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L. V. Summer Soccer League

Promoting summer recreational soccer since 1971

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Text of email sent to team representatives

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to our 47th season!

Attached are PDF files of your playing schedule, playoff draw, league rules and regulations, map of field layouts and high school graduation dates. Please make sure your team members are aware and get familiar with these documents. We suggest you forward this email with all attachments to every member of your team.

The objectives and goals (no pun intended) of the League are the same as has been for the past 46 years: to provide supervised, friendly, enjoyable recreational soccer activity for its members. Please keep this in mind every day you are playing in this league.

PLAYING SCHEDULE - MEN'S SENIOR DIVISION

All games are played at Lehigh University's Murray H. Goodman Campus per attached schedule.

MEN'S SENIOR DIVISION GROUPS

The following groups were established based on preferred playing times shown on the entry forms and also on when the entry was received ("first-come first-serve"). The Team Number was assigned by random draw for scheduling purposes.

DRAW

Group A		Group B	
No.	6:00 PM	No.	7:15 PM
1	Bear Swamp Beverage	1	Allentown Sports Club
2	Colombia FC	2	Big Green
3	Connection FC	3	Bury FC
4	Czar FC	4	Easton FC
5	El Salvador	5	Liberty Alumni FC
6	FC Spoke City	6	Q-City FC
7	Gore FC	7	Real Madrid
8	Pino's Pizza FC	8	The Wooden Match FC
9	Ecuador	9	Whitehall FC

PLAYING SCHEDULE AND PLAYOFFS

The detailed playing schedule for both Group A and B is attached. Please note that there are no games for your division on June 12 and 21 because there are not enough fields available.

Soccer – a game for life!



Standings are based on total points accumulated during round-robin play (3 - win, 1 – tie, 0 - loss). In case of a tie in the standings, the following will be used to break the tie:

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential (GF - GA) up to ± 4 per game
3. Least goals allowed
4. Coin flip.

Please note the maximum goal differential of ± 4 per game is considered for standing purposes. For clarity here is an example of how the goal differential is calculated:

<u>Final Score</u>	<u>Winning Team</u>	<u>Losing Team</u>
6-0 = 4-0	+4	-4
7-2 = 6-2	+4	-4
2-1 = 2-1	+1	-1

Also note that the 'most goals scored' criteria is not used as a tie-breaker. By limiting the goal differential to 4 and not using the 'most goals scored' in the standings, we hope this eliminates the incentive to 'run up the score' in order to place higher in the standing.

PLAYOFFS

The top eight teams from each group qualify for the playoffs. The teams will be paired-off as shown on the attached playoff draw.

Note: The letter 'A' designates the 6:00 p.m. Group, and the letter 'B' designates the 7:15 p.m. Group. The numbers represent the standings after completion of round-robin play. For example, 'A1' is the team that finished 1st in Group A (6:00 p.m.), 'B1' is the team that finished 1st in Group B (7:15 p.m.), etc.

The playoff dates are July 12, 17, 24 and 25. For results, standings, and announcements check out www.lvssl.org. Small trophies will be awarded to Group winners, playoff champion and runners-up.

LEAGUE RULES & ROSTER CHANGES

Please know the rules (attached). Some of the key points: No protests will be allowed. Cautions (yellow cards) are accumulative during the season, 2 yellows = 1 game suspension; no offside; send -off (red card) results in a minimum one game suspension; foul language = yellow card; fighting = expulsion from league; give false name to referee when cautioned - get a game suspension. Our league is a recreational one and not the World Cup. Please see us or contact us with any questions, issues and suggestions.

Roster changes (additions or deletions) can be made until playoffs start at \$15/player. Player added must sign the Team Roster to be eligible to play – contact Ed Csongradi to do so. Alternatively, the player can sign the Injury and Liability Release Form (ILRF) available from the league website and send/give same to Ed Csongradi with the \$15 player registration fee. Anyone playing but not on the roster with signature, or without the ILRF form is an *ineligible player* and s/he and the team is subject to the penalties listed in the Team Roster, and in the League Rules and Regulations. A player can only play for one team during the season; no transfers are allowed.

PARKING, SPEEDING & TAILGATING

Please tell your players that they should park only in the designated parking areas. Please remind the players when arriving and departing the fields to obey speed limits in and around the parking

lots, there is a lot of foot traffic and we want to avoid accidents due to reckless driving. Drive on the paved road and not on the dusty lower parking lot when possible.

There are several high school commencements at Stabler Arena from June 5 thru June 12 so traffic congestion will be very heavy on these days, so leave early when possible. See detailed list attached and also posted on the league website.

The League's contract with Lehigh University for this year states the following: "No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be served or permitted as BYOB at the Event." The Event is the LVSSL games. Please advise your players if you have not done so already of this requirement and make certain they follow it. Violators are subject to expulsion from the league.

Fields and parking lot must be cleaned up prior to leaving. We have to vacate campus at dusk or at 9:00 PM, so plan accordingly.

GAME POSTPONEMENT

In case of inclement weather, please check the LVSSL website at www.lvssl.org for the latest announcement. We update it daily by 4:30 p.m. We will make an effort to reschedule postponed games using the available dates for the whole league. Please note that these are *very few Fridays* this year.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR INJURY

In case of injury or other medical emergency, please see the Trainer on duty. He/she is located next to *field #7* unless attending an injury. The fields are spread out but one of us, Ed or Kal, should be around the fields, and will assist with the injury. The Trainer or the league representative will call 911 for an ambulance via Lehigh University police in case of serious injury.

Have a great season!

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