

August 2016 Newsletter

Pima County Junior Soccer League



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2016 Fall (September through December) Information

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*Schedule not yet developed, Link provide for convenience



ODP Tryouts Announced!

[http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/
odp_tryouts_announced/](http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/odp_tryouts_announced/)



Letter from the President

Dear PCJSL Families,

It's time to lace up those boots and hit the pitch again and your PCJSL board couldn't be more excited.

Please join us for our first ever "Get in the Game" event at Reid Park, Saturday (8/20) from 10-2. There will be great family fun events with games, prizes, demonstrations and chow. There is no charge for admission and this will be a tremendous way for us all to kick off the soccer season.

I am also pleased to announce the formation of the new PCJSL Foundation. This Foundation is established to support our many soccer programs and especially the development of new fields and the improvement of existing ones. The Foundation provides a tax deductible vehicle for contributions which will allow us to improve our fundraising and consequently the quality of Youth Soccer in Southern Arizona.

This will also be our third year in the "Respect the Game" program. We are proud to lead the State in this important program to improve sportsmanship among players, coaches and fans. We had a hugely successful, "Silent Saturday" last season where fans and coaches were asked to only direct comments to the pitch to cheer. Expect more this season. Thank you for your continued support of this important program. Our kids learn by our example. A sideline that avoids criticism of the referee and instead promotes only positive support of the kids is the goal and we have made great strides in this direction.

So, let's all look forward to a fun, safe and positive soccer experience for our soccer families and I look forward to seeing you on August 20!

Yours in soccer,

Ted Schmidt

Respect the Game—Year 3

This fall ushers in the third year that PCJSL will play their soccer under the “Respect the Game” banner and while we have had many ups and a few downs with the program, I want to share a few insights in an attempt to start the year off on the right track and make our program even more successful.

There will be a coach’s meeting this year before the season starts for both the older players and the younger players to “spread the word” on central themes of the program and league play. Rate-A-Ref will continue to get highlighted as this forum was directly responsible for the 10 referees PCJSL is honoring for their OUTSTANDING work on the soccer pitch. Additionally, coach’s comments led to three referees being suspended by the Referee Commissioner due to their SUBSTANDARD performance as referees. Club President’s and DOCs will continue to help the league improve the level of refereeing on your games by continuing this important program. Your comments are important and a lack of input only makes the league’s job harder to provide quality referees and upgrade referees’ skills.



You can expect “Silent Sidelines” again this year as part of the Respect the Game package. The program will occur during the fall season for both the older age groups and younger age groups. It was successful last year with the positive comments outweighing the negative comments more than 10 to 1. The program is designed to have a positive effect on your child’s development as a soccer player and help the referee’s perform their jobs in a calmer environment. Remember, during SILENT SIDELINES, parents are allowed to cheer for their kid’s play, but NOT tell them how to play.

Please read and heed the signs on the fields where PCJSL plays games which has general guidelines for the role of Coach’s, Parents and Referees in our league.

There were a total of 38 Red cards given out last year with 8 of them or 21% of them to coaches, or parents. As a goal, the league would like to see the number of red cards given for coaches/parents decrease by 25-50%. This will take added emphasis by referees, coaches and parents to accomplish this.

The league is still looking for a few good hostage negotiators to step up their game and volunteer for the Field Marshal program aimed at mitigating the angst that can surface on the sidelines of some youth games. Please contact your Club President or DOC if you are interested in this program to help PCJSL teams and parents enjoy the “beautiful game”.

Larry Luckett

Respect the Game Co-Chairperson



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[Coaching Course Schedule](#)

There are many upcoming coaching classes in Arizona. Youth Modules I & II, National E License, National D License. Click the link above for the latest information.

There is also a National C License coming up in early September in Casa Grande: [National C License](#)

For more information see the article from our PCJSL D.O.C. in this issue of the PCJSL Newsletter.



New heading policy from US Soccer: **U-14s** added to limited headers criteria. Heading allowed in games but no more than **30 minutes** per week in practice and no more than **15-20 headers per player per week**.

[Read here](#)

PCJSL Fields Update —Ted Schmidt

One of PCJSL's top priorities is finding and maintaining places for our kids to play. We continue to work with the County and the City seeking to not only hold on to what we have, but also to promote the development of new fields and improvements, especially lights on existing fields.

This year the City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department has asked PCJSL to take over the assignment of City fields to our various clubs for practice and games. This is of course more work for us but we believe it is important to be good partners with the City and County and we believe this is a responsibility to take on which will allow us to strive for the best use of all our fields for all our Clubs and players.

