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GAME SCHEDULE
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CELEBRATING 32 YEARS OF
RECREATIONAL SOCCER

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The Northwest/Jackson Soccer League is a recreational soccer league serving the youth of the Northwest and Jackson School Districts and surrounding areas.

We offer a program for youth 4 years old to 18 years old and we also offer an Adult recreational program that plays on Sundays.

League phone number is 330-854-3001 and website is www.NJSL.com

Goal Kicks from the President 18 July 2011

Welcome all to the 32nd season of NJSL recreational soccer. The officers & board members have been working since November on the job of organizing the league so our kids can play this wonderful game. I'd like to thank those adults who have volunteered to be the head coach or assistant coach of a team and to those of you who step up at the first practice and say "coach I want to help". Thanks to the field painters, the net hangers, the corner flag installers, the line painters and everyone who volunteered to make things happen.

We have made a few changes this season, due to the number of girls who signed up for girls only teams we've had to place those girls into mixed (boys & girls) teams this year. We were a little light players on teams in the same mixed ages, combining them all together gave a reasonable amount of players & teams in these three age groups. All the parents were notified by letter and offered a refund this year if they did not want their daughters to play on a team with the boys. The parents of 14 of the girls opted out of the program, we are in the process now to refund their registration fees. 4 year olds were added to the "Soccer Mite" program with the 5 year olds. That program grew from 7 teams last year to 12 teams this year. Nichter field in Canal Fulton is back in use after last year's sewer project that went up the edge of the field. We have three 10/11 and one 12/13 Northwest practice teams that will be using those fields this year. My thanks to those NW parents for traveling east for practices all season last year. NO BYE WEEKS FOR GAMES this year. There are even numbers of teams in each age division so everybody plays each Saturday.

Our team and player pictures will be taken on Saturday August 27th at the Jackson Friends Church on Portage Street in Jackson. All teams will be assigned a time to assemble at the church. Wear your game day uniform, clean soccer shoes are ok to wear. Your coach will be handing out a flyer to each player in mid August with the complete information on this event.

Let's all remember, recreational soccer is what we do. Everyone plays, everyone does their best, everyone plays fair and everyone enjoys themselves.
Hope to see you on the pitch sometime.

Ron Goode
2011 NJSL President

Pitch: football pitch is the playing surface for the game of association football (US soccer) made of turf. Its dimensions and markings are defined by Law 1 of the Laws of the Game, "The Field of Play".

LEAGUE PLAYING POLICY

The NJSL is purely a recreational league.
There are no team standings or any kind of awards that recognize individual or team achievement.

2011 NJSL SEASON

For 4 - 5 Years Old – practice/games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 20th and running for eight (8) consecutive weeks through October 8th, including the Labor Day weekend.
For ages 6 - 18 – Scheduled practices begin Monday August 1st. Games will be scheduled on Saturdays, starting August 20th and running for ten consecutive weeks through October 22nd, including the Labor Day weekend. Games eight and nine will not be made up if they are cancelled due to weather. Rescheduled games are to be co-ordinated with the league scheduler and will be played on Sundays.
SEE NOTE BELOW ON PICTURE DAY ON AUG 27th.

PLAYING FIELDS and PRACTICE FIELDS (location maps are in the center of this newsletter)...

CANAL FULTON ST HELENA HERITAGE PARK - Located near downtown Canal Fulton on South Cherry St. (Fields 2 & 3)

CANAL FULTON NICTHER PARK - Located northwest of town on Milan St. (Field 5)

JACKSON PARK SOUTH - Located on Fulton Rd just west of Jackson High School. (Fields 3, 4, 5 & 6)

JACKSON PARK NORTH - Located on Fulton Rd., across from the Jackson High School. (Fields 9A, 9B, 9C & 17).

NOTE: Please be sure to PARK on DESIGNATED LOTS and WALK to all fields.
Parking on the grass near fields is STRICTLY PROHIBITED at ALL fields.

