

# August 2017 Newsletter

## Pima County Junior Soccer League



### Letter from the President

#### Let the games begin!

Dear PCJSL Families,

We jump into the 2017-18 season with our first ever “Silent September.” Southern Arizona continues to lead the state in positive and healthy support of our kids as they compete on the pitch with this the third year of our “Respect the Game” Program.

For the entire month of September, players, coaches and parents are going to follow the following very simple rules:

**Coaches—Coach.** Coaches and ONLY Coaches tell players what to do and what not to do during the game. Coaches do this in a supportive manner, and are civil and professional interacting with the game officials.

**Players—Play.** Players give their best effort on the field, are respectful of the game officials, opposing players and coaches. They do NOT talk to game officials or players on the other team. Exercise good sportsmanship throughout the match.

**Parents—Cheer.** Parents are supportive of their players and always cheer with positive words. Parents do not coach or tell players what to do or not do on the pitch and parents DO NOT SPEAK to game officials. Not only no criticizing calls, no statement of ANY KIND EVER directed to a game official.

**Silent September—**means we are all on our best behavior to Respect the Game and stay positive, supportive and within our defined roles.

And, last but not least, never forget the six words your child most wants to hear in the car home after the match: “I love to watch you play.”

Let the games begin!

Ted Schmidt PCJSL President

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### AZ Soccer News and Info



### **IMPORTANT!** **INTERNATIONAL RELEASES** **WILL BE ENFORCED** **IN 2017-18**

See articles on Pages 3 & 10. More information at <http://www.ussoccer.com/about/federation-services/intl-clearance>



### [PCJSL Fall Registration](#)



US Youth Soccer Small Sided Resource Page

<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/coaches/SmallSidedGames/>

# SILENT SEPTEMBER

PCJSL will start the 2017/2018 youth soccer season off with “Silent September”. The rules for “Silent September” are as follows:

1. All parents and visitors shall be silent, except cheering, during the game. No jeering; just enjoy your player and the game that they love. Again...cheering is allowed, but no instructions given. Also during this Silent September, all parents and visitors should be on that half of the parent touchline opposite their team’s bench.
2. In the event a parent or visitor violates this rule, on the first instance during a game the referee will ASK the coach to counsel his parents/visitors to remain silent. On the second instance during the game the referee will TELL the coach to counsel his parents/visitors to remain silent. Upon the third instance during the game the referee will direct the coach to DISMISS the offending spectator(s)—if they do not leave or the coach refuses—then the coach will be sent off. If there is not an appropriately carded adult to continue coaching the game, the game will be abandoned and the circumstances reported to PCJSL. Likewise, if the offending spectator(s) still refuse to leave, even after the coach is sent off, then the game will be abandoned and the circumstances reported to PCJSL. If in the opinion of the referee the situation warrants, first two steps (ASK/TELL) are not required.
3. Coaches are allowed to constructively coach their teams, but may not berate or criticize players, opponents, or referees before, during, or after their match.
4. Referees will use the same ASK, TELL, DISMISS protocol when dealing with coaches and team officials who do not comply with the above coaching and conduct guidelines.
5. Prior to the beginning of the season, each team manager, coach or coach’s representative shall obtain parent signatures on behalf of each player on their roster acknowledging their awareness of the parent/visitor code of conduct.
6. Team managers are expected to be on the parent touchline in order to address any inappropriate behaviors directly.
7. Teams / Parent Groups / Individuals who are reported as having been dismissed from a game are subject to sanctions per PCJSL guidelines for their inappropriate conduct. Repeat offenders will be sanctioned more severely. The purpose of this SILENT SEPTEMBER is to make parents/visitors aware of the PCJSL focus on appropriate sideline behavior and of the existence of a CODE OF CONDUCT, and re-establish that managing parent/visitor behavior is the responsibility of coaches and clubs, NOT referees.

Following SILENT SEPTEMBER, PCJSL will have periodic SILENT SATURDAYS as a reminder.

Larry Lockett

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# INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE UPDATE

All Players Born Outside the USA  
Must Have International Clearance

**Please contact your club registrar if your child was born in a foreign country.**

It is important that you contact your Club registrar immediately if your child was born outside the USA. US Soccer – not US Youth or AYSA – has made a ruling that all players born outside of the USA must have an international clearance for the 2017-18 season. This includes both US citizens born overseas such as those born in military hospitals or abroad and any player who has registered or played in a foreign country.

