

South Jersey Soccer League Policy Guidelines on Small-Sided Team Promotion

The South Jersey Soccer League has established a small-sided program that focuses on the core values of player development, an orientation towards team play, and good sportsmanship. Member clubs and their teams are expected to function in a manner consistent with these core values and will be held accountable for actions inconsistent with such. The following policy guidelines have been developed for member clubs and their teams to provide a basis under which they can promote their small-sided teams.

- Public records of standings or game scores are not to be maintained. Only the small-games commissioner will maintain a record of game scores of each team to support the placing of teams in appropriate competitive brackets. These records are confidential and may be shared only with the ratings committee.
- Unofficial standings or game scores are not to appear in newspapers, newsletters, emails, club websites, team websites or other publically accessible media. Clubs may award participation awards. There are to be no jackets, trophies or other awards mentioning conference championships or first place.
- Standings are not to be maintained by division coordinators and shared among the teams in any fashion. The division coordinator may only share game results with coaches of the teams in his/her division.
- Teams may report game results in local newspapers with the inclusion of player names and that of their opponent. However, there are to be no references to the unofficial standing or game score of that team in the publication. Nor should there be any descriptive references to the score, e.g. "Team A buried team B in a South Jersey Soccer League contest in the North National Division". The game should be referred to as "Team A beat Team B in a South Jersey Soccer League contest in the North National Division". This can be done with a reference to the players who scored.

Any questions relating to these policy guidelines should be referred to the games commissioner.

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