FIELD MAINTENANCE & CLEANUP

We are in need of Volunteers from Jackson and Northwest to help in field maintenance. This consists of helping to set up goals and fields at the beginning of the year, and /or lining fields throughout the season.
If you can assist in Jackson, please call Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212.
If you can assist in Canal Fulton, please call Ron Goode at 330-854-6844.
It is the responsibility of each coach, team members and parents to remove all litter from the field and sidelines immediately after each game and practice. All coaches, please advise team players to refrain from kicking, erasing, digging holes and craters on the painted lines and grass on the practice and game fields. Please do not use painted lines for drills at practice.

TEAM PICTURES

Pictures for all ages will be taken on Aug 27th at a central location in Jackson to be announced early August.
All teams will be assigned a gathering time to assemble and have their pictures taken. The pictures will start at 10:00 am and continue to mid afternoon. Further information including your team's assigned time slot will be sent to coaches in early August. **NO GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON AUG 27th.**

LEAGUE REFUND POLICY

A refund will be given only if a family is moving out-of-town, or the youth has a doctor's medical excuse. Either excuse must be submitted in writing by the parents to the NJSL Treasurer, PO Box 622, Canal Fulton, OH 44614 or by e-mail to registration@njsl.com no later than Friday, August 19, 2010.

SPORTS INJURY INSURANCE

The NJSL does NOT carry a sports injury insurance policy. Please take the necessary steps to cover participants as you deem prudent.

NJSL EQUIPMENT

Parents, your registration fees are what pays for the equipment, goals, nets, soccer balls etc that the league uses. The fees you pay are reasonable because we get many years of use out of each item. When someone destroys corner flags or nets or takes soccer balls, then that's theft & vandalism and it's not right. These vandals & thieves are making this sport more expensive for all of us. Please look out for our equipment and give the coach a hand in rounding up their stuff at practices & games. If you find a NJSL logo soccer ball, we'd like it back. Thanks.

ORANGES AND WATER

Orange slices (or other suitable snack) should be provided to all players at halftime. Team parents should rotate responsibility for providing the orange slices and plenty of water for players during and after the games and practices, especially in hot weather. The soccer players should have access to as much water as they want to avoid dehydration.

LOST AND FOUND

If you lost something at one of the fields we use, please contact
Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212 for Jackson fields or Ron Goode at 330-854-6844 in Canal Fulton.
PARENTS: PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S LAST NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ALL EQUIPMENT !!!

SCHEDULED PRACTICE TIMES FOR THE 2010 SEASON.

August: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 to dark
September: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to dark
October: 5:30 to dark

*Practice schedule is tentative and is subject to change. Practices are for ages 6 to 18 years old.
5 year olds DO NOT have separate practice sessions.*

NJSL JERSEY WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Machine wash on gentle cycle or hand wash. Use warm water and mild soap. Do NOT bleach. Drip dry.
Do NOT wring, twist or rub. Use cool iron if necessary.

PLAYING TIME

Each player in the NJSL is to play a minimum of half of every game (Rule #3). We have had no rule or policy in regards to playing positions. The League "encourages" coaches to rotate players through as many positions as practical to allow all players to enjoy participation. We are leaving the implementation completely up to the coaches. They may choose to rotate during each game as many coaches have done in the past, or they may work a new position for a week or two of practice prior to a game. The Board hopes that encouraging will be the only policy we need on this issue. Parents, please keep in mind that all players do not want to change positions in game situations, your coach is trying to make soccer more enjoyable for each player.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

Please remember coaches are volunteering their time for your children. It is the responsibility of the parents to pick up their children immediately after each game and practice. We encourage parents to stay at practices and assist their coach.

Adults!

Don't Let the Kids Have all the Fun!!

There are still a limited number of openings for adult soccer. The adult division encourages the learning, exercise and fun of recreational soccer. Inexperienced players are welcome. The adults will play in the Jackson Park South Complex on Sunday afternoons. There will be practices on Sundays, August 1, 8, and 15.
Games will begin August 22nd.

