

Suburban Friendship League
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Dear Club Representative:

First, thank you for all of your hard work in providing a safe, enjoyable soccer environment for our players. Please remind everyone involved that this is a recreation league and no one gets a college scholarship or shoe contract based on these games. Play on!

This is the package that was discussed in our February 15, 2017, Email. The preseason meeting will be held at the North County Governmental Center in Reston on Friday, March 10, from 7 to 9 PM. Someone will be at the Center starting around 6:30 P.M. to answer any questions you may have on the electronic registration process or other SFL matters and we look forward to having another good meeting. Although much of the material we go over is normally repetitive, it is amazing how many times we are questioned during the season on material that is discussed at the meeting.

If you need directions to meeting site, please give me a call or check our Web Site (www.sflsoccer.org/meetdir.htm).

Enclosed in your package are the following items along with this letter:

- Proposed rules for the Spring 2017 season
- Proposed rule changes for the Spring 2017 season
- Listing of phone numbers for field conditions (see section V of the rules),
- Proposed budget for the Spring 2017 season, and
- Financial statements as of December 31, 2016

We have also adopted the following agenda for our meeting:

- Opening statement by SFL Commissioner
- Presentation by VYSA for ODP to play recreational soccer
- Election of SFL Under 19 Boys Commissioner
- Approval of weekend game dates (April 8, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3) Note: If the proposed rule change of requiring 8 regular season games is adopted, then the first game will be April 1.
- Approval of tournament weekend (June 10/11)
- Discussion of rules to be used for the upcoming season
- Establishment of registration and tournament fees
- Acceptance of rules to be used for the upcoming season
- Other matters

SFL UNDER 19 BOYS COMMISSIONER NEEDED

The Under 19 Boys Commissioner resigned after the Fall 2016 season. Paul made a number of positive contributions to the SFL and he will be missed. For example, he was critical to the successful efforts to improve the web site and developing a standardized process for handling discipline issues.

If anyone else would like to run for this position please let us know. We will accept nominations prior to the meeting and at the meeting. So far, we have received one nomination for this position – Luis Granados. Luis has been a long time SFL Club Representative and has served on VYSA's Adjudication Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S POINTS OF INTEREST

The vast majority of the clubs and their coaches are doing a great job providing a safe, quality soccer experience for the over 500 teams in our league. However, a few coaches, parents, and/or players need to adjust their performance to ensure that we live up to our stated goal: "For the good of the Players". We suggest that all involved focus on the following points of emphasis so that we can continue to provide a quality experience for our players:

- **Health and Safety** – We saw an improvement in the awareness of concussions last season and plan to include the CDC information in this season's package. In addition, all individuals should be aware of what actions should be taken when the threat of severe weather is present. We also plan to include the guidance provided by US Youth Soccer on this subject in the package.
- **Timeliness** – Please submit the requested team, player, and field information on time. We expect to schedule games for around 500 teams this season and again for the end of season tournament. Late or incorrect submissions create major headaches when creating schedules. It is not too early to begin contacting coaches and have them remind players to get registered. The SFL is not a small organization.
- **Fraudulent or Non-existent Rosters** – The roster process we implemented several seasons ago continued to work well. However, far too many coaches still arrive at the field without an official roster and some attempted to alter the roster. We will vigorously enforce our existing rules on these issues. No other league accepts such nonsense, and neither will we. The roster challenge process contained in our rules has been effective in detecting problems of players being used that were not assigned to the team so make sure that these procedures are used should any questions arise. Each season we receive complaints and allegations about "the other team" but when we ask if the roster challenge process was used, we find out the answer is no. This gives both the SFL and the club being challenged limited abilities to validate the claim.
- **Parent/Coach Misbehavior** – A growing number of coaches and parents have become foul mouthed and verbally abusive toward officials and opposing team players and parents. Several have threatened physical violence. Please ask your referees to vigorously enforce the existing rules and eject and report to the SFL anyone involved in this type of stupidity. In the past the clubs referred several cases to VYSA for adjudication. In the season package we will continue to have a page on discipline that the coach can provide to the parents so that they understand the

risks they are posing to the team by conducting these bad behaviors. However, it never hurts to remind your coaches and parents that too many team demerits will result in teams being barred from the tournament or tossed from the league.

