



LONG ISLAND JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

COACHES GUIDELINES & RESPONSIBILITIES

SPRING 2022

➤ 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 access 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 cell phone or contact (Assistant Coach) to be used when the Head Coach/Manager is unreachable.
- It is also suggested that you set up LIJSL as a contact in your cell phone with the number of the League Office, your Division Supervisor, Age Group Coordinator and Referees Office

➤ RETURN TO PLAY

- **All Mandatory Covid Protocols Have Been Rescinded**
- Personal Choice of Participants and Non-Participants to wear face coverings
- Referees will conduct standard check-in of all players, coaches, trainers, and hold passes
- Coin Toss will determine possession of the ball or which goal to defend
- Drop Ball will no longer be an Indirect Free Kick (IFK) it will be a Drop Ball
- Coaches will mutually decide to have handshakes or any other display of sportsmanship at the end of the match

➤ [ENYSSA ZERO TOLERANCE](#)

Click on the link above so that you fully understand ZERO TOLERANCE. Advise your older players and all parents to read this as well. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents, spectators, other supporters and referees, as effective under all ENYSSA sanctioned play for Fall '21. Abusive and obscene language, violent play/conduct, fighting and other behavior (including, but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above-mentioned groups, as reported by the assigned referee(s), will not be tolerated. The ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players and spectators resides with the member clubs.

It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide referee support and spectator control, and it is the responsibility of the member clubs to provide instructions to their coaches on how they are expected to carry this out. This policy applies before, during and after the game at the soccer field and its immediate surrounding areas.

NO VERBAL ABUSE - NO INTIMIDATION - NO PHYSICAL ABUSE WILL BE TOLERATED

LONG ISLAND CUP

- Click on the link above for Long Island Cup Rules and Contacts.
- Please refer to [Spring 2022 Game Calendar](#) on LIJsoccer.com for Long Island Cup game dates.
- Please refer to the LI Cup Rule Book for rules and regulations.
- **Any Cup issues must be addressed to the LI Cup Age Group Coordinator only, Not to the Games Committee.**

➤ 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), match time and uniform colors.

• Referee Notification

- Home Coaches should be contacted by the assigned Referee by Thursday night of the week of their game.
- Exchange cell phone numbers 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 10am to 6pm. 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

- Please have your team at the field 30 minutes prior to game time.
- 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 the field before the prior match concludes. **Teams (Players, Coaches/Trainer) AND their spectators take positions on opposite touchlines**.
- 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. **The LI Cup and State Cup have specific roster requirements**, you as coach are responsible for compliance with those requirements. **Players will present passes to the Referee, the Referee will take and hold the passes until the end of the match. Do not forget to get them back from the Referee.**
- 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.

- **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 [Spring '22 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 match 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 match. Matches 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 match.
- **U13 through U19** In the U13 through U19 age groups, if the Referee fails to appear the match **MUST** be rescheduled, **no exceptions**

- **FIELD CHANGE ONLY WHEN DATE AND MATCH 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 match location and redirect everyone from the opposing team to the new location.
- That person must stay until the MATCH starts ensuring all visiting team members are directed to the correct location. If not, the home team may be charged with a forfeit.

- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS**

- On days with inclement weather or unplayable field conditions, the Supervisor can only accept match 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 match is not postponed at a minimum of 2 hours before the scheduled time, **BOTH TEAMS MUST APPEAR ON THE FIELD**, only the Referee can decide the status of the match.
- If a Club closes the fields for any reason (inclement weather, loss of use, etc.) the coach must notify the Division Supervisor as soon as possible but no later than two hours before match time. If the postponement is accepted and it is later discovered that the field was artificial turf, or a natural grass 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/her the game number, and the opposing coach's phone number so that the supervisor can verify they have been notified.

➤ **DURING THE MATCH**

- Each Head Coach is responsible for the behavior of their respective team, including assistant coaches, trainers and spectators.

➤ FOLLOWING THE GAME

- Player Handshakes if prior to the match coaches have mutually agreed.
- Teams and spectators immediately gather personal belongings equipment and proceed to leave field area, so other teams may enter. PLEASE, NO post-match discussions at the field.
- Home Team's Coach required to enter the scores by 6:00pm on the day of the match unless it is an evening match. Both coaches, as well as Games Committee members, will receive a confirmation email each weekend to confirm the score for that match. 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 ask the opposing coach or call the score into their supervisor who can input it for them.
- Forfeits must be communicated to the Division Supervisor and Coordinator, email preferred.
- 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"**.

➤ GAME CHANGE REQUESTS FOR LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY

- Teams will be allowed up to a maximum of two (2) **Game Change Requests (GCR)** for the season.
- Following Week #4 of league play, only one of the two requests may be utilized (NOT an additional game change request).
- A GCR must be sent, by email to your Club President for approval. The GCR may or may not be approved by the Club President and may or may not be approved by the Games Committee.
- Only the approved GCR bearing the written approval from their Club President containing a Descriptive Valid Reason for the Request will be accepted for consideration. Do not send a GCR that does not have your Club Presidents approval.
- Email the GCR to your Coordinator, your Coordinator will send a copy of the request to your Group Director.
- A GCR must be received at least 16 days before the scheduled game. There are exceptions when first week of the season is less than 16 days from the release of the Leagues schedule. Only a Director or the Games Chair may make an exception to the 16 day rule. If the request is approved, a fee of \$25.00 may be assessed. The fee may be waived if the Club President or Registrar appeals to the League Managing Director.
- The match must be rescheduled within 7 days of the postponement date (not the original match date)

➤ RESCHEDULING GAMES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER POSTPONEMENT

- The rescheduling process is a maximum of seven (7) days from the date that a match is postponed.
- The designated Home team must submit two or 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 will contact 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, may procure a date and time at a neutral site and schedule the match.
- **As a time-sensitive competition, LI Cup MUST follow those specific protocols for that competition.**

➤ **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 are playing another LIJSL team, you 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.

➤ **GAMES COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

The primary contact is your Division Supervisor, secondary contact is your Age Group Coordinator. The next level of contact is your Group Director

- **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 U09 - U13	Jason Peck	631-875-5209 pecksoccer@gmail.com
Boys U09 - U13	Samer Rabie	516-860-6875 samerrabielijsoccer@gmail.com
Girls U14 - U19	Jeff Nagel	516-807-5112 jnagel@sachemsoccer.org
Boys U14 - U19	Tim Stalker	631-836-2875 tstalker@optonline.net
Games Chairman	Dennis Currie	516-359-2847 games@lijsoccer.com
Other Numbers		
Manager of Supervisor Training	Mitch Pally	631-626-1218 mitch@libi.org
League Office	Mon- Fri 9am – 4pm	631-648-9020
Referees Office	Friday, 10 am – 6 pm	631-648-8877
		Fax 631-648-8875

➤ **INCREASED FINES Effective Spring '22**

- **Forfeits**

The fine for forfeit is now **\$100** the same fine that is assessed in the Long Island Cup.

If a match is forfeited less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick off, the entirety of the referees' fees (BOTH Home & Away teams' share) will also be assessed. The assigned referees will be paid, filing their supplemental reports with their assignor.

- **Late Score Reporting**

The fine is now \$20.00, per occurrence.

Have a Great Season!

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