Call Rhonda Teeple (330) 844-1217 for details or to register.

NORTHWEST / JACKSON SOCCER LEAGUE 2009 SUPPLEMENTAL LEAGUE RULES FOR AGES 6 - 18

The rules as stated herein are the Supplemental League Rules of the Northwest / Jackson Soccer League and are to be used in conjunction with the F.I.F.A. 2008/2009 Rules, which are the primary rules for all games.

Law 1 - Field of Play

The field size will conform to the F.I.F.A. specifications (50 yards x 100 yards minimum) for 10 year olds and up. Under 10 years old will play on a 40 yards x 80 yards minimum field. Corner flags will be used on all fields.

Law 2 - The Ball

The ball size will be as follows size 3 for 6/ 7 year olds, size 4 for 8/ 9/10/11 year olds and size 5 for 12 year olds and older.

Law 3 - Number of Players

It is the coach's responsibility to insure that each player plays a minimum of one half of every game. Substitutions for the 6/7 year olds will occur at the end of each quarter. For ages 8/9 the substitutions will occur at approximately the mid-point of each half when the ball is no longer in play. The clock will continue to run and official time is kept by the referee. For ages 10 years and up, open substitutions will be allowed. Coaches will be notified at "Coaches Kick-Off" as to the number of players to be fielded for a game. Upon any change of goalkeeper, the new goalkeeper must advise the referee before entering the field of play.

Law 4 - Players Equipment

It is mandatory that each player wear a team shirt and shin guards in order to play. Shin guards are to be completely covered by a separate sock. The goalkeeper's shirt shall be different from both team's shirts, as well as different from the color worn by the referee. Players shall not wear anything which is dangerous to themselves or other players. Referees shall inspect each player prior to the game for articles which, in his/her opinion, constitutes a hazard to any player. The player may not participate until the hazardous article is removed, or otherwise rendered safe.

Law 5 - Referees

Referees should be certified by the United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F.), although a qualified non-certified referee may be used. Referees will supply their own timer, whistle, flags, uniform, cards, game reports, and rule books. They will maintain the official time and keep a record of the game. In the absence of an official referee, the two coaches present may agree on a person to referee the game.

Law 6 - Linesmen

The coaches for the teams shall furnish one individual who will be linesman for the game. The referee will instruct and otherwise guide the linesman. Linesmen will only be responsible for indicating the team to place the ball back into play. In case of a difference of opinion, the referee's judgment will prevail. Linesmen will be neutral and will not COACH from the sidelines. Coaches and assistant coaches may not act as linesmen unless requested by the referee. Linemen are not to chase the ball when it goes out of bounds.

Law 7 - Duration of the Game

The duration of the game will consist of four (4) ten minute quarters for 6 and 7 year olds; two (2) thirty minute halves for 8 to 11 year olds; two (2) thirty-five minute halves for 12 and over. The same team will kick off each period in the half that is designated to kick off to start each half. Forfeited games will be awarded on the basis of a 1-0 score, and double forfeits shall be considered a 0-0 tie and will not be rescheduled by the league.

Law 8 - Game Cancellations

The referee alone has the power to suspend or terminate the game at the field by reason of the elements, interference by spectators, or other cause he deems such stoppage necessary. Referee decisions are final. The NJSL Board alone has the authority to deal further in the matter of a terminated or suspended game. Games are to be immediately suspended at the first sign of lightning in the area.

Law 9 - Slide Tackle

The slide tackle will be considered "dangerous play" in all divisions except in the fourteen (14) and up division. An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the offended team.

Slide tackle - attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.

