

JTAA RECREATIONAL SOCCER MANUAL

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All managers, coaches and officials of the Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association will help all players to develop strong, healthy bodies and minds; the highest type of sportsmanship; understanding and respect for the rules; courage in defeat, modesty in victory; themselves into becoming good citizens.

Preamble

This Policy Manual and League Rule Book is subject to the JTAA Executive Board Bylaws and Policies.

National Standards for Youth Sports

JTAA has adopted the National Standards for Youth Sports created by the National Alliance for Youth Sports which are as follows:

- 1. Proper sports environment – Parents must consider and carefully choose the proper environment for their child, including the appropriate age and development for participation, the type of sport, the rules in the sport, the age range of the participants, and the proper level of physical and emotional stress.*
- 2. Programs based on Well-Being of Child – Parents must select youth sports programs that are developed and organized to enhance the emotional, physical, social and educational well-being of children.*
- 3. Drug, Tobacco & Alcohol-Free Environment – Parents must encourage a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free environment for their children.*
- 4. Part of Child's Life – Parents must recognize that youth sports are only a small part of a child's life.*
- 5. Training – Parents must insist that coaches be trained and certified.*
- 6. Parents' Active Role – Parents must make a serious effort to take an active role in the youth sports experience of their child providing positive support as a spectator, coach, league administrator and/or caring parent.*

7. *Positive Role Models – Parents must be a positive role model exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, practices, and home while giving positive reinforcement to their child and support to their child’s coaches.*

8. *Parental Commitment – Parents must demonstrate their commitment to their child’s youth sports experience by annually signing a parental code of ethics.*

9. *Safe Playing Situations – Parents must insist on safe playing facilities, healthful playing situations and proper first aid applications should need arise.*

10. *Equal Play Opportunity – Parents, coaches, and league administrators must provide equal sports play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status or ability.*

11. *Drug, Tobacco & Alcohol-Free Adults – Parents as coaches, fans, and league administrators must be drug, tobacco and alcohol-free at youth sports activities.*

Policy Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

This JTAA Manual is intended to inform and guide those involved in JTAA programs. This manual contains the policies and procedures adopted by the Recreational Soccer Committee and used in the operation and administration of the JTAA’s various programs.

1.1 Purpose of JTAA Recreational Soccer Committee

The purpose of the JTAA Recreational Soccer Committee is to provide to the Jupiter Tequesta community a family-oriented recreational soccer program. In accomplishing this purpose, the Committee shall:

- Make its leagues available to all girls/boys who want to play
- Set its fees as low as possible
- Maintain a balanced budget
- Provide for scholarships for any players with financial need
- Provide training for its coaches to ensure they provide a positive and fun learning experience
- Provide liability protection to its coaches and volunteers through training and certification programs
- Encourage a spirit of volunteerism among parents and players.

1. Leagues will organize programs using the following guidelines:
 - a. 5 to 6 Year Old's – Developmental Program
 - no regular competitive teams
 - uniform policy
 - scores or standings not kept
 - rules, equipment and field modified
 - no scheduled leagues, tournament or all-star competition
 - leagues and coaches not permitted to require sport specialization
 - co-recreational play
 - no travel
 - coaches permitted on playing surface
 - b. 7 to 8 Year Old's – Sport Introduction Program
 - informal teams
 - scores or standings not kept
 - rules, equipment and fields modified
 - uniform policy
 - tournament, post-season play or all-star competition permitted
 - co-recreational play encouraged
 - coaches permitted on playing surface but encouraged to coach from sidelines
 - c. 9 to 10 Year Old's – Organizational Program
 - rules, equipment and fields modified where necessary
 - uniform policy

- tournament, post-season play, and all-star competition permitted
- leagues and coaches not permitted to require sports specialization

d. 11 to 12 Year Old's – Skill Enhancement Program

- uniform policy
- limited ability grouping used with proper grouping procedures
- encourage a variety of position and situational plays
- Coaches will be required not to teach the use of sports to punish opponents through physical contact or excessive score domination.
- Year round participation must not be required by league or coaches.
- Leagues must adopt rules banning rapid weight loss/gain procedures used solely for participation in youth sports.
- Children below the age of 11 years should participate in activities that contain limited collision potential and feature modified rules that will significantly reduce the chance of injury.
- Tournament, post-season play or all-star competition permitted
- Coaches must apply proper principles of conditioning and nutrition.

