



**MAY 2015**

**PCJSL to Revise Game Scheduling Rules:**

AYSA Director of Competition, Collier Hill, will head a committee to revise PCJSL scheduling rules in the direction of a more objective and uniform flighting and scheduling criteria that will be similar to the very successful Port of Subs League methodology. Collier will begin meeting with his committee in the next couple weeks to reform the rules with a goal of presenting the proposed changes for board approval at the August meeting of PCJSL. All Southern Arizona Clubs are invited and urged to select a representative of their club serve on this committee. It is the committee's goal to have representation from all if not most of our clubs so that the final proposal will represent a consensus of all clubs in PCJSL play. Please advise Collier (Collier Hill at: [collierhill@azyouthsoccer.org](mailto:collierhill@azyouthsoccer.org)) of your club representative at your earliest convenience.

**PCJSL U-12 Play:**

PCJSL will offer both 8 v 8 and 11 v 11 play in the Fall. All 11 v 11 teams will be Division I teams and 8 v 8 teams will be flighted in the lower divisions.

**PCJSL Referee Training:**

PCJSL will conduct Grade 8 Referee Training on 7/25, 8/8, 8/30, 10/14, 11/15 and 12/6 from 8-5:30 at the Patrick Hardesty Midtown Police Service Center 1100 S. Alvernon. PCJSL is inviting individual clubs to "sponsor" each of these sessions with the primary responsibility of promoting the session they sponsor with their club and securing attendance by as many of their coaches and prospective coaches as feasible.

**PCJSL June Board Meeting:**

The next PCJSL Board meeting will be on June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Ann Kathryn Schmidt Kickin' It Clubhouse in Brandi Fenton Memorial Park.

**PCJSL Respect the Game Program Huge Success:**

PCJSL launched a new program entitled "Respect the Game" in August 2014. The first goal of the program is to reduce if not eliminate bad behavior by coaches, players and spectators through the use of a signed "Code of Conduct" with agreed upon penalties for misbehavior and a Field Marshall program where trained volunteers in uniform police the sidelines. The second goal of the program is to improve referee performance with an online "Rate-a-Ref" component where all coaches are required to fill out a five question evaluation of the referee after each game, rating the referees in five key categories. The data gathered from these evaluations is then used to mentor and teach coaches and reward those who perform well. Lastly, the program is designed to recruit new referees with the focus on local high schools, junior colleges and universities. Brochures have been developed for distribution at these locations.

We are pleased to report the program has been a booming success. An unprecedented 150 new referees have been recruited into the program and misbehavior by coaches, players and fans has been reduced (see attached).

On June 2, 2015 the Pima County Board of Supervisors, at PCJSL's request, will proclaim June 6, 2015 "Referee Appreciation Day." On that date PCJSL, as a component of their implementation of "Respect

the Game” program, will honor 10 referees at the FC Tucson Women’s at the Kino Complex. The honorees will receive two comped tickets to the game, and will be invited to sit in a reserved area on the East side of the field where they will be provided dinner and refreshments. At halftime referees will be honored with a special award presentation by PCJSL and Pima County Board of Supervisor Richard Elias’ in the following categories”:

- (1) youth male referee of the year
- (2) youth female referee of the year
- (3) youth male assistant referee of the year
- (4) youth female assistant referee of the year
- (5) "Best" new male referee/assistant referee of the year (one of our new 150 referees)
- (6) "Best" new female referee/assistant referee of the year (again, one of our new referees from the 150)
- (7) adult male referee of the year
- (8) adult female referee of the year
- (9) adult male assistant referee of the year and
- (10) adult female assistant referee of the year

Interest in this program is spreading like wildfire. Yuma, Yavapai County, Coconino County as well as Maricopa County have all expressed a desire to implement the program in their jurisdiction.

An important introductory presentation will be made at the AYSA office on May 21, 2015 at 6 p.m. All clubs interested in implementing this program are welcome and should make every effort to have a club representative at this meeting. For further information contact Ted Schmidt AYSA VP at 520-545-1670/[tschmidt@kss-law.com](mailto:tschmidt@kss-law.com)<mailto:520-545-1670/tschmidt@kss-law.com>

**PCJSL Awards Funding to President’s Cup and State Cup Winners:**

PCJSL congratulates U15B Ft Lowell (Gold) Phx Rush (Silver) and U13B Cisco Tucson (Gold) South Bank (Silver) for winning President’s Cup and U14B Tanque Verde FC for winning State Cup and has awarded each team \$1,000 to defray expenses as they advance to Regional play.