THE 6/7 YEAR OLD DIVISION

The 6/7 year old division is to a degree an "instructional-learning" division and both coaches and referees should act accordingly. Referees, during the **FIRST FOUR WEEKS**, should correct mistakes and retake the set restarts such as, throw-ins, goal kicks, etc. All F.I.F.A. rules will apply, but temper them with common sense. The obvious offside should be called, but use judgment when a six or seven year old accidentally becomes offside in a crowd of players. Coaches will be permitted to place **ONE** registered assistant on the opposite side of the field to provide limited instruction to the players. This assistant coach should be at the end of the field opposite the team bench and should only cover one-half the length of the field (the coach can cover the other half from the opposite side). Goal kicks for the 6/7 year old division may be taken from any spot within the PENALTY area. Players from the opposing team shall remain outside the penalty area and at least ten (10) yards from the ball until it is in play.

ADDITIONAL RULES INFORMATION

Teams/Spectators - Team uniformed players and coaches will occupy an area along the touch line opposite the spectators. Spectators will occupy the opposite side of the field from the participating teams. Each "team bench" will be outside the touch line on opposite ends of the mid-field line. Coaches are to REMAIN in this half of the field area. Only coaches and registered assistant coaches may be on the team side of the field during games. Coaches are reminded that coaching per se is not permitted in soccer; limited comments only will be allowed. The referee may request quiet if such coaching becomes a distraction.

Injuries - If a player is injured he/she should fall to and remain on the ground. The referee will stop play as soon as possible to allow treatment (stoppage will be on an out ball if possible). For minor injuries the player may remove him/herself to the sideline for treatment without stopping the game. A substitute may be sent in at the next stoppage. Referees are to use common sense and good judgment in stopping the game, particularly in the younger age levels.

After an injury, play will be restarted with a drop ball from the location of the ball when play was stopped (unless the ball is out of play). If a player is injured, causing play to be stopped twice between a normal substitution break, he/she will come out of the game for a substitute and the "play 1/2 game rule" is waived. The injured player may re-enter the game at a normal substitution break.

Warnings/Ejections - Any player ejected (red card) from a game may be subject to further game suspension subject to a review of the case by the Rules Committee. Any player receiving three (3) cautions (yellow card) during the season will be suspended for one (1) game.

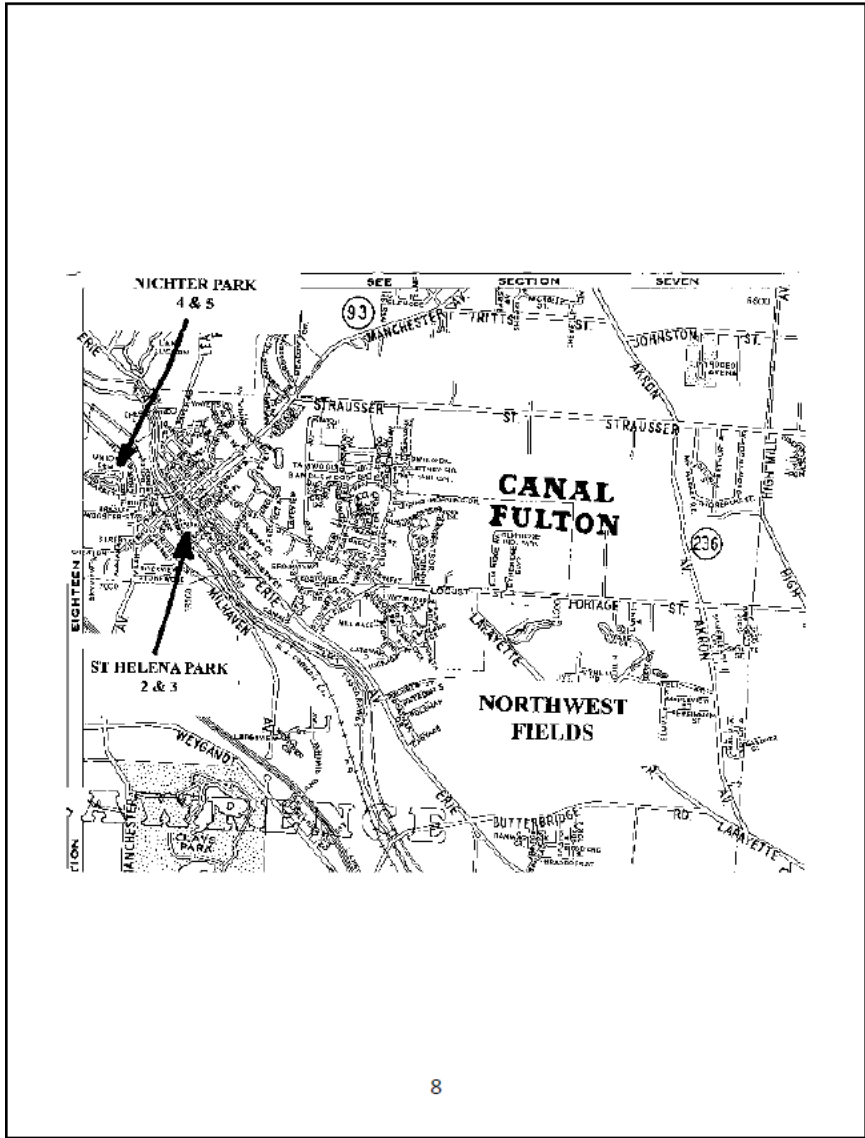
Miscellaneous Rules - Discipline problems shall be resolved by the League Board. A coach may not deny a player the opportunity to play without sanction from the League Board. A coach may bench a player for just cause, e.g. habitually missing practice, after first petitioning the Sportsmanship Committee by phone followed by a letter. Each petition is applicable for one game.