KEY DATES

In our registration Email we provided the club, team, field, and Master Player Roster information from the previous season for your to use as a starting point as discussed below. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THE ADDRESSES OF YOUR FIELDS (www.sflsoccer.org/field-directions).** **We have a link to Google Maps for each field so the correct address is more important than ever.** If at all possible, please provide us the updated field information as soon as possible by Email (sfl@sflsoccer.org) and **DO NOT** wait until March 15. Waiting until the last minute does not allow any time to correct mistakes that may be made by your club or the SFL. Also, pay particular attention to a team's age group and division information. Each season we have several clubs make mistakes in this area. The division structure is discussed below. Please note the requirements to provide the Master Player Roster (**without uniform numbers**) for all your players by March 15. The following are the key dates for team registrations, scheduling, and rosters:

Date	Event
March 1	Deadline to provide club contacts, field information, and team numbers (including age group and division) and fields that should be used by each team. Accurate team contact information is not required at this time. If a team is dropped after this date, then the club will be assessed the registration fee for this team.
March 10	Preseason meeting.
March 15	Master Player Roster that contains all registered players and team assignments for all the teams registered with the SFL. Accurate uniform numbers are not required for this submission.
March 21	Expected deadline for changes to team contact information. The SFL Club Representatives will be notified of the actual date as the actual date for the team contact information is better known.
April 1	Game schedules finalized and package sent to the contractor for mailing. SFL Team Rosters provided by the SFL to the SFL Club Representatives for distribution to their teams. Note: If the proposed rule change of requiring 8 regular season games is adopted, then the expected date will be March 27.
April 5	Deadline for providing the Master Player Roster that will be used by the SFL to generate the SFL Team Rosters. Note: If the proposed rule change of requiring 8 regular season games is adopted, then the expected date will be March 29.

- April 8 First game weekend. **Note:** If the proposed rule change of requiring 8 regular season games is adopted, then the expected date will be April 1.
- April 25 Last day to make player additions without approval of the applicable SFL Age Group Commissioner.
- May 10 Last day to submit changes on the Master Player Roster – SFL Team Rosters considered final. **Note:** If the proposed rule change of requiring 8 regular season games is adopted, then the expected date will be May 3.

PLAYER HEALTH AND SAFETY

Concussions

As many of you know, on-field player sports injuries have continued to be a hot topic in the news over the past few years. For example, FIFA implemented a concussion process in the 2014 World Cup, the National Football League has made a concerted effort to address their problems with head injuries and concussions. They have instructed referees to strictly enforce the rules on striking the opponent in the head and using the helmet as a striking implement. The National Hockey League has also adopted measures to address problems with concussions and several star players have been sidelined for months.

The National Federation of State High School Associations estimates that 9.3% of all high school soccer injuries are concussions. While we have received few reports of severe injury during SFL games, everyone should ensure that they are doing what they can to minimize the risk of injury to the players in our league. In addition, players, coaches, and parents are becoming more sensitive to this issue and will ‘be on the lookout’ for anything that might be serious or even appears to be serious. Any incident reported, whether real or imagined, results in an investigation and significant time devoted to its resolution, so it is in our best interests to stop ‘rough play’ before it begins. Not only are we protecting our children (which is our main concern), we are also minimizing any ‘nuisance complaints’.

We urge each Club to take the following steps to help ensure a safe playing environment for our players:

- **Coaches** – Train your players in proper and legal technique. For example: go straight up for headers; cleats down on slide tackles; avoid tackles from behind. If a player is injured during a game, get them proper care and do not allow them to return to play if there is any doubt about their condition.
- **Referees** – Make player safety a point of emphasis this season. Injuries are more severe when one or both players are permitted to go up for a head ball at an angle rather than straight up. Tackles with studs up, or from behind and through an opponent's legs increase the likelihood of injury. Be prepared to stop play quickly if a player appears to be injured.
- **Parents** – Soccer is a contact sport. If your child is injured, you and your family doctor are the best judges of when it is safe for your child to return to the field. Our advice is – **WHEN IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT.**

Lightning

In the past, there appeared to be some confusion on what actions should be taken when severe weather is present. According to US Youth Soccer, each year about 400 children and adults are struck by lightning. US Youth Soccer has developed some guidance on the actions that should be taken. It can be found on our web site on the Frequently Asked Questions page at (http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/news/spring_storms_-_play_it_safe/). As noted by US Youth Soccer, “[lightning] can travel sideways for up to 10 miles. Even when the sky looks blue and clear, be cautious. If you hear thunder, take cover. At least 10% of lightning occurs without visible clouds in the sky.” Applications are available for smart phones and tablets that show the lightning strikes in a given area.

