



Tri-State Club Soccer League

Fall 2008 Playing Formats

Dear TSCSL Member:

The following information should serve as a guide for teams participating in the TSCSL for the Fall 2008 Season. This information conforms to the Bylaws & Playing Rules established for the league, and all registered teams are encouraged to participate in all scheduled activities.

- 1) General Information for All Ages/Genders
 - a) All games will be scheduled on Sundays for the Fall 2008 Season, beginning on 9/7/08.
 - b) Teams will be scheduled for at least 8 matches.
 - c) Teams must submit a roster for the Intra-League Tournament and may only use players on their roster for that event. No Club Guests or sliding passes will be allowed for the Intra-League Tournament in any age groups.
 - d) The format of the Intra-League Tournament will be Double-Elimination for all ages and will take place over two weekends starting on 10/25-10/26/08 and ending on 11/1-11/2/08.
 - e) All players will receive t-shirts for participating in the TSCSL, and the only award-based event for all ages is the Intra-League Tournament. Trophies will be presented to the 1st & 2nd place teams in each event.
 - f) All teams are required to pay their share of the Referee fees for all matches, including the Intra-League Tournament.
 - g) Girls may participate on a Boys team. Boys may not participate in a Girls match.
 - h) No player may participate in more than two (2) games on any day.
 - i) Teams must notify their Commissioner or opponent (for U10 ages) by 8pm on the Tuesday prior to a scheduled playing event if they are unable to meet the schedule. Failure to provide notice will result in a forfeit and the assessment of fees.

- 2) U10 Playing Format
 - a) U10 teams will be bracketed for Competitive Division Play.
 - b) Previous season standings from the league in which a team participated will be used by the League Committee to appropriately place teams in Divisions (1st Div, 2nd Div, etc)
 - c) Five (5) teams will be placed in each division with the last division having 5-9 teams, depending on the total number of teams entered for play in the gender.
 - d) Scores will be recorded, with the results used to seed teams in the Intra-League Tournament.
 - e) Teams are required to present a roster for matches during the Regular Season, which will end on 10/19/08, and may use up to three (3) Club Guest Players per match.
 - f) All Regular Season matches must be completed by 10/19/08. Any games not played by 10/19/08 will be recorded as double-forfeit (0-0 tie), unless one team elects to forfeit a match (then 1-0 for the winner). A forfeit fee will be assessed to all forfeiting teams.
 - g) There will be two "flights" of Intra-League Tournament for U10. The top flight will include up to 50% of the teams based on standings at the end of the Regular Season, and the 2nd flight will include the balance of the teams
 - h) The results of the Intra-League Tournament will be used to bracket teams in Spring 2009.

- 3) U8/U9 Playing Format
 - a) The playing format for Boys & Girls in the U8 & U9 ages will be Festival Play.
 - b) Girls U8 & U9 matches will be scheduled for weeks 1, 3, 5, & 7 of the season, starting on 9/7/08
 - c) Boys U8 & U9 matches will be scheduled for weeks 2, 4, 6, & 7 of the season, starting on 9/14/08
 - d) Teams are not required to present a roster for matches during the Regular Season, which will end on 10/19/08, and may have unlimited movement of players between teams within a club until the League Tournament.
 - e) The Age Group Commissioners will identify venues for four (4) weekends of play for each gender. Eligible host clubs must have at least two (2) 6v6 fields available at their site to be eligible to host.
 - f) Teams that are unable to participate on the scheduled weekends will not be rescheduled, but may make arrangements with interested league teams to add friendlies/scrimmages/matches to make up for lost opportunities
 - g) There will be no scores recorded for the Regular Season
 - h) Teams will be bracketed in the Intra-League Tournament by blind draw at the conclusion of the Regular Season.

Yours in Soccer,
The TSCSL Executive Committee