digital), follow league protocols for check-in process. ***Players do not exchange passes with the Referee, and the Referee does NOT take, hold passes as per Fall '21 Remain To Play protocols***
 - Note all players must wear shin guards and be in proper uniform, if not the referee may disallow such player from participating in the game.
 - **NO Coin Toss** - **VISITING team will choose the ball** (kick off) **or the goal to attack** to begin the match
- **REFEREE FEES**
 - Each team is to provide their share of the referee(s) fee(s) prior to the start of the match (at check-in).
 - Fees should be in either a sealed envelope(s) or a clear resealable bag(s), for each referee.
 - Click here for [Fall '21 Referee Fees](#)
- **REFEREE NO-SHOW**
 - **U9 through U12** - if the assigned Referee fails to appear for a U9 to U12 game LIJSL rules state the game must be played.
 - Both coaches must agree on a volunteer substitute Referee, or a double forfeit will be declared.
 - The Volunteer Referee must complete the entire game. Games officiated by a Volunteer Referee cannot be protested. The Volunteer Referee is not paid.
 - The home team when entering their score, should click on the little referee icon next to their team and check there was no referee for the game.
 - **U13 through U19** In the U13 through U19 age groups, if the Referee fails to appear the game **MUST** be rescheduled, **no exceptions**
- **FIELD CHANGE ONLY WHEN DATE AND GAME TIME REMAIN THE SAME**
 - If there is a game day or prior day field change, the home team Coach must assign a person to stay at the original game location and redirect everyone from the opposing team to the new location.
 - That person must stay until the game starts ensuring all visiting team members are directed to the correct location. If not, the home team may be charged with a forfeit.

➤ **DURING THE MATCH**

- All players, coaches and spectators must follow the [LIJSL REMAIN TO PLAY](#) protocols
- **Each Head Coach is responsible for their respective team, including assistant coaches/trainer and spectators. See: [ENYYSA Zero Tolerance policy](#)**

➤ **FOLLOWING THE GAME**

- At completion of match, not encouraged that opposing teams exchange handshakes between players, coaches, as well as referees. Another appropriate form to display sportsmanship is highly encouraged.
- Teams and spectators immediately gather personal belongings equipment and proceed to leave immediate field area, so other teams may enter. PLEASE, NO post-match discussions there.
- Home Team’s Coach required to enter the scores by 6 p.m. on the day of the game unless it is an evening game. Both coaches, as well as Games Committee members, will receive a confirmation email each weekend to confirm the score for that game. If the score is not entered, the Home team could be assessed a fine.If a Coach has a problem entering his score, he/she may call the score rbtheir Supervisor who can input it for them.
- All forfeits must be called into your Division Supervisor, or if they are not available, to another Games Committee member in the communication protocol.
- After each game BOTH coaches are required to submit an online evaluation of the referee’s performance.Click on the referee icon next to your team on the LIJSL website where the scores are entered. **If a referee fails to appear check the box “Referee Absent”**.

➤ **GAMES COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL**

- When a Coach seeks a resolution from the Games Committee of a game issue, they should always have, Game ID number, and the opposing coach’s contact information.
- The primary contact is your Supervisor, secondary contact is your Coordinator, then your Day Director, any other Director, and the final contact is the Games Chair.
- **If you contact the league office with a Games related matter, you will only be directed to contact your Division Supervisor or Age Group Coordinator, who is best able to assist with these questions.**

➤ **GAMES COMMITTEE & LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Games Committee Contact	Name	Contact
Div. Supervisor (Primary)	Listed online in League Games Scoring System	
Age Group Coordinator	Listed online in League Games Scoring System	
GROUP DIRECTORS		
Girls U9 - U13	Mitch Pally	516-742-7798
Boys U9 - U13	Samer Rabie	516-860-6875
Girls U14 – U19	Jeff Nagel	516-807-5112
Boys U14 – U19	Tim Stalker	631-836-2875
Games Chairman	Dennis Currie	516-359-2847