**The clearance must go through your Club registrar and AYSA. Please work with your Club and they will take care of getting the clearance in conjunction with AYSA. Do not seek clearance on your own. We are aware that we have players born in foreign countries who have played with us for a number of years. These players still must be cleared to play this year.**

If your child was in the United States prior to the age of 10, you will be able to apply for the minor process and simply provide a school record showing the child was in school at the age of 9 or a history with enrollment prior to age 10. This can be school report cards. For US citizens born outside of the country, you will need to show a passport, consular report of birth abroad or a certificate of citizenship/naturalization. If your player came to America after the age of 10 or is a refugee or foreign exchange student, further documentation is needed. Your Club registrar will help you with this process to make sure that you secure clearance. A child may not have a pass printed until the clearance is in place.

Again, this is being mandated by US Soccer – not US Youth, AYSA or PCJSL. Please cooperate and start the process as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Pat Dunham

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## AYSA International Clearance Message

Dear Club President, Registrar and DOC,

AYSA will not require an International Clearance for foreign born recreational players (in-house /tier 4) this season. However, AYSA highly recommends that a clearance be submitted for recreational players (in-house/tier 4) under 10 years since a Prior to 10 clearance is the quickest type of clearance for players under the age of 10.

The AYSA code of conduct has been revised. Please use this revised form going forward. It is posted on the website under Member Admin tab> Forms> Registration.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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# Vice Presidents Corner

One of the bits of advice I was given as a young referee was to be sure I knew the "rules of the competition." The same applies to all of us who may coach in different organizations, different leagues, school ball, adult leagues, and even indoor. Every group has rules, and most likely they are not the same. At this point, we are concerned with PCJSL. We are lucky to have our new Handbook available on the PCJSL website, a separate PCJSL Referee Handbook with some important information, as well as rules on the AYSA website.

Some things that everyone needs to be concerned with for the 2017/2018 season are as follows:

1. If you are playing U9, U10 You may only use one loan player from another club for any given game. U11, U12- You may only use 2 loan players from another club for any given game. U13 and older, You may only use 3 loan players from another club for any given game. Be aware the state changed the Loan Form which must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the referee for each loan player.
2. You may not use players from other organizations, such as US Club and AYSO, for a PCJSL game. Players passes for PCJSL must all be issued by AYSA.
3. Players who are rostered with teams participating in Arizona Advanced leagues may not be used as loan players or club pass players for PCJSL league games (this means AZ Premier League, AZ State League, Desert Premier League, US Youth National League)
4. If you received a red card last season, and have not completed your suspension, including providing your Suspension Fulfillment Form to the D & R Committee, you, as well as your players who were suspended, will not be allowed to participate this season until all documents have been provided to PCJSL.
5. If you are suspended this season, understand that the suspension is not by game, but by PCJSL game day. Coaches may not coach any team for the specific number of PCJSL game days. Players may not play with any team for the specific number of PCJSL game days. PCJSL will release the coach/player card for tournaments if the suspended individual is serving a "game days" type suspension. However if the suspension is for a specific period of time, for instance a 6 months suspension, the cards will not be released and you will not be allowed to participate.

If you have questions or concerns, or even have recommendations to improve our league, please call me, Detlef Lange, at (520) 419-4829, PCJSL Vice President, [PCJSL.VP@gmail.com](mailto:PCJSL.VP@gmail.com)



[How to find a place for your child to play soccer in Pima County](#)

PCJSL Club Listing—Click club logo to go to their webpage



**Freedom Soccer Club**



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Please Don't Procrastinate!



The Fall 2017 season is coming up fast and it is important that you don't wait until the last minute to register your team for the fall event. Games for U15-19 teams start Sept 9 and games for U9-14 teams start Oct 7, 2017. REGISTRATION CLOSES on Aug 5, 2017 for U15-19 teams and Aug 28, 2017 for U9-14 teams. These dates, as well as other important dates leading up to the start of each season, can be found on page 12 of the PCJSL Administrative Handbook, <http://pcjssl.com/handbook>.

Please understand that you cannot expect the league to accept your team after the dates listed above because the flighting and scheduling process does not allow for the addition of teams once it is started, and it has to be started early in order to begin playing on the dates we've selected. Field availability is a problem for us and we don't have room to accommodate late registrations. Thanks for your understanding.

