



L. V. Summer Soccer League

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Text of email sent to MJR Div. team representatives

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to our 48th consecutive season!

Attached are PDF files of your playing schedule, playoff draw, league rules and regulations, map of field layouts and high school graduation dates. Please make sure your team members are aware and get familiar with these documents. We suggest you forward this email with all attachments to every member of your team.

The objectives and goals (no pun intended) of the League are the same as has been for the past 47 years: to provide supervised, friendly, enjoyable recreational soccer activity for its members. Please keep this in mind every day you are playing in this league.

MEN'S JUNIOR DIVISION

All games are played at Lehigh University's Murray H. Goodman Campus per attached schedule.

MEN'S JUNIOR DIVISION GROUPS

The following three groups were established based on preferred playing times shown on the entry forms if possible, and also when the entry was received ("first-come first-serve"). The Team Number was assigned by random draw for scheduling purposes and adjusted for 'bye' requests (Group C) and to have both teams from the same school play on the same field back-to-back (Groups A & B).

DRAW

Group A		Group B		Group C	
No.	6:00 PM	No.	7:15 PM	No.	6:00 or 7:15PM
1	Freedom	1	Patriot FC	1	BC1 Hawks
2	Saucon Valley Red	2	Saucon Valley Black	2	East FC
3	Easton Red	3	Easton Black	3	Warriors FC
4	Pennridge Rams	4	New Tripoli Bank FC	4	BC2 Hawks
5	Gore FC	5	Quarry Crew	5	ACCHS - Gold
6	Spartan B	6	Spartan A	6	ACCHS - Green
7	Canes FC	7	Cornerstone-Wm Allen	7	Bears FC
8	Palisades Pirates	8	FC Tribe	8	Bears United
9	Hornets-Green	9	Hornets-Gold	9	Quakertown
10	Pen Argyl FC - 1	10	Pen Argyl FC - 2	10	Lions FC



PLAYING SCHEDULE AND PLAYOFFS

The detailed playing schedule for all three groups is attached. This email is common for all three groups, but the attached schedules are separate for Groups A-B and for Group C. Please note that there are no games for Group A-B on June 5, and 10 because there are not enough fields available. There are no games scheduled for July 4 for Group C.

In order to accommodate as many teams as possible to play this summer, and to finish play during the time and field availability through the end of July, we had to schedule league games on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Group C. Unfortunately, we had to return or not accept four additional teams for this season.

Standings are based on total points accumulated during round-robin play (3 - win, 1 – tie, 0 - loss). In case of a tie in the standings, the following will be used to break the tie:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential (GF - GA) up to ± 4 per game
3. Least goals allowed
4. Coin flip.

Please note the maximum goal differential of ± 4 per game is considered for standing purposes. For clarity here is an example of how the goal differential is calculated:

<u>Final Score</u>	<u>Winning Team</u>	<u>Losing Team</u>
6-0 = 4-0	+4	-4
7-2 = 6-2	+4	-4
2-1 = 2-1	+1	-1

Also note that the 'most goals scored' criteria is not used as a tie-breaker. By limiting the goal differential to 4 and not using the 'most goals scored' in the standings, we hope this eliminates the incentive to 'run up the score' in order to place higher in the standing, or to make the playoffs.

PLAYOFFS

The top five (5) teams from each group and one (1) wild card team with the best record of the remaining teams qualify for the playoffs. The 16 teams will be ranked using the same criteria as used for the standings and paired-off as shown on the attached playoff draw.

The playoff dates are July 10, 15, 17 and 18, 2019. For results, standings, and announcements during the season, check out www.lvssl.org. Small trophies will be awarded to Group winners, playoff champions and runners-ups.

LEAGUE RULES & ROSTER CHANGES

Please know the rules (attached). Some of the key points: No protests will be allowed. Cautions (yellow cards) are accumulative during the season, 2 yellows = 1 game suspension; no offside; send -off (red card) results in a minimum one game suspension; foul language = yellow card; fighting = expulsion from league; give false name to referee when cautioned - get a next game suspension. Our league is a recreational one; it helps to prepare high school teams for the coming fall season. Please see us or contact us with any questions, issues and suggestions.

Roster changes (additions or deletions) can be made until playoffs start at \$15/player. Player added must sign the Team Roster and have a signed Parental Release form to be eligible to play – contact Ed Csongradi via email a day before playing. Anyone playing but not on the roster with signature is an ineligible player and he/she and the team is subject to the penalties listed in the Team Roster, and in the League Rules and Regulations. Most importantly, it is also a liability

issue. A player can only play for one team during the season; no transfers are allowed even if he/she is attending the same school. Please notify the other coach if you are short of players, and scrimmage if using players not on your roster.

PARKING & SPEEDING

Please tell your players that they should park only in the designated parking areas. Please remind the players when arriving and departing the fields to obey speed limits in and around the parking lots, there is a lot of foot traffic and we want to avoid accidents due to reckless driving. Drive on the paved road and not on the dusty lower parking lot when possible.

There are several high school commencements at Stabler Arena from June 3 thru June 13 so traffic congestion will be very heavy on these days, so leave early to arrive at the fields on time. See detailed list of commencements attached and also posted on the league website.

Fields and parking lot must be cleaned up prior to leaving. We have to vacate campus at dusk or at 9:00 PM, so plan accordingly.

GAME POSTPONEMENT

In case of inclement weather, please check the LVSSL website at www.lvssl.org for the latest announcement. We update it daily by 4:30 p.m. We will make an effort to reschedule postponed games using the available dates and fields for the whole league. Please note that these dates are *limited* to some Fridays in July.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR INJURY

In case of injury or other medical emergency, please see the Trainers on duty. There will be two on duty when all 10 fields are used and one if 5 fields or less are used. One trainer will be located next to field #7; other is near field #2, unless they are attending an injury. The Trainer or the league representative will call 911 for an ambulance via Lehigh University police in case of serious injury.

Unfortunately, Kal Sarkozy will not participate and be present at the fields this summer due to health issues.

Have a great season!

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