2. THE RECREATIONAL SOCCER COMMITTEE

2.1 Purpose

The Recreational Soccer Committee sets the policies for and oversees the operation of JTAA's recreation soccer program.

2.2 Membership of Recreational Soccer Committee

All members of this committee shall be appointed by the president of the Executive Board and approved by 2/3 of the Board of Directors of the Executive Board.

2.2.1 Annual Elections/Appointment of Committee Members

1. This committee and all members of this committee shall be appointed by the president of the Executive Board. The president of the Executive Board may establish a nominating committee to nominate a committee chairperson and committee members of the sport committee.
2. All members of this sport committee must commit to serve for a minimum of two (2) years before accepting a position on this sport committee.

2.2.2 Nominations Subcommittee

The president of the Executive Board may establish a nominating committee to nominate a committee chairperson and committee members of the sport committee.

2.2.3 Officer Elections/Appointments

1. All matters to be decided by this sport committee shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the committee members. The President shall have the right to veto any motion approved by the committee. In the event of a veto by the committee chairperson, the committee may overrule the veto by a 2/3 vote of the committee members present, in which event the motion shall pass. All votes shall be cast in person and no proxy shall be permitted.
2. The presence in person of a majority of members of a sport committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at all meetings of the committee members for the transaction of any and all business.

2.2.4 Attendance

Committee members are required to attend Recreational Soccer meetings.

2.2.5 Dismissal

1. Committee members may not be removed from office by other sport committee members. A sport committee may recommend to the Executive Board that a committee member be removed if 2/3 of the entire committee membership has voted to remove the committee member. Any member of a sport committee may then be removed by 2/3 vote by the entire Board of Directors of the Executive Board. The President may remove any member that is deemed disruptive to the functionality of the committee.

2.3 Meetings

The President of the Recreational soccer Committee shall conduct regularly scheduled meetings to assure that priorities are addressed and each league is properly administered.

Normally, the meeting will be held at the JTAA headquarters on the third Thursday of each month. If there are conflicts due to other JTAA priorities, the President shall determine an alternate meeting date.

Agendas shall be prepared and priority determined by the President. Any officer may suggest agenda items to the President. Conduct of the meeting shall be patterned after “Robert’s Rules of Order”, unless otherwise specified herein.

Meetings shall be open to the membership. Under certain circumstances (such as the discussion of sanctions), the president may close the meeting to the membership.

2.4 Quorum

Meetings shall be held in the soccer room at Jupiter Community Park.

2.5 Committee Member Positions, Duties and Responsibilities

The following Committee members shall be elected each year:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Coaching/Training Director
6. Referee Liaison
7. Sponsorship and Fundraising Chairman
8. Equipment and Purchasing Manager
9. Registrar and Volunteer Coordinator
10. All-Star Director

2.5.1 President

Overall responsibility for the operation/administration of the JTAA sports programs. Represents JTAA sports to the towns of Jupiter and Tequesta, various state and national sports associations. Prepares and manages the sports operating budget. Approves all expenditure of sports funds. Member of all sports subcommittees. Sports Director for JTAA’s Executive Board.

2.5.2 Vice President

Assist the President in any matters delegated and substitute for the President whenever needed. The Vice President is responsible to ensure that all meetings are run in an orderly manner and that all rules and regulations as set forth in the Operating Manual and League Rules are adhered to at all times. As such, the Vice President serves as chairman of the Rules Subcommittee and the Disciplinary Subcommittee.

- As chairman of the Rules Subcommittee, conveys to the Committee any rule changes recommended by the Subcommittee.
- As chairman of the Discipline Subcommittee, conveys to the Committee the results of any disciplinary Subcommittee investigations or recommendations.

2.5.3 Secretary

The primary purpose of the secretary is to record all official Sports Committee activity.