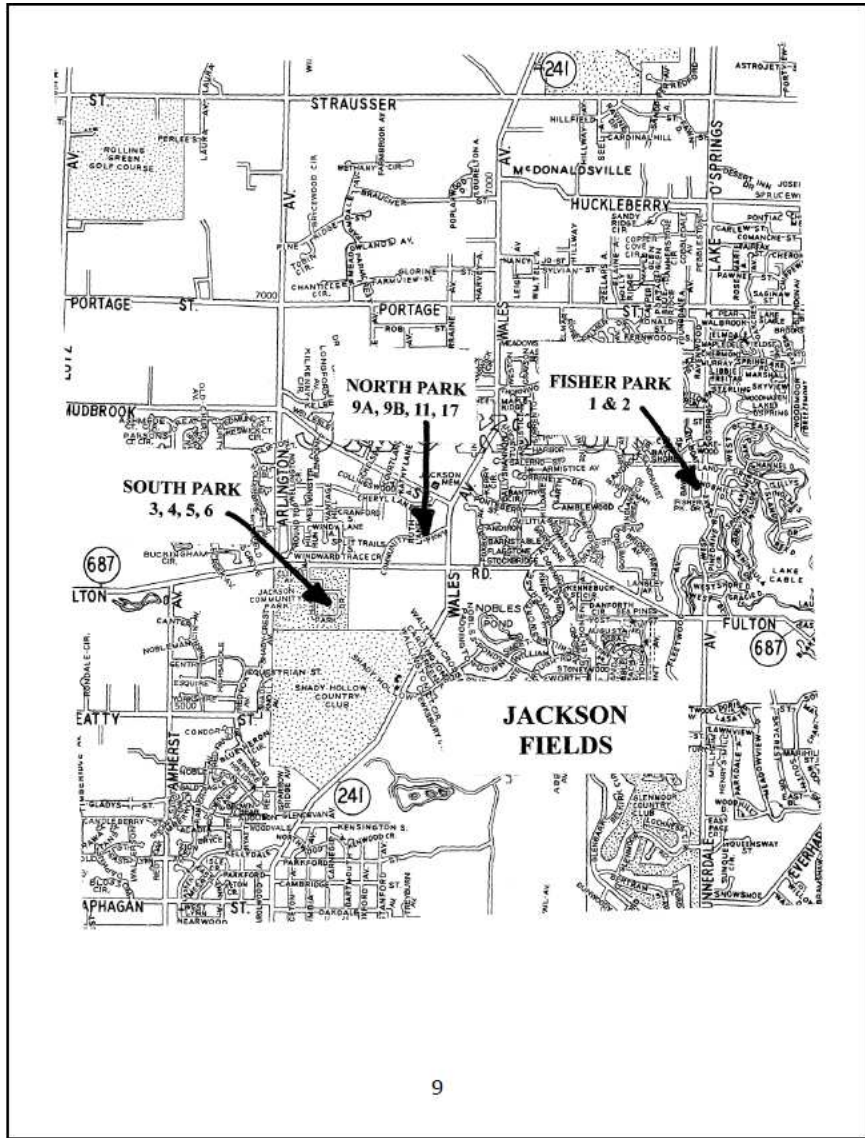
Any complaints, grievances or protests against the NJSL must be in writing and turned in to the Chairperson of the Sportsmanship Committee. The grievance will be acted upon only if received or postmarked within 72 hours of the incident giving rise to the complaint. Since the NJSL is a recreational league and no team standings are kept, a game will not be replayed due to grievance.

