



# SOUTH FLORIDA JEWISH SOCCER LEAGUE HANDBOOK

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# OUR MISSION

## WELCOME

Welcome to SFJSL! The first Jewish Soccer League in South Florida! Our league games take place on Sundays, so that our players can observe Shabbat, on Saturdays. We are thrilled to have you as part of our community.

This handbook outlines the policies and expectations that ensure all players grow on and off the field—with commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

## MISSION

To provide a structured, values-driven soccer league that develops skill, character, and team spirit. We expect dedication, respect, and loyalty from all players and families.



# FEES, INCLUSIONS & COMPETITION GUIDELINES

## **Costs to enter**

The cost to enter the league is \$350 per team. This must be paid before the league starts.

There is also a referee fee of \$20 per game

## **What's Included?**

- 6-8 guaranteed games
- Certified referees
- League scheduling & standings
- Discipline management
- Basic insurance (if applicable)
- Trophy/medals for winning teams





# PLAYER & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

This league is for recreational/D3 players

## MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZES

Age Group	Format	Max Players
U8	6v6	<b>10 max</b>
U10	8v8	<b>13 max</b>
U12	9v9	<b>14 max</b>
U13	9v9	<b>14 max</b>



# CODE OF CONDUCT



## **Players Must:**

- ✓ Show up on time, ready to play
- ✓ Respect teammates, coaches, referees, and opponents
- ✓ Listen to coaches and try their best
- ✗ No swearing, mocking, or fighting
- ✗ No bullying of any kind

## **Parents Must:**

- ✓ Encourage, never criticize from the sidelines
- ✓ Communicate respectfully with coaches
- ✓ Support attendance and commitment
- ✗ Do not coach from the sidelines
- ✗ Do not approach referees about calls

**ALL PARENTS MUST STAY OFF THE FIELD**





# UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- All players must wear their official team uniform to each game
- In the event that two teams are wearing the same colors, we will have pinnies available for the teams to differentiate their colors
- Shin guards and cleats are required at every game. Players will not be allowed to play without them.
- Bring a labeled water bottle
- No jewelry allowed on field





# ATTENDANCE POLICY & COMMUNICATION

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Arrive 10 minutes before games
- 3 late arrivals = \$100 fine for the team
- No-show or an incomplete team without 72 hour notice is an automatic win for the opposing team.
- Games will start promptly at the given start time.
- If there is a lot of stoppage time during the game, the game may be shortened to ensure the next game starts promptly.
- U8 and U10/11 league games will consist of four quarters
- U13 league games will consist of two halves.

## COMMUNICATION

- All league updates will be sent via WhatsApp to the coaches
- Questions or concerns should be directed to coaches respectfully and privately
- 24-hour cool-off rule: If upset, wait a day before contacting the coach



# HEALTH & SAFETY

- Players must report any injuries to the coach immediately
- Concussions: Players with suspected concussions must get medical clearance before returning
- Keep sick players at home

# WEATHER & CANCELLATIONS

- We play rain or shine unless there's lightning or unsafe conditions
- Weather cancellations will be announced to coaches via WhatsApp at least 1 hour before scheduled time



# MATCH NO-SHOW, FORFEIT & RESCHEDULING POLICY

## **No-Show or Incomplete Team**

If a team:

- Fails to appear for a scheduled match, or
- Appears without the minimum number of players required to start the match
- without providing at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice, the match will be recorded as an automatic forfeit win for the opposing team.

## **Minimum Players to Start a Match**

A match may only begin if a team has the minimum number of players present:

- 6v6: minimum 4 players
- 8v8: minimum 5 players
- 9v9: minimum 6 players
- If the minimum is not met within the league's grace period, the match will be forfeited.

## **Grace Period**

- A 10–15 minute grace period may be applied at the league's discretion.
- After the grace period, if the team remains unable to field the minimum number of players, the match will be declared a forfeit.



# MATCH NO-SHOW, FORFEIT & RESCHEDULING POLICY

## **Advance Notice & Rescheduling**

Teams that provide at least 72 hours' written notice of inability to play may request a reschedule.

Reschedules are not guaranteed and are subject to:

- Field availability
- Referee availability
- Opposing team approval
- League approval

## **Rescheduling Fees**

If a match is rescheduled due to one team's request, that team may be responsible for:

- Referee fees
- Field rebooking fees
- Any additional administrative costs

## **Score Reporting for Forfeits**

Forfeit matches will be recorded as a win for the opposing team.

- Standard forfeit score: 3–0 win

## **Refund Policy**

- No refunds will be issued for forfeited matches.
- Repeated no-shows may result in further disciplinary action, including removal from the league.

# PENALTIES, DISCIPLINE & RULE ENFORCEMENT



To ensure fair play and maintain the integrity of the league, all teams and academies must comply with league rules and regulations. The following penalties will be enforced consistently throughout the season.

**No offsides in U8. The opposition team can't crowd the goalie on goal kicks and opposition team must be 10 yards back.**  
**Other groups play with regular offside rule.**

## **Ineligible or Unregistered Players**

An ineligible player is defined as any player who:

- Is not listed on the official team roster
- Does not meet age eligibility requirements
- Is registered with another academy (unless explicitly approved)
- Is otherwise in violation of league player eligibility rules

### **Penalty:**

- Automatic forfeit of the match in which the ineligible player participated
- The recorded score will be adjusted to a league forfeit result

## **Roster Violations**

- Team rosters must be submitted by February 7th
- Rosters will be locked once approved by the league
- Player additions or changes after roster lock are not permitted unless approved by the league under exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury replacement)

### **Penalty:**

- Use of an unauthorized player will be treated as an ineligible player violation

# PENALTIES, DISCIPLINE & RULE ENFORCEMENT



## **Repeat or Serious Violations**

If a team commits repeated violations of league rules, including but not limited to:

- Multiple instances of ineligible player use
- Intentional misrepresentation of player age or identity
- Circumventing roster rules

## **Penalty:**

- Removal of the team from the league at the league's discretion
- All remaining matches may be recorded as forfeits

## **Guest Players**

Guest players are not permitted.

## **Refund Policy**

- No refunds will be issued for forfeited matches
- No refunds will be issued to teams removed from the league due to rule violations
- League fees are non-refundable once the season begins, as operational costs are incurred in advance

## **League Authority**

The league reserves the right to:

- Verify player eligibility at any time
- Request documentation for age and registration verification
- Make final decisions on disciplinary matters in the best interest of the league

All league decisions regarding rule enforcement and penalties are final.



# DISCIPLINARY PROCESS & FINES

## DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

- Players and parents must respect our code of conduct.
- Referees will be issuing yellow cards and red cards for fouls and/or any other disciplinary issues. If a player receives a red card, they are automatically dismissed for the remainder of the game and the team has to play with one player less.

## FINES

- Yellow cards will result in a \$20 fine, and red cards will result in a \$50 fine.
- Players will not be able to continue playing for their team with outstanding fines.





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