Record and transcribe the minutes of all official Sports Committee meetings – it is important to record attendance, decisions made, future required action items, who is responsible for the action item and when the item is due. The minutes should be prepared and copied. Copies of the previous meeting minutes should be distributed at or before the next meeting for reading and approval.

Notify the membership of upcoming meetings.

Maintain the organization's official record book – this includes maintaining a chronological history of the league highlighting significant events. The history may also include photographs and other important memorabilia.

Assist in the drafting and mailing of official correspondence from the Committee – All official correspondence should be on official JTAA letterhead stationary. The stationary is provided by the JTAA Executive Board.

2.5.4 Treasurer

The primary responsibility of the Treasurer is to assure all deposits are made, recorded and processed in accordance with JTAA requirements. All sports revenues including the travel and recreational programs must be handled and deposited through the sport's treasurer.

Specifically, the Treasurer shall:

- Receive revenues and record in a cash receipt ledger. The Treasurer shall maintain separate categories, coinciding to the budget line items, to identify each source of revenue.
- Deposit all revenues in the appropriate JTAA account and provide the JTAA treasurer a copy of all deposit slips with the budget category identified.
- Reconcile sports budget reports with those maintained by the JTAA treasurer.
- Required to present and provide monthly totals and annual totals to the sport's committee.
- Forward all invoices to the sport's committee president for approval of payment.
- Instruct the membership in the sport's committee's money handling policy.

2.5.5 Coaching/Training Director

The primary responsibility for the Coaching Director shall be to ensure all coaches involved in JTAA are properly certified and have been instructed in the coaching techniques and methods approved by the JTAA.

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association Certification is required for anyone coaching youth sports in JTAA. The Training Director shall ensure the NYSCA training is provided for those coaching and shall follow up to ensure all coaches are certified.

Specifically, the Coaching Director shall:

- Develop and maintain a list of potential coaches based upon the registration forms and applications completed during registrations.
- Ensure all coaches are notified of the required NYSCA training and are provided the schedule for that training.
- Obtain from the town the list of coaches who have successfully completed certification.
- Notify the sport's committee of any coaches who are not certified for the current season.

The Coaching Director shall research and recommend appropriate skills training for sports coaches. This training shall be provided on a continuing basis to ensure the coaching instruction provided to players is consistent from season to season and from coach to coach. Specifically, the Training Director shall:

- Investigate and identify the best known throwing, catching, hitting, running and strategy techniques for presentation to coaches.
- Recommend providers of coaches training and handle the logistics for setting up such training.
- Maintain records on the Committee-provided training received by all coaches.
- Ensure all coaches have current copies of the JTAA rules and NSA rulebook.
- Follow-up with Division Directors to determine whether coaches are using coaching practices approved by the JTAA.
- Ensure coaches are provided a training manual that shall contain the following information:

- Sport's Mission Statement/Creed
- Sport's Organization description and Committee Member phone numbers
- NYSCA Code of Ethics
- Disciplinary Guidelines
- Team/Parent Introductory Meeting Agenda
- Practice Administration
- Training Terminology
- Suggestive Defensive Strategy
- First Aid Information
- Injury Report Form (NSA Insurance Form)

2.5.6 Referee Liaison

Responsible for the preparation of schedules for all practices and games in both the Fall and Recreational seasons for all divisions.

Shall be responsible for the coordination, supervision and recruiting of personnel to umpire all JTAA games.

2.5.7 Sponsorship and Fundraising Chairman

Responsible for fundraising of all softball programs, soliciting and obtaining sponsors. Specific duties include the following:

- Serve as the chairperson of the fund-raising Subcommittee.
- Presenting fundraising options to the sport's committee for approval.
- Maintain a file of contributing sponsors for the league.
- Send letter to past sponsors and potential sponsors in November soliciting support for the upcoming Recreational League.
- If necessary, chair a subcommittee to assist in the solicitation of new sponsors.
- Communicate sponsor information to the Committee.
- Maintain receipts in accordance with the sport's money handling policy.
- Ensure sponsor plaques are provided to the sponsors after the completion of the league.

2.5.8 Equipment and Purchasing Manager

Chairs the equipment subcommittee. Responsible for inspection, maintenance and inventory of all sport's equipment. Repairs issues and collects equipment for the various leagues. Recommends new or additional equipment for purchase.

