

Suburban Friendship League
Proposed Rule Changes for Fall 2008 Season
(July 21, 2008)

Note: Minor editorial changes are not shown.

Suggestions Adopted

1. Standard Email addresses for SFL Club Representatives – We have been requested to provide Email addresses of the SFL Club Representatives so that coaches and other SFL Club Representatives who are having difficulties contacting a team have a place to send their Email. The SFL’s privacy policy does not allow the SFL to disclosure the Email addresses without permission. In order to overcome this limitation and handle potential Email changes, the SFL will establish SFL Email addresses for each SFL Club Representative. Email sent to this address will automatically be forwarded to the applicable Email address(es) for that SFL Club Representative.
2. Section II.E. – A statement added that the current season’s roster forms should be used since they have improved data entry edits and slight format changes.
3. II.E.3.b.(2) and II.E.3.e.(3) – Section clarified to state that when a team’s coach serves as the SFL Club Representative and Club Registrar, then a club officer must sign the Team Roster.
4. Section II.F. – Section changed to state that the SFL will decide when forfeits relating to roster challenges will be awarded. The primary purposes of the roster requirements adopted last season was to (1) ensure that the players on the field were assigned to the team by the club and (2) encourage communication between the coaches to resolve minor problems when discrepancies arose. The roster process adopted last season generally worked well and appeared to accomplish the first purpose. On the other hand, several coaches appeared to desire to use the rules to obtain victories through roster challenges that could not be obtained on the field or avoid playing the game. Accordingly, the rules were modified to require (1) a formal roster check of both teams when either coach desires to challenge a roster with each coach reporting the results to the SFL, (2) the game to be played in its entirety, and (3) the results of the challenge to be reviewed by the applicable SFL Club Representative with a report submitted to the appropriate SFL Age Group Commissioner. The SFL Age Group Commissioner will then make a decision on whether a forfeit (or other penalties) will be assessed based on whether illegal players were actually used rather than honest mistakes. In addition, a coach is automatically suspended one game and the team assessed one team red card point when it is found that the team used an illegal player.