PROCESS AND RULE CHANGES

Each season the SFL Commissioners review the procedures and rules in order to improve the SFL’s operation. After the Fall 2016 season, the SFL received three proposed rule and process changes. These changes involve the following areas.

- In January 2017, we met with VYSA to discuss items of mutual interest. During this meeting, VYSA expressed concerns with the SFL’s definition of a “travel player”. Specifically, VYSA requested that we only consider individuals contained in the VYSA travel data base as travel players. We expect that a VYSA representative will be available for the meeting to discuss their rational further.
- We also received two proposed changes that involved Section IV. D. of the rules. One involves requiring the Under 16s to play 40 minute halves and the Under 19s to play 45 minute halves so that they are consistent with travel. The second change is requiring 8 regular season games along with a tournament weekend.

In addition, VYSA has mandated that starting with the Fall 2017 season, the Under 11 and Under 12 age groups will be required to play 9 v 9 in accordance with US Soccer's mandate. The specific changes to the rules implementing this change will be shown in the Fall rules documents.

AGE GROUPS AND DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

In the registration Email, we provided a file that shows (1) the Fall 2016 teams and (2) the age group and division placement for those teams for the Spring 2017 season. **If you want to move any division 1 team to division 2, you must obtain the appropriate SFL Age Group Commissioner’s approval. You may move any teams from division 2 to division 1 without approval from the SFL.** The following is how we assigned the age groups, divisions, and team names to the teams shown in your file.

- **Age Groups** – No changes were made to the age groups.
- **Division Changes** – The SFL Commissioners reviewed the Fall 2016 results and made changes to the Spring 2017 divisions for those teams. Generally, Division 1 teams with a game point

percentage of less than 60 percent or less were dropped to Division 2 and Division 2 teams with a game point percentage of 69 percent or greater were moved to Division 1 with the exception of the Under 13 Boys and Under 14 Boys. For the Under 13/14 Boys, Division 1 teams with a game point percentage of less than 50 percent or less were dropped to Division 2 and Division 2 teams with a game point percentage of 65 percent or greater were moved to Division 1. The file provided highlighted the division changes in yellow. These criteria provided a much more acceptable number of teams between the divisions than we had in the Fall 2016 season.

- **Team Names** – No changes were made to the team names. (The file shows the team contact for each team.) However, you are free to change any of the team names to what you would like to use.

RESOURCES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THE SFL OPERATES AND ITS RULES

We have developed several documents that are designed to better explain the SFL processes and procedures and expect to develop additional documents in the future. These have been posted to the SFL Documents page on the web site (www.sflsoccer.org/sfl-documents). In addition, we have developed several Frequently Asked Questions documents that are designed to help answer questions you, the coaches, and the club officials may have concerning various topics. These can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions page (www.sflsoccer.org/frequently-asked-questions).

While we attempt to keep the information in these documents consistent with the rules, sometimes through unintentional oversight, some inconsistencies may occur. In these cases, the rules are used to resolve any inconsistencies. We would like you to spend some time with these documents and let us know what other topics should be included and questions that you would like included on these or any other documents. We would also like your views on how to make these documents more useful.

ELECTRONIC CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION

As noted in the registration Emails that were sent to the SFL Club Representatives, Field Coordinators with Email, and Referees Coordinators with Email, we are using an electronic process to obtain our registration information. Attached to that Email were several Excel spread sheets and files. As noted in the Email, these Excel files have been changed from prior seasons and are the only ones that should be used.