Responsible for all major procurements. Develops and maintains a supplier base for awards, trophies, uniforms and equipment for the league and tournaments. Solicits bids, places orders, and arranges deliveries.

2.5.9 Registrar and Volunteer Coordinator

The Registrar shall ensure registrations for JTAA sport's leagues are processed and reported in a timely manner and that fees collected are safeguarded and transferred to the Treasurer.

Specifically, the Registrar shall:

- Submit proposed dates for registration to the sport's committee for approval.
- Ensure the location has been reserved for the approved dates.
- Work with the sport's committee to design a flyer/information package and Registration Form to be mailed to current participants of the sport's program.
- Ensure the Registration Package is sent to current participants in time to allow them to pre-register.
- Ensure that notices are published in the local papers, that flyers are circulated in all of the schools, and promotional flyers/posters are distributed to local shopping centers.
- Identify personnel who will volunteer to work Registration and shall instruct them in how to conduct registrations and what information to give out.
- Assign the volunteers to specific times and dates.
- On the day of Registration ensure enough of the following are available at the registration site:
 - Registration forms
 - Sponsorship forms
 - Coaching Application forms
 - Request forms
 - Evaluation Schedule
 - Proposed Game Schedule, if available
 - Pens, chairs, tables, receipt book and cash box
- Collect registration fees and ensure the money is turned in to the sport's treasurer promptly.
- Report the number of registrants (by age group) to the President of the sport's committee.
- Responsible for researching and filing insurance claims
- Coordinates and trains team parents on their roles within the organization. Is the primary point of contact with team parents.

3. OTHER POSITIONS

In addition to the Committee positions, the Committee shall approve the following positions:

3.1.1 Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors

The following Director and Assistant Director positions shall be approved by the Committee:

U6 Coed	-
U8 Boys	-
U8 Girls	-
U10 Boys	-
U10 Girls	-
U12 Boys	-
U12 Girls	-
U14 Boys	-
U14 Girls	-
U16 Coed	-
U17 Coed	-

Specific responsibilities of the League Directors are as follows:

- Help recruit and compile list of coaches before season begins
- Verify coach participation before rosters are developed
- Get rosters to coaches, create practice schedules
- Maintain organization in the division during the season
- Monitor coaches and investigate complaints

**ALL DIVISION DIRECTORS, TOURNAMENTS DIRECTORS,
TRAVEL COORDINATORS AND SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

4. POLICIES

4.1 Disciplinary

JTAA Executive Board Policies establish the disciplinary guidelines which must be followed by all sports.

These guidelines apply to players, coaches, league officials, and spectators. Complaints may be lodged by coaches, game officials, league officials, Recreational Soccer Committee members, or any member of JTAA.

Written complaints will be formally investigated by the Recreational Soccer Committee in accordance with its Operating Manual. Written complaints will be immediately copied to all Committee members upon receipt.

4.1.2 JTAA Executive Board Disciplinary Procedure

Procedure is as follows:

1. Sports Board must review all written complaints within 10 days of receipt.
2. Based upon review, Sports Board must either:
 - a. Determine if complaint has no merit
 - b. Determine if complaint is valid
3. If in the opinion of the Sport's Board a complaint has no merit, the Board should notify the concerned individual(s) in writing explaining the procedures the Board has taken, the reasons the Board has considered the complaint without merit and the instructions on how to appeal this decision to the Executive Board. The Sport Director should also offer to discuss the Board's opinion with the concerned individual(s); however, this offer will not extend any time periods for appeal. These actions should be taken immediately after the Board renders a decision that a complaint had no merit and in normal cases the response to the individual(s) should not take longer than three (3) days following the decision.
4. If in the opinion of the Sport's Board a complaint is a valid complaint, the Sport's Director shall select a hearing committee made up of at least three (3) JTAA members that are independent of the matter and shall set a hearing to resolve the matter.
5. Hearing conduct guidelines:
 - a. The hearing should be set as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) days from the date the complaint is filed.
 - b. Affected individuals shall be notified of the hearing and invited to the hearing. Although written notice is preferable, a telephone call is sufficient however; leaving the message on an answering machine is not acceptable. The affected individuals must be spoken to directly if this mode of communication is used.
 - c. The individual in question may invite witnesses.
 - d. The individual may answer the complaint either in writing or in person at the hearing.
 - e. The hearing committee may allow additional information or speakers in its discretion.
 - f. Witnesses and or additional speakers should be called one at a time to be heard by the hearing committee and the individual in question. No more than one witness or additional speaker should be allowed in the hearing room at a time. Witnesses and speakers should be asked not to talk to each other about the hearing or the concern in question while waiting to be called.
 - g. The hearing committee should record key facts from the hearing in minutes and these minutes should also include date, time, and those in attendance. Absent extraordinary circumstances, these minutes are to be forwarded within 48 hours to the Sport's Board along with the committee's findings and recommendations.
6. Within 48 hours from receipt of the committee's findings and recommendations, the Sport's Board will approve the committee's recommendations or make their own decision based on the hearing committee's findings regarding sanctions in accordance with