Fair play and good sportsmanship, participation, and fun are the cornerstones of the NJSL.

Supplementary NJSL League Rules and the F.I.F.A. Rules
will govern players, coaches, referees, and spectators at all times.

***The 5 year olds have simplified rules for their divisions. See the parent handouts for rules for this age group.





2011 NJSL 4 – 5 Age Group Game Schedule

Jackson Park North # 9A

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08
9:00	KE1 - KE10		KE11 - KE1	KE2 - KE11	KE7 - KE1	KE1 - KE6	KE5 - KE1	KE3 - KE1
10:30	KE7 - KE2	PICTURE DAY	KE10 - KE2	KE1 - KE9	KE9 - KE2	KE2 - KE5	KE6 - KE2	KE2 - KE4
12:00								

Jackson Park North # 9B

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08
9:00	KE11 - KE5		KE5 - KE3	KE3 - KE6	KE8 - KE3	KE4 - KE10	KE11 - KE3	KE6 - KE8
10:30	KE3 - KE9	PICTURE DAY	KE6 - KE4	KE12 - KE5	KE4 - KE12	KE3 - KE12	KE4 - KE9	KE7 - KE5
12:00								

Jackson Park North # 9C

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08
9:00	KE8 - KE4		KE12 - KE7	KE8 - KE10	KE5 - KE10	KE8 - KE11	KE8 - KE12	KE10 - KE11
10:30	KE12 - KE6	PICTURE DAY	KE9 - KE8	KE7 - KE4	KE11 - KE6	KE7 - KE9	KE10 - KE7	KE12 - KE9
12:00								

**First Team Listed is the home team. Home team wears green jersey and provides game ball.
Teams are to assemble 1/2 hour prior to scheduled start of game.**

Aug. 20 is Meet-Greet and Practice only. No Games

Aug. 27 is Optional Practice – Coach's choice. After pictures fields 9A, 9B, 9C and JPS 5 & 6 are available for 4/5 teams for 1 hour Practice.

Even numbered teams go to JPN 9A, 9B, 9C. Odd numbered teams go to JPS 5 & 6.

2011 NJSL 6 – 7 Age Group Game Schedule

Jackson Park South # 5

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00										
10:30	JD4 - ND2	PICTURE DAY NO GAMES	JD4 - JD1	ND4 - JD5	JD2 - JD5	JD4 - JD6	JD2 - JD6	JD3 - JD2	JD6 - JD3	JD1 - JD2
12:00	JD5 - JD3		ND1 - JD5	JD3 - JD1	JD6 - ND4	ND4 - JD1	ND4 - JD4	JD4 - JD5	JD2 - JD4	JD3 - JD4
1:30	ND3 - JD1		JD2 - ND3	ND3 - JD6	JD4 - ND3	ND3 - JD5	JD3 - ND3	JD1 - JD6	JD5 - JD1	JD5 - JD6