Towards that end, I am asking that each Club send me their practice schedules so I can better assess where we might have available field space to accommodate more players. Second I am asking each Club to send me a memo explaining their current, short and long term needs. This will help me determine where we have room to help get more kids on the field and which Clubs have the greatest need for more field space.

This information will allow us to better assign existing field space and provide the data to support our requests for more lights and more fields with City and County government.

Obviously, our ability to meet your needs depends upon each Club submitting this information to me, so please assure that your Club is part of the team at PCJSL working together to find more grass for our kids to play on



2016-2017 PCJSL Board Meeting Dates

All meetings will begin at 6:00 PM at the AKS's Kicking It Clubhouse

Tuesday, September 13

Tuesday, October 11

Wednesday, November 9

December 13

Wednesday, January 18

Wednesday, February 15

Tuesday, March 14 (AGM)

Did you know? - PCJSL Calendar

The PCJSL Calendar has important events and can be found on the home page of www.pcjsl.com. As you can see on the calendar below, the Registration Deadlines for Fall and other Fall meetings are shown. Also, Tournaments that clubs notify PCJSL Communications of are added to the calendar. Events can be clicked on to see more details.

The calendar shows the following events:

- Aug 1: 6pm PCJSL Board
- Aug 5: Registration Close
- Aug 12: 10am PCJSL League
- Aug 25: 3v3 Sundown Shootout (August)
- Aug 26: 6pm 3v3 Sundown
- Aug 27: Registration Close
- Aug 28: 6pm 3v3 Sundown
- Aug 29: PCJSL Fall Kick Off
- Sep 1: PCJSL Operations

Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time - Arizona

+ Google Calendar

“Get in the Game” Family Fun Carnival

Saturday, August 20th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the Southwest corner of Reid Park



Come have fun and find new players for your club! Pima County Junior Soccer League wants to help your club membership grow. We want to teach more youth to love the World’s Game. If you want your Club to benefit, you have to Get in the Game.

As you know, the membership in PCJSL has been stagnant for many years and we want to see our community grow. We want to have a stronger voice everywhere it counts from the Parks and Rec Departments to the AYSA office. Whether your club is recreational or competitive, we want you to be a part of that growth and a part of developing new players who will enjoy the sport throughout their lives.

The event is free to the public. This is a serious effort on the part of the League. Not only have we reserved a very visible spot at Reid Park so we can serve all the different areas of town; we are advertising Get in the Game throughout the city in multiple ways. Comcast is the presenting sponsor and has produced a television PSA that has been on rotation for a few weeks. Azteca Tucson 14, available on Cox, Comcast and Dish, will run a Spanish version of the spot. A radio PSA has been running on Arizona Lotus stations for the past week or so.

In addition, (10) bus shelter signs have been up around the city for a few weeks. Thousands of flyers are being distributed to seven of the local school districts all over the city. The event has been listed on 6 online publications. Facebook ads will be pushed 2 weeks out from the date.

Your Club has been invited to participate and we hope you’ve already signed up and started making plans. It’s a free, family-friendly event, but it can only be successful with your full support. The League has done all the groundwork – we even have the prizes for you to give away at your Club’s carnival game. There’s going to be a jumping castle, DJ’ed music and a face painter.

If you have any questions, call Veronica Saiz at 520-401-9015. We hope you’re planning to Get in the Game!



Scheduling & Flighting Update

The Flighting meeting will be a meeting of the members of the PCJSL League Operations Committee. We have included the list here for your reference. The goal of the meeting is to take all league registrations and create age group flights and divisions, base on our promotion/relegation process.

Committee Members:

- ◊ Dave Cosgrove (TSA)
- ◊ Cheryl/Fred Copeland (Freedom SC)
- ◊ Jose Miranda (Tanque Verde SC)
- ◊ Nick Vitale (Fort Lowell SC)
- ◊ Ricardo Hinds (AZ Champions)
- ◊ Sean Young (FC Sonora)
- ◊ Shannon Pate (Challenge FC)
- ◊ Steve Hulland (Southern Arizona SC)
- ◊ Steve Wallace (CDO SC)
- ◊ Ezz Morhan (PCJSL VP of Competition)
- ◊ Maggie Barton (PCJSL scheduler)

Snapshot of upcoming important dates:

- ⇒ Registration closes - Aug. 6, 2016
- ⇒ League Operations Committee meeting for flighting - Aug. 13, 2016
- ⇒ Flighting sent to clubs/presidents for review - Aug. 13, 2016 (48 hours to provide feedback)
- ⇒ Flighting Complete - Aug. 15, 2016
- ⇒ Scheduling begins - Aug. 16, 2016

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
AYSA Director of Leagues



PCJSL Social Media

- ◆ www.pcjsl.com—website contains a wealth of information including:
 - ◆ Registration Information
 - ◆ Calendar
 - ◆ PCJSL/AYSA Forms
 - ◆ Rules
 - ◆ D & R
 - ◆ Tournament Info
 - ◆ Club Information
 - ◆ Referee Information
- ◆ New News Items are posted at the very top of the PCJSL Home Page
- ◆ Coach/Parent Education
- ◆ Twitter—[@PCJSLOfficial](https://twitter.com/PCJSLOfficial) — new web page updates are posted here as well as any Field Closure information
- ◆ Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/PCJSL/home>
- ◆ PCJSL Mail List—many important items come through the PCJSL Mail List. To subscribe go to :<https://www.facebook.com/PCJSL/app/100265896690345/>



PCJSL Referee Training



The Arizona State Referee Administration has drastically overhauled their recertification procedure for 2017 and it will have an impact and huge benefit for all referees performing referee duties during PCJSL games this year.

In the past, recertification was typically a sit down and listen to the updated Laws of the Game presentation of perhaps an on-line presentation followed by an online test. Many referees didn't get much out of this "recertification" and wanted more field training and "hand's on" training to help hone their referee skills as they continued to ply their trade on the pitch every weekend. Well, the future is here!

Beginning this month, recertification will require a field training exercise segment to bring referees up to speed on law changes and drills on how to perform better as assistant referees and center referees.

Training dates will be Saturday, August 20th with two sessions available. The first session is from 8am to 10am and the second session is from 4pm to 6pm and recertifying referees need only attend one session. You can register for the training on the azref.com website.

A second recertification clinic will take place on Monday, September 5th (Labor Day) for referees who are unable to attend either session on August 20th.

The goal is to have a recertification clinic once a month, not on Saturday's so referees will still be able to work PCJSL games.

Additionally, PCJSL will be sponsoring training on concussion symptoms and other areas dealing with player injuries. There will be at least two training dates in the fall so stay tuned to the PCJSL website for details and assignr.com for announcements on timing and locations.

Larry Luckett
Referee Commissioner

It's Monsoon Season!

Did you know that PCJSL has a service where you can receive text and email alerts when fields are closed. It is called RainedOut. Some of the other clubs in PCJSL also use this service and you can subscribe to those through their web pages. You can subscribe to multiple sources on RainedOut so you are as up to date as possible on conditions. The PCJSL updates are also posted on our Twitter feed and Facebook page. For more information on the PCJSL Social Media see page 5 of this Newsletter.

Click Here to Sign up for PCJSL RainedOut
https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=0ba3509022480c2c9ea3

City and County Field Closure information. These are the sources PCJSL uses to determine when to send out an alert.

The City/County sport rain out line is (520) 837-8110

The notice will always be on the County website, too
(<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=226551>)



Coaches Corner with the D.O.C.



PCJSL believes that continuing coaching education is a key component of a successful coach. Coaches have a crucial role in the player development process. There are a number of courses and programs designed to reach coaches of all levels. The ultimate goal is to make the game better for all involved.

Please refer to the following links for details and if you have any questions concerning coaching education, you can contact PCJSL Director of Coaching at PCJSL.DOC@gmail.com

- Courses Schedule— http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/coaching/coaching_course_schedule/
 - Youth Modules: Level I (U6-U8) and Level II (10-12) has been provided FREE of charge to PCJSL members.
 - "E" License and "D" License Courses has been subsidized at $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost by PCJSL for those coaches coaching within PCJSL
 - PCJSL will subsidize the cost of the "F" License for those non-paid coaches.
- Courses Descriptions— http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/odp/course_descriptions/
- Hosting a Course—http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/coaching/hosting_a_course/
- National & State License Overview— http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/coaching/national_state_license_overview/
- Coaching Resources— http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/coaching/coaching_resources/
- US Soccer Digital Coaching Center— <https://dcc.ussoccer.com/>

Call for Information

Do you have something you would like to include in the next newsletter?

Important information for the PCJSL web site?

Tournament Announcements for the PCJSL web page?

Would you like to have your club information updated on the PCJSL web site?

Email:

Communications.Commissioner

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