JTAA's minimum disciplinary guidelines. Additionally, the sport must comply with the affiliate organization's disciplinary policy that is applicable (i.e. FYSA, Pop Warner, Little League, NYSCA etc.)

7. Once the sanction has been determined, a letter to all affected parties shall be hand delivered or mailed within one (1) week of determination. The letter should be copied to the JTAA Executive Board Secretary and must contain the following:
 - a. Synopsis of specific complaint
 - b. Result of hearing (include date, time, attendance of hearing)
 - c. Sanction issued by sport
 - d. Instructions on how to appeal to Executive Board

If mailed, the letter is to be sent by both regular and certified U.S. mail with returned receipt to the JTAA, P.O. Box 3024, Tequesta 33469 and a copy is to be kept on file by the Executive Board's secretary and in the Sport's Board's minutes. Care should be taken to ensure that this notification is performed in a prompt manner, as the recipient's time to appeal to the Executive Board starts upon receipt of notification.

NOTE: This procedure should be administered considering that time is critical. Also, sports boards, hearing committee members, witnesses, and executive board members should strive to observe confidentiality in the process when involved in disciplinary matters. Care should be exercised at all times to minimize embarrassment to all individuals involved in these matters. Information regarding such matters should be limited solely to those involved in the process. It is the policy of the Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association not to comment publicly on internal disciplinary matters. Members who violate or disregard this policy will be subject to termination.

5.1.1 JTAA Executive Board Coaches Suspension Policy (All Sports)

INTRALEAGUE SUSPENSION:

Step One: Written notification of suspension, including date of decision, must be given to coach immediately (hand delivered or certified US mail). Notification must contain outline of the grounds. Notification must contain time and date of next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting and inform coach of his right to appeal the decision.

Step Two: Coach may appeal to Executive Board at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If meeting is to occur earlier than seven (7) days or later than twenty one (21) days from date of decision, coach may request a Special Executive Board meeting which may be set by Executive Board's discretion. The coach's Notice of Appeal must be hand delivered to any Executive Board member and copies to Sports Director within four (4) days of decision with a copy mailed to JTAA President. Coach and representative of sport will have opportunity to address Executive Board. Executive Board has discretion to limit time allocated to each side, limit number of witnesses, or place any other restrictions it deems desirable. If no timely appeal is filed, right to appeal is waived.

Step Three: After appeal, Executive Board will deliberate in closed session. Executive Board will notify sport and coach within seven (7) days by regular mail. The decision of the Executive Board will be final.

INTERLEAGUE SUSPENSION:

Step One: Written notification of recommendation to suspend a coach from coaching in all sports, including date of recommendation, must be given to JTAA President and coach immediately (hand delivered or certified US mail) but not later than two (2) weeks after the close of that sport's season. Copy must be mailed to secretary of the Executive Board through the JTAA P.O. Box 3024, Tequesta, FL 33469.

Written recommendation must contain outline of the grounds, time and date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board and a notice to the coach of his/her right to appear and be heard concerning the recommendation.