For Additional Information and Registration links visit the PCJSL webpage:

<http://pcjssl.com/>

## PCJSL ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK IS ONLINE!!!



It's been a long time coming, but with a great deal of help from Steve Hulland to get us started, and collaboration between Detlef Lange, Jeff Welliver, Maggie Barton, and many others, PCJSL finally has an Administrative Handbook to which all PCJSL members can refer when they have a question. It covers topics such as current season play dates, registration information, D&R procedures, and Concussion information, as well as many other things. The handbook went through more than five drafts that were circulated amongst board members and club presidents and we've made every effort to correct mistakes. It can be found on line at <http://pcisl.com/handbook>. It is also accessible from the home page by clicking on RULES in the Rules/D&R Menu on the right side of the page. If you see something we need to fix, please contact Maggie Barton at [pcisl.scheduler@gmail.com](mailto:pcisl.scheduler@gmail.com) and we will make the correction as soon as possible.

The information contained in the handbook is important – coaches and team managers cannot register a team without acknowledging that the handbook has been read. If you coach or manage a team you are RESPONSIBLE for knowing what the handbook contains. It is our hope that everyone involved with a club or a team will take the time to read all of the handbook's contents.

If you have questions, please refer to the handbook for answers before emailing or calling someone to ask. At the current time, you can navigate using the Table of Contents and clicking on the particular topic listed there. You can also print a copy since the handbook is a pdf file and keep it with your team's soccer gear. In the coming months, our Communications Commissioner plans to make the information even more accessible online, so check back to the web site frequently to see how the online handbook evolves. Finally, if you don't find something you are looking for, let us know and we'll get your question answered and then make plans to add that information to the next draft!

To the families of the Pima County Soccer League,



My name is Steven Hulland, and it is a great pleasure to introduce myself to you as the PCJSL Fields Commissioner, I have been in this position for almost a year. The League's Fall field use permits have come out and we are working hard to assign the fields fairly. The League has lost a few "time slots" this Fall and every Club will need to help out to ensure the Clubs get the field time needed this Fall.

With the monsoon season coming, I would like to remind everyone of the league's weather issues and policies with regards to field use:

### Weather

The league works hard to keep the fields from being damaged by rain or misuse. Our Tucson area fields are easily damaged even after light rains. Playing a day's worth of soccer on a rain-soaked field can significantly damage a field and be very expensive to fix. There is also added risk to children playing in wet, slippery conditions. The standard process for notifying teams of a rain out is through our website [www.pcjsl.com](http://www.pcjsl.com). Cancellations are generally decided the night before, but sometimes weather causes us to cancel on short notice. The Fields Director and Referees (as well as the City and County Directors) decide if games are to be cancelled. Once games are canceled, we remotely update the website. While we try to make this decision in a timely fashion, it is inevitable that you may be on your way to the field, or already at a park when a game is cancelled or a park is closed. In Tucson, one half of the City parks may remain open and the other half closed for days due to oversaturation. The weather is unusual in Tucson especially during monsoon season. If a game is cancelled for weather, the league will work to coordinate and schedule make-up games if at all possible. Make up games are not always scheduled on a Saturday, and are not guaranteed.

The best advice I can give Coaches is to use your own judgement when practicing on a wet field. Coaches are the League's local field representatives on practice nights. In Tucson, it can take over a year for a field to recover from one night of practice on a wet or over-saturated field. Cancel your own practice and give me a call to close the field to allow the water to evaporate or drain off. Your Club could be held accountable for damage done to an over-saturated field. Please be good stewards of our parks. Be mindful of picking up your own trash as you leave and maybe picking up a bit of extra trash you see around our parks.

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# Coaching Education News from the DOC

E LICENSE TO BE OFFERED IN SPANISH

If 15 or more coaches express interest, AYSA and PCJSL will offer the Coaching E License course in Spanish. Sign up with our Director of Coaching , Ricardo Hinds, [PCJSL.DOC@gmail.com](mailto:PCJSL.DOC@gmail.com)



If you have any questions concerning coaching education, you can contact me, the PCJSL Director of Coaching at [PCJSL.DOC@gmail.com](mailto:PCJSL.DOC@gmail.com).