- **CLUB TEAM REGISTRATION.XLSX** (e.g., LM CLUB TEAM REGISTRATION.XLSX) – This Excel file is used to provide the SFL with club and team information. It is designed to (1) capture all the required contact information in one file along with the teams that should be registered, (2) eliminate the need to provide duplicate contact information except when an individual coaches more than one team and/or is the SFL Club Representative, and (3) provide error checking on the data entered to eliminate common errors such as using duplicate team names in the same age group which results in teams not being registered, assigning more than one person to the same non coaching role, and imputing data that does not conform to certain business rules. **PLEASE REVIEW THE ERROR MESSAGES SHOWN ON THE FORM**

AND MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE FORM TO THE SFL. Only the teams contained on this list that are received by the registration dead line will be considered registered. Any additions made after this date will be put on a waiting list and (1) may not be scheduled or (2) scheduled with other teams on the waiting list which means that they may be playing with teams that are not in their geographical location. **It is not important to have accurate team contact information by the registration dead line. Therefore, you may use the existing team contact information as a place holder for that team even if you know that a change will be made but have not yet identified the new contact. The team contact information can be changed at a later date as discussed elsewhere in this letter. Failure to provide accurate information by the deadline subjects your club at best to a penalty. It may also result in none of your teams being registered.**

- **CLUB TEAM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS** – This document provides detailed instructions on how to complete the CLUB TEAM REGISTRATION Excel file and how to perform actions, such as sorting data, that may be desired but not directly supported by the spread sheet.
- **MASTER PLAYER ROSTER.XLSX** – This spread sheet is used to show all the players that have been assigned to a team. If you would like a copy of what we used last season, please let us know. We have also posted a blank form on the web site on the SFL Forms page (<http://www.sflsoccer.org/sfl4e.xlsx>) that can be used for this season. Please use the updated form on the web site or the form that we sent with the Email since it contains some updated features that were designed to address problems experienced by some last season.
- **MASTER PLAYER ROSTER INSTRUCTIONS** – Detailed instructions on how to complete the Master Player Roster.
- **FIELD SLOTS.XLS (e.g., LMFIELD.XLS)** – **This spread sheet is used to provide the field information that should be used for three purposes – scheduling teams, rescheduling games, and possible tournament fields.** The fields shown in this listing were the fields used in previous seasons. **Only fields that are going to be used for scheduling regular season games need to have Columns D – U completed.** In other words, if the field is only going to be used for possible makeup games or the tournament, all you need to complete is Columns A – C which is the club name and field name. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PUT IN THE FIELD NAMES THAT MAY BE USED FOR RESCHEDULING GAMES OR USED IN THE TOURNAMENT.** It will save you and the SFL time later when games need to be rescheduled or added to support your teams for the tournament. **IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT CHANGE OR DELETE THE FIELD NAME INFORMATION SHOWN. You may change the location, e.g., “1” to “Turf 1”.** The new data base we are using keeps old games in it and needs to keep this information for its use. **ALSO, AS NOTED IN THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES, THE TIME SLOTS FOR THE UNDER 16 and 19 AGE GROUPS MUST BE 105 MINUTES OR MORE.**

- **TOURNAMENT FIELDS.XLS** – This spread sheet is used to obtain tournament fields that can be supported by the club. This spread sheet is due on April 1.

We have included explanations on each of the spread sheets to help clarify the data that is needed and welcome any suggestions that would improve their usefulness to you. These Excel files contain the information from last season and you may change the data to reflect your changes. However, **PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE COLUMNS IN THESE SPREAD SHEETS.**

If you would like a blank form, all the forms can be obtained from our web site under SFL Forms. Additional information on each of these Excel files is provided below.

Special Note: If you are an AOL user, you may need to save your changes under a different file name before you send them back to us. In the past, for some reason, AOL does not pick up the revised file.

Club and Team Contact Information

We realize that if an individual is both a SFL Club Representative and a coach or coaches two or more teams their name will appear on the CLUB TEAM REGISTRATION spread sheet more than once. This is okay. When the data base is loaded with this information, it eliminates the duplicates. However, it is critical, that the name, address, phone number, and Email addresses be identical each time it is used. (The last time the name is used in the file is the one that is used for all the other names when the data base is updated.) The only other item that helps to avoid confusions involves coaches with 2 or more teams. If a person is coaching more than one team in different age groups, then make sure that the same standard team name is used for both teams. For example, if a person in McLean is coaching an Under 14 Boys team and an Under 16 Girls team, then the standard team name for both teams should be the same, e.g., McLean 1. Please note that we may have made some changes that affect coaches with two teams.