St. Helena Park #3 (Community Park)

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00										
10:30	JD6 - ND1	PICTURE DAY NO GAMES	JD3 - ND4	JD4 - ND1	JD3 - ND1	ND1 - JD2	JD1 - ND1	ND1 - ND4	ND3 - ND1	ND3 - ND4
12:00	ND4 - JD2		JD6 - ND2	ND2 - JD2	JD1 - ND2	ND2 - JD3	JD5 - ND2	ND2 - ND3	ND2 - ND4	ND1 - ND2

First Team Listed is the home team. Home team wears green jersey and provides game ball.
Teams are to assemble 1/2 hour prior to scheduled start of game.

2011 NJSL 8 – 9 Age Group Game Schedule

Jackson Park South # 6

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00										
10:30		PICTURE		NA3 - JA6	JA2 - JA5		NA4 - JA4	JA3 - JA2	JA2 - JA4	
12:00	NA4 - JA2	DAY NO	JA3 - NA4	NA4 - JA5	JA6 - NA4	NA4 - JA1	JA1 - NA1	JA1 - JA6	JA5 - JA1	JA1 - JA2
1:30	JA4 - NA2	GAMES	JA4 - JA1	JA4 - NA1	JA4 - NA3	JA4 - JA6	JA2 - JA6	JA4 - JA5	JA6 - JA3	JA3 - JA4
3:00	NA3 - JA1		JA2 - NA3			NA3 - JA5	JA3 - NA3			JA5 - JA6

St. Helena Park #2 (Community Park)

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00		PICTURE								
10:30	JA6 - NA1	DAY NO	JA6 - NA2	JA3 - JA1	JA3 - NA1	NA1 - JA2		NA1 - NA4	NA2 - NA4	NA1 - NA2
12:00	JA5 - JA3	GAMES	NA1 - JA5	NA2 - JA2	JA1 - NA2	NA2 - JA3	JA5 - NA2	NA2 - NA3	NA3 - NA1	NA3 - NA4

First Team Listed is the home team. Home team wears green jersey and provides game ball.
Teams are to assemble 1/2 hour prior to scheduled start of game.

2011 NJSL 10 + Age Group Game Schedule

Jackson Park South # 3

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00	MA4 - MA1	PICTURE	MA3 - MA1	MA1 - MA2	MA1 - MA4	MA1 - MA3	MA2 - MA1	MA4 - MA1	MA3 - MA1	MA1 - MA2
10:30	JC1 - JC2	DAY NO	JC1 - JC3	JC2 - JC3	JC2 - JC1	JC3 - JC1	JC3 - JC2	JC1 - JC2	JC1 - JC2	
12:00		GAMES								

Jackson Park South # 4

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00	MA2 - MA3	PICTURE	MA2 - MA4	MA3 - MA4	MA3 - MA2	MA4 - MA2	MA4 - MA3	MA2 - MA3	MA2 - MA4	MA3 - MA4
10:30	JB2 - JB5	DAY NO	JB3 - JB2	NB3 - JB4	JB3 - NB3	NB3 - JB2	JB5 - NB3	JB4 - JB2	JB5 - JB2	
12:00		GAMES								
1:30										JB4 - JB5

Jackson Park North # 17

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00		PICTURE								
10:30	JB4 - JB3	DAY NO	JB1 - NB3	NB2 - JB3	JB1 - JB5	JB1 - JB4		JB5 - JB3		JB2 - JB3
12:00		GAMES	JB5 - JB4	JB2 - JB1	JB2 - NB2	NB2 - JB5	JB1 - JB3	NB2 - NB3	JB3 - JB4	JC2 - JC3
1:30							JB4 - NB2		NB3 - NB1	NB1 - NB2