Step Two: Executive Board will decide issue at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to occur within seven (7) calendar days of the date of recommendation, the coach may request that the recommendation be postponed. Coach and representative of sport may be heard. Executive Board has absolute discretion to limit the amount of time allocated to each side, to limit the number of witnesses and to place any other restrictions it deems desirable.

Step Three: Executive Board after hearing the recommendation, as well as any other information it deems appropriate, will adjourn into closed session for deliberations. The Board will notify the sport and the coach of its ruling, in writing within seven (7) calendar days after by regular US mail. The decision of the Executive Board will be final.

5.2 Refund

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Recreational Soccer Committee stating the reasons the refund is being requested. The Committee shall address refunds on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 Travel Policies

Post season All-Star teams may participate in games with other local community recreational programs.

5.3.9 Practice Sites

All practices must be held on JTAA approved fields only. Sports Boards are responsible for coordinating field usage between Recreational and Travel and with the Executive Board.

1.5 Budget

An annual budget must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval prior to registration. No budget expenditures over \$500.00 may be made without prior approval from the Executive Board.

This sport shall incorporate a return to the JTAA general fund of a minimum of 5% of projected revenues.

1.6 Registration, Sponsorship and Fund Raising

All registration and sponsorship fees and fund raising activities must be approved by the Executive Board.

All fund raising requests must be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. All funds raised are to be deposited on a daily basis to the JTAA checking account. All deposit slips are to be coded properly for the sport to receive credit.

1.7 Concession

Until further notice, Pepsi has the exclusive pouring rights of all products at all JTAA locations and events. Therefore, only Pepsi products may be purchased.

JTAA RECREATIONAL SOCCER

League Rules

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 The JTAA Recreational Soccer Program

The Recreational Soccer season runs from the first week of September to the final Saturday before Thanksgiving. Registration begins in May and continues through the summer. Waiting lists are taken for divisions that reach maximum capacity. Coaches receive rosters the week before Labor Day, and the practices begin the Tuesday after Labor Day. Games are played on Saturdays, with teams practicing twice a week. Midway through Oct. U10 and older divisions begin mid-week games. Referees are used for all U8 and above games.

1.2 JTAA Recreational Soccer Leagues

U6 Coed	U10 Girls	U14 Girls
U8 Boys	U12 Boys	U16/18 Coed
U8 Girls	U12 Girls	
U10 Boys	U14 Boys	

1.3 Insurance

Recreational Soccer is an independent organization and purchases insurance through the best-priced firm.

2.1 Team Selection

Teams are selected using a pre-season evaluation and draft. Sports Directors have final approval for all changes made within their assigned age group

2.2 Evaluations

Recreational soccer does perform pre-season player evaluations.

2.3 Requests

Recreational soccer cannot take car pool or other requests. The only players assured of a spot on a team are the son of the coach and assistant coach and the child of the team sponsor. All other placements are by draft or random.

2.4 Late Registrants

Will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 above the regular registration. Registration remains open in all divisions until they reach capacity, then a waiting list is formed.

2.5 Age Groups

U6 coed, U8 boys, U8 girls, U10 boys, U10 Girls, U12 Boys, U12 girls, U14 boys, U14 girls, U16 Coed, . Cutoff date is Aug 15th for all age groups.

2.6 Practices

Limit is two per week, with one hour each session. Schedules determined by division director.

2.7 Practice Sites

All practices must be held on JTAA approved fields only.

2.8 Games

Games format and lengths vary by division and day they are played.

Sanctions for Players

<i>Infraction</i>	<i>Directed Towards</i>	<i>Consequence</i>
Foul or abusive language	Another player A coach or spectator An umpire or official	Ejection from game or practice Ejection from game or practice Ejection from game and a 1 game suspension
Serious foul play	Another player (no injury) Another player resulting in an injury	Ejection from game Ejection from game and a 2 game minimum suspension
Threatening gesture and/or language	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from game and a 2 game suspension
Kicking, striking, or bodily assault	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from game and a 4 game suspension
2nd offense, same season		Suspension for balance of season
3rd offense, same season or within 1 year		Suspension from all JTAA sports for one year.