Ricardo Hinds - PCJSL Director of Coaching



## **Loan players are not permitted in APL/ASL/POSOL.**

### **Roster Continuity for APL:**

#### **2.10 Roster Continuity**

All teams that are accepted for play in the APL must show player continuity of 9 players for 12U teams and 11 players for 13U-19/20U teams throughout the complete 2017-2018 APL season.

### **Club Pass Players:**

POSOL: 5 per game

ASL: 3 per game

APL: 3 per game

<http://www.azyouthsoccer.org/about/registration/>

### **AGE-GROUP MATRIX (2017-18 SEASON)**

Age Groups	Roster Sizes	
	Minimum	Maximum
U7-U8	5 players	8 players
U9-U10	7 players	12 players
U11-U12	7 players	16 players
U13-U18	7 players	22 players
U19	7 players	22 players

Thank You,  
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# AYSA News

International Clearance: AYSA and US Soccer is mandating that all players born outside the United States complete an international clearance procedure. It is important that players begin this process early because documents will need to be submitted to AYSA who will process the paperwork through US Soccer. Players will not be allowed to get player passes until the process is completed. Players playing in a in house youth academy and registered as a Tier 4 player are exempt and do not need to complete the international clearance. Contact your club registrar for help processing your forms. The international clearance procedure is listed below.

## INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE OPTIONS

Under FIFA's rules, there are four options by which a player born outside of the U.S. can register with an affiliated league.

1. Proof of Entry Prior to 10 – Players who have entered the U.S. prior to the age of 10 (regardless of their current age) and have been continuously living in the country since moving, can supply a copy of an official document to prove that fact (e.g. report cards, doctor records, etc.).
2. First Registration
  - a. U.S. Citizens – U.S. citizens born outside the U.S. (regardless of current age) may simply complete and sign the First Registration form attesting that the player has never been registered at any level to play soccer in any other country. U.S. Soccer can immediately clear the player upon receipt of this document.
  - b. Non-U.S. Citizens – A player born outside of the U.S., who is currently over the age of 18, may also complete and sign the First Registration form. U.S. Soccer will contact the foreign association for confirmation and will clear the player once that is received.
3. Minors Process – Any player currently between the ages of 10 and 17 who is NOT eligible for one of the preceding methods must prove to U.S. Soccer that he/she meets one of the following exceptions:
  - a. The player has moved with his/her parents to the U.S. for reasons other than playing soccer (e.g. parent's work).
  - b. The player lives outside the U.S., but no further than 30 miles from the national border. In addition, the U.S. Soccer-affiliated club with which the player wishes to be registered is within 30 miles of that same border.

Once verified, U.S. Soccer will request either the player's First Registration clearance or International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the foreign association, depending on which process is applicable.

4. ITC Request – Any player over the age of 18 who has been previously registered to a club in another country cannot be registered to a club in the United States until U.S. Soccer has received an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the player's former association. To initiate this process, the player must complete and submit an ITC Request form to U.S. Soccer, who will then request the ITC from the national association with which the player was most recently registered.



PCJSL Clubs Continued Click club logo to go to their webpage



# Laws of the Game Update for 2017/2018

Last year there were some pretty remarkable changes to the Laws of the Game set out by the International Football Association Board or IFAB. Players, coaches, parents, and even referees are still reeling from some of the changes and it hasn't been easy.

This year there were some "tweaks" to the changes put out last year and a few interesting additions that you will see when you take to the pitch in September. For example, the player kicking the ball off to start or restart the game after a goal has been scored now can legally be in his/her opponents' half of the field. Last year all the players had to be in their own half of the field to start/restart play on a kick off and it was a bit awkward from a player and referee's perspective, especially, if the player was going to play the ball backwards, which is possible.

One of the bigger changes deals with infractions by players during the taking of a Penalty kick or when executing Kicks from the penalty Mark (KFPM) to determine the winner of a match. There are multiple outcomes based on who is guilty of the infraction, but a caution (Yellow Card) is mandated now to the kicker if the kicker is penalized for an offense committed after the referee has signaled for the kick to be taken – that kick is recorded as a miss (regardless of the outcome) and the kicker is cautioned.

A new concept introduced in this year's law changes is that of a "sin bin" or where a referee may temporarily dismiss a player for a cautionable (Yellow card) offense provided the rules of competition allow for such an occurrence. This will not happen in PCJSL play this year but it may be an option in the future based on what the state association decides is prudent.