Nichter # 5

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 03	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 01	Oct 08	Oct 15	Oct 22
9:00	JC3 - NC1	PICTURE	JC2 - NC1	NC1 - JC1	NC1 - JC3	NC1 - JC2	JC1 - NC1	JC3 - NC1	JC2 - NC1	NC1 - JC1
10:30	NB1 - NB3	DAY NO	NB2 - NB1	NB1 - JB5	JB4 - NB1	NB1 - JB3	JB2 - NB1	NB1 - JB1	NB2 - JB1	NB3 - JB1
12:00		GAMES								

First Team Listed is the home team. Home team wears green jersey and provides game ball.
Teams are to assemble 1/2 hour prior to scheduled start of game.

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THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

IF YOU CAN SEE IT - FLEE IT: IF YOU CAN HEAR IT – CLEAR IT

This slogan from the National Lightning Safety Institute is being adopted by the NJSL for the safety of all. Lightning poses a danger to persons out in the open including soccer players, parents, coaches & referees. Lightning often precedes a storm, is present during a storm and continues following a storm. When lightning is observed, all persons should be directed to leave the soccer field immediately and seek safe shelter.

This could be the shelter of a substantial building or a fully enclosed vehicle with the windows completely shut. **AVOID WATER. AVOID HIGH GROUND. AVOID OPEN SPACES. AVOID ALL METAL OBJECTS INCLUDING ELECTRIC LINES, FENCES, MACHINERY, MOTORS, AND POWER TOOLS ETC. UNSAFE PLACES INCLUDE UNDERNEATH CANOPIES, SMALL PICNIC OR RAIN SHELTERS OR NEAR TREES.** Even if lightning is observed at what might be considered a great distance, get the children out of the open, away from trees, away from baseball backstops spectator stands, soccer goals etc.

Parents should keep an eye on the weather. If the weather is questionable, parents should remain at games and practices. If players have been dropped off, parents should be prepared to return to the field and be available if weather becomes questionable.

If a lightning storm begins in the area without warning and lightning strikes very near, everyone should squat down and put their feet together. Place your hands over your ears to minimize hearing damage from the thunder. **DO NOT** bunch up; stay at least 15 feet away from another person. **DO NOT** stand upright or lay on the ground. **PLAY OR PRACTICE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE UNTIL A PERIOD OF 30 MINUTES HAS PASSED AFTER THE LAST OBSERVED LIGHTNING STRIKE OR CLAP OF THUNDER.**

RAINOUTS

In case of inclement weather the referee or an NJSL official will make the decision **AT THE FIELD, AT GAME TIME** whether or not play may commence. If the field is not a lake and there is no lightning, the game will probably go on. If a field is deemed unplayable by league officials, the corner flags will be placed in the center of the field.

Kids love to get sloppy and muddy in front of their parents who, as official NJSL fans, can only cheer and encourage the messy proceedings. Only a dad would deprive them of this joy, but advance planning is essential. Bring an umbrella or raincoat for you and a 30 gallon trash bag to use as a cocoon to bring the kids home in and think how much fun you would have if you did not have to act like an adult and could play in the rain.

RULE CHANGE FOR 2011 SEASON

Law 9 - Slide Tackle

The slide tackle will be considered "dangerous play" in all divisions including the fourteen (14) and up division.

An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the offended team.

Slide tackle - attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.

The NJSL has two requirements pertaining to player's equipment:

Must wear shin guards, completely covered by separate socks.

Must wear an official NJSL jersey.

Make sure your child has both items

FINAL JERSEY SALES

Monday, August 15th and Tuesday, August 16th

5:30 – 8:00

Jackson North Park (Library Parking Lot)

Wednesday, August 17th and Thursday, August 18th

5:30 – 8:00

Canal Fulton St Helena Heritage Park

The price of each jersey is \$18.00

NJSL WELCOME BOOKLET

This booklet is now available on the league's website at

www.NJSL.com

If you'd like a paper copy please call 330-854-3001
and leave your name, address & phone number.

A copy will be promptly mailed to you.