Sanctions for Coaches and League Officials

<i>Infraction</i>	<i>Directed Towards</i>	<i>Consequence</i>
Foul or abusive language	A player, coach or spectator An umpire or official	Ejection from game and a 1 game suspension Ejection from game and a 1 game suspension
Threatening gesture and/or language	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from game and a 2 game suspension
Striking or bodily assault	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from game and a 1 year suspension from _____
2nd offense, any sport, within 1 year		Lifetime suspension from all JTAA sports

Sanctions for Spectators

<i>Infraction</i>	<i>Directed Towards</i>	<i>Consequence</i>
Interference with the conduct of the game	Resulting in stoppage of play	Warning
2nd offense, same game		Ejection from the field or park
Foul or abusive language	A player, coach, referee or official	Ejection from the field or park

Threatening gesture and/or language	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from the field or park and a 1 week suspension from attendance or participation
Striking in any threatening fashion	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from field or park, a 1-year suspension, and possible removal of child from JTAA
2 nd offense		Lifetime suspension from all JTAA sports

These sanctions are the minimum guidelines specified by JTAA. The Recreational Soccer Committee may, if circumstances warrant, impose additional or more stringent sanctions.

3. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

3.1 U8 Game Rules

All games will be played with a size 3 ball. All games will be split squad, with 5 players vs. 5 players and both games going on simultaneously. If a team does not have enough players to field two full teams, the games can be 4 v 4, or players can be borrowed from the other team. The goal is to get as many players participating as possible.

Each game will consist of four 10-minute quarters, with a 2 to 3 minute break between quarters and a 5 minute halftime break.

There will be one referee per game. If for some reason a referee is not available, coaches will take turns refereeing the game.

The goalkeeper will be the Last Player Back. This means whichever defender is closest to the his/her team's goal will be the goalkeeper, and can use his/her hands in the goal box. We want to encourage players to be active participants in games, and this allows defenders to move up the field with the ball. Goalkeepers must throw or roll the ball back into play. Punting is NOT allowed. Off-sides will NOT be called. Corner kicks, goals kicks and throw-ins are allowed. There are no direct kicks or penalty kicks allowed

3.2 U10 Game Rules

All games will be played with a size 4 ball.

All games will be 8 players vs. 8 players. That is one goalkeeper and seven field players. If teams do not have enough to play 8v8, the game will be played with even numbers, but no fewer than 6 v 6.

Each game will consist of four 12-minute quarters, with short breaks between quarters and at halftime. All basic soccer rules apply, including off-sides.

3.3 U12, U14, U16, U17 Game Rules

All games will be played with a size 5 ball.

All Saturday games consist of four 15-minute quarters or two 30-minute halves if both coaches agree to the format. All weeknight games will consist of two 20-minute halves.

All games are 11 players vs. 11 players (a goalkeeper and 10 field players). Games will be played with an equal number of players if a team is short a full roster. Games must be at least 8 v 8 or they will not be player.

All accepted soccer rules apply.

8.0 Recreational Soccer All-Star Program

8.1 Overview:

Recreational Soccer will provide an opportunity for players to continue enjoying soccer by providing an extension of the regular soccer season. This will be done through a format wherein each player will be evaluated and placed with a volunteer coach. These players will have the opportunity to improve their skills through practice and training sessions as well as competitive games. The program will allow the players to feel recognized, develop pride and build self-respect. The program focuses on developing players skills and techniques in an environment that's fun while learning and promoting the values of teamwork and good sportsmanship.

8.2 Season Dates:

December 1 through March 15 each year

8.3 Evaluation Process:

The All-Star program will be available to all players which participated in the recreational league regular season. Evaluations will be held the last week of the regular season for all age groups. Every player will be accepted to the program. Players will be placed on teams within their age group based on skill level.

8.4 Committee Members:

Director of All-Star Program
Treasurer
Volunteer and Event Director
Division Directors

8.5 Fees:

\$68 per player

8.6 Age Groups:

Boys and girls will have their own groups as follows.
Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 15

8.7 Provided to Players:

Minimum of one weekend tournament play
Minimum of 8 professional training sessions
Weekly team practice sessions
Scrimmage games against other community All-Star teams
Pre and post season evaluations
All-Star uniform