Each club is required to provide/confirm the name, address, and phone information for the Club, SFL Club Representative, Referee Coordinator, and Field Coordinator for the club. Only one name may be shown for each of these roles. If a club desires to send information to other individuals who may assist with these roles or desires that other individuals such as club age group commissioners receive SFL mailings, then these individuals should be shown as “Club Other”. For example, some clubs have more than one person who handles field assignments. The primary person should be shown under the “Field” role and secondary person should be shown under “Club Other”. An easy way to ensure that all the field people get any Emails relating to fields, is to include their Email address with the one provided to the individual shown as the Field Coordinator (the same applies to the Referee Coordinator). SFL Club Representatives automatically get a copy of these Emails.

Field Spread Sheets

The field spread sheet, FIELD SLOTS.XLS contains (1) the field information that is used to schedule the regular season games and (2) the fields that may be used to reschedule games or support tournament games. We realize that it is somewhat complicated. Hopefully, the following will make it a little easier to understand.

- **Field Name and Location** – The name of the game field, e.g., Baron Cameron 1, Baron Cameron 2, etc. – This is required for all fields that may be used for any purpose. The listing shows the fields used in previous seasons. **When in doubt, put in a name.** It will save the club and SFL time later in the season when games need to be rescheduled or the tournament is scheduled.
- **First Time Slot (Saturday)** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. The first game time available on that field when that field is normally used for Saturday games, e.g., 8:30, 1:00 PM, etc.. Games will not be scheduled before 8:30 AM and the first time slot should normally be 9:00 or later.
- **Games Must End By (Saturday)** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. If the field is not available the entire day, then the time that the last game must end, e.g., 3:00 PM. If the game field is available the entire day, then enter 6:00 PM. (Do not worry, we will not schedule games after dark.)
- **First Time Slot (Sunday)** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. The first game time available on that field when that field is normally used for Sunday games, e.g., 1:00 PM, etc. Games will not be scheduled before 12:30 PM and the first time slot should normally be 1:00 PM or later. If the field is not normally used for regular season Sunday games, i.e., only used for makeups, then leave the times blank, i.e., if your club normally plays its regular season home games on Saturday, then leave the fields blank.
- **Games Must End By (Sunday)** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. If the field is not available the entire day, then the time that the last game must end, e.g., 3:00 PM. If the game field is available the entire day, then enter 6:00 PM. (Do not worry, we will not schedule games after dark.)
- **Time slot minutes – Under 14 and Below** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. The number of minutes that should be used for games played by the Under 14s and Below. The minimum time allowed is 90 minutes. (It is okay to make these consistent with the Under 16s and 19s.)
- **Time slot minutes – Under 16 and Under 19** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. The number of minutes that should be used for games played by the Under 16s and Under 19s. **The minimum time allowed is 105 minutes.**
- **Game Schedule Order** – Only required if the field is going to be used for regular season games. The order that should be used to schedule games on a field, e.g., Under 19 Boys, then Under 14 Boys, then Under 14 Girls, etc. A value is only required to be entered if a given age group plays on the field. For example, if only Under 12s play on the field, then add the appropriate values for the Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls. The other columns may be left blank. **When in doubt, put in a value** since if the field is used for a given age group and no value is shown, it will be scheduled in the first available slot which may not be the desired order and require the club to

make significant changes when the draft schedules are prepared. For example, assume that Field A (1) is used for Under 14 Boys, (2) is used on some weeks by an Under 16 Boys team, and (3) has the first time slot starting at 8:30. If only a value for the Under 14 Boys is shown and a game for Under 16 Boys is scheduled on that field, then the Under 16 Boys team will be scheduled at 8:30 rather than the last game of the day although the club would rather the Under 16 Boys team play the last game on the day when it ends up on that field. Although these games can be changed after the draft schedules are prepared, it will save the club and SFL a great deal of time and effort to do it correctly at the start. Do not worry if an age group does not end up using that field. The system schedules the first team available in the first slot. Using the example above, if the club stated that Under 16 Boys should be scheduled first and Under 16 Boys second and no Under 16 Boys teams ended up scheduled on the field, then the Under 14 Boys games would always start at 8:30.

Finally, the tournament spread sheet, TOURNAMENT FIELDS.XLS is used to capture the tournament fields that can be supported by your club. The Procedures and Processes – Tournament Scheduling document provides additional information concerning this spread sheet and can also be obtained from the web site. This spread sheet is due on September 1.

MASTER PLAYER ROSTER AND SFL TEAM ROSTERS

The SFL Club Representative must submit a preliminary