Referees will receive training on all the new law changes and together coaches, players, spectators and referees need to work together to enjoy the beautiful game.

You can learn about other changes by going to the IFAB website.

See you on the pitch,

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AZ Soccer News and Info



**We need more**

## **Referees in Pima County**

We continue to be short referees and until more people take the time to attend a certification class, you may be asked to serve as a "club line" at our Saturday games. Club lines don't have to do anything except let the referee know when the ball goes out of bounds, so it's easy! In fact, even if you understand the offside rule, club lines are NOT ALLOWED to call offside because they aren't certified referees. If you are interested in getting certified, upcoming new referee certification classes (throughout the state of Arizona) are always listed at <http://www.azref.com/entrylevel/>.



# NEW PIMA CUP FORMAT UNVIELED



LOOK OUT for the new, improved Pima Cup March 2-4, 2018 for the first time ever following the COMPASS format. This is Pima County's Signature Event and PCJSL has put a renewed focus on making this tournament a true highlight of your soccer experience here in Tucson. So mark your calendar now and experience Pima Cup like never before. Below is a sample bracket.

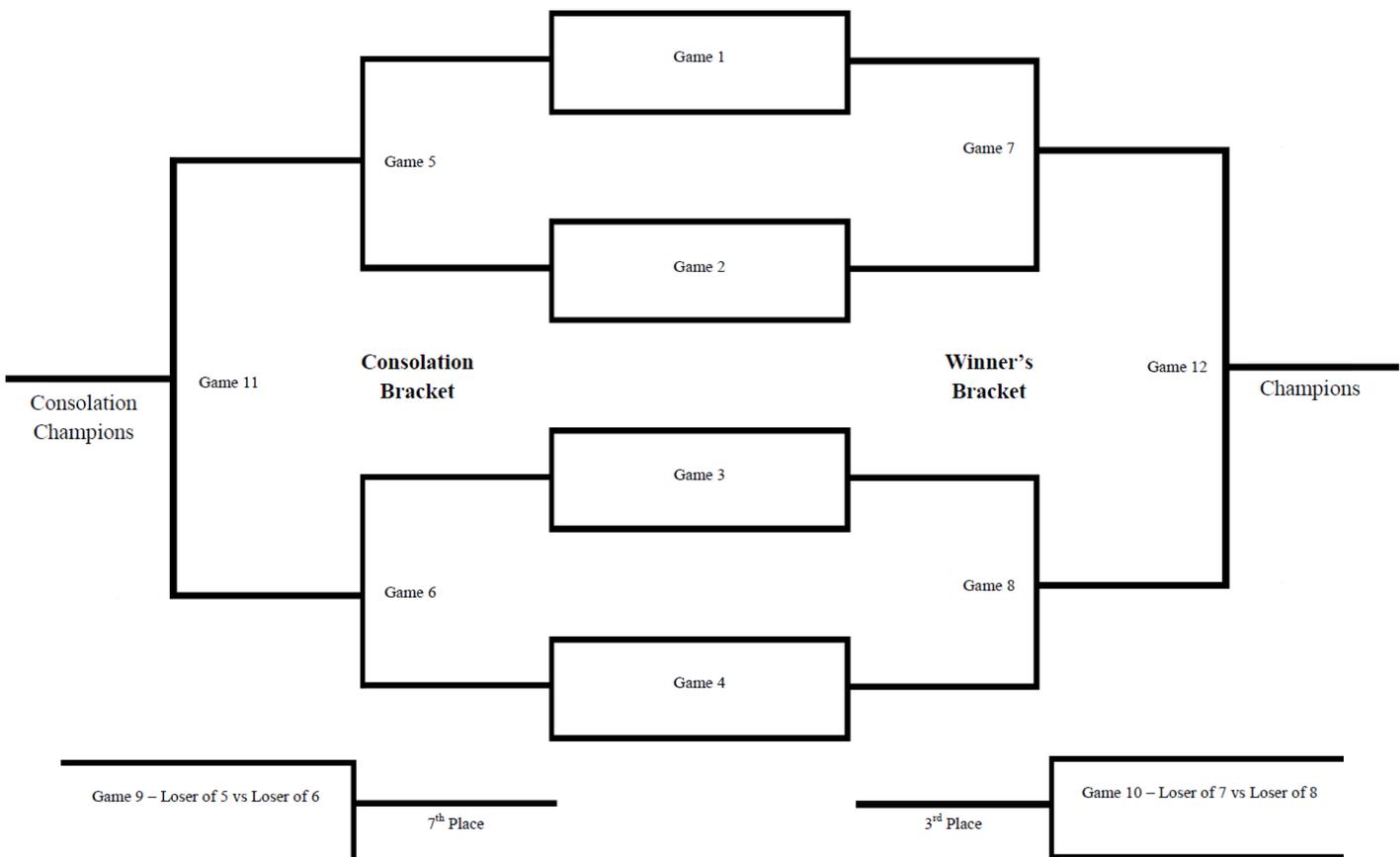


For more information and registration visit the PCJSL website:

<http://pcjssl.com/pima-cup2/>

AGE GROUP	GAME FOR-MAT	MAX ROSTER	GUEST PLAY-ERS	GAME LENGTH	COST
U7, U8	4v4	8	3	4x10	\$300
U8, U9, U10	7v7	14	3	2x20	\$400
U10, U11	9v9	18	3	2x25	\$425
U13, U14	11v11	22	5	2x30	\$450
U15-U19	11v11	22	5	2x35	\$450

## 8 Team Consolation Tournament





## Contacting PCJSL

There are various ways to stay up to date with happenings in PCJSL. Use the method that is right for you.

- ◆ [www.pcjssl.com](http://www.pcjssl.com)—website contains a wealth of information
- ◆ 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/>
- ◆ Phone—(520) 477-7913 - When calling and leaving message, be sure to include your **Name, Phone Number, and Email address** so that we can get back to you as quickly and efficiently as possible.

## Bookkeeping Update



### SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TO CLUBS DELINQUENT IN FEES OR TAX FILING

In an effort to reduce bookkeeping costs and the risk of losing its nonprofit status, the Pima County Junior Soccer League Board in July voted unanimously to enhance its Financial Bad Standing rule to assure timely compliance from our member clubs. The new rule reads:

**PCJSL can hold a financial bad standing hearing by the rules of the AYSA Bylaws if a Club is more than 60 days delinquent in their fees and/or if they do not provide the PCJSL Treasurer with requested documentation for tax filing under the PCJSL nonprofit status by the date it is due. Sanctions may be imposed if the Club is found to be in financial bad standing. These sanctions can include but are not limited to 1) notification to all club members of the findings of the bad standing hearing, 2) penalties or fines, 3) removal from the umbrella of PCJSL's nonprofit status and 4) disallowing play in the PCJSL League.**

## Why should you “Friend” the [PCJSL Facebook Page](#)?

PCJSL is making strides in sharing information through our social media pages. This includes our Facebook page. We are posting new updates and information to Facebook on a regular basis. “Friending” our Facebook page is an easy way to keep up with all of the happenings in Pima County Soccer.



## Timely and Important information in the Recent News section of PCJSL.com

There are a lot of new and exciting things happening in Pima County in regards to youth soccer. We post many updates right on the front of the <http://pcjsl.com> page under Recent News and Updates. This revolving list of information has timely news and information that can be easily accessed any time. You can also access older News by clicking on the Archive link.

### Recent News and Updates

- **ASL and APL Season Info**
- **New 2017 PCJSL Handbook Posted**
- **Team Standings for Winter/Spring 2017**
- **Fall 2017 season for PCJSL**
- **Local E License Class Offered**
- **How to find a place for your child to play Soccer in Pima County**
- **Using GotSoccer Chat – Coach/Manager Tutorial**

## Get the Word out with PCJSL

Did you know that you can post wants ads , <http://pcjsl.com/want-ads/> , and announcements to Recent News and Updates section of the PCJSL web site, <http://pcjsl.com/> ?

These ads and information can also be placed onto the PCJSL Facebook page and the PCJSL Twitter feed. The PCJSL Facebook page is followed by over 500 people and reaches a great amount of the soccer community.

You can request a want ad or announcement be posted simply by emailing us at [pcjsl.communications@gmail.com](mailto:pcjsl.communications@gmail.com) with the information and where you would like it posted.



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## 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](mailto:communications@pcjsl.com)

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