OTHER NUMBERS		
LIJSL Office	Mon - Fri 9-4	631-648-9020 Fax 631-648-9025
Referees Office	Friday, 12 pm – 10 pm	631-648-8877 Fax 631-648-8875
	Saturday & Sunday 7am – 11am	

➤ **INCLEMENT WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS (Rule 5, Part 10)**

- On days with inclement weather or unplayable field conditions, the Supervisor can only accept game postponements from the Home Coach. It is the responsibility of the home coach to notify the Supervisor, the away coach, and the referee prior to two (2) hours BEFORE GAME TIME. Note: if the game is not postponed prior to 2 hours of the scheduled game, BOTH TEAMS MUST APPEAR ON THE FIELD and only the Referee can decide the status of the game.
- If a Club closes the fields for any reason (inclement weather, loss of use, etc.) the Club/coach must notify the Division Supervisor prior as soon as possible. If the postponement was accepted and it is later discovered that the field was artificial turf, and in playable condition (especially if the game before and after was played), then the home team may be charged with a forfeit.
- When a team calls the Division Supervisor to cancel a match due to inclement weather, unplayable field conditions or loss of use of the field, the home Coach must give him the game number, and the opposing coach's phone number so that the supervisor can verify they have been notified.
- No Coach may postpone any match without the approval of the Games Committee or a LIJSL official.

➤ **GAME PRIORITY, CONFLICTS & POSTPONEMENTS**

- USYS NCS/ENY State Cup, LI Cup, LIJSL league games: this is the order of priority for game postponement and rescheduling.
- The Coach must call the division supervisor within 96 hours of the Coach gaining knowledge of any game conflict due to the team's continuation in the approved Cup (USYS NCS/ENY SC or LI Cup) play. If this notification is not provided, the coach/team/club may be charged with a forfeit of their league game.
- The only time a team may postpone a league game for an USYS NCS/ENY State Cup match is if they are playing away off Long Island or have a semi-final game that are all scheduled on Saturday with a rain date of Sunday.
- If you are the home team or they are playing another LIJSL team, they cannot reschedule a league game, the ENY State Cup Game must be played on your off day.
- Avoid scheduling a league make-up game on ENY State Cup or LI Cup weekend.

➤ **RESCHEDULING GAMES PROCESS**

- The rescheduling process is a maximum of seven (7) days from the date that a match is postponed (not original date of play)
- The designated Home team must submit two to three dates and times to the Coordinator and to the opposing coach
- If after three days the home coach has not submitted dates, the Coordinator shall call the Home Club's Scheduler and intercede in the process
- The Visiting team either accepts or rejects the dates provided by the Home team/club
- If after seven (7) days from the date of the postponement an agreement cannot be reached, the Coordinator shall procure additional dates from the Home Scheduler or shall procure a date and time at a neutral site and schedule the games.

➤ GAME CHANGE REQUESTS

- Teams will be allowed up to a maximum of two (2) **Game Change Requests** (GCR) for the season.
- They may or may not be approved by the Club President and may or may not be approved by the Games Committee.
- Following Week #4 of league play, only one of the two requests may be utilized (NOT an additional game change request).
- Only requests bearing the written approval from their Club President, and that contain the Descriptive Valid Reason for the Request will be accepted for consideration
- ALL Game Change Requests must be sent to your Day Director. **Do not send a GCR that does not have your Club Presidents approval.** Day Directors will send the GCR to the Coordinator for processing.
- GCR must be received by the Day Director 16 days before the scheduled game. There are exceptions for the first week of the season (season starts in less than three weeks from schedule release date).
- If the postponement is received in LESS THAN THE 16-day timeline, and is approved, a \$25 fee may be assessed to your club. The League's Managing Director may waive said fee based upon request of club president/registrar.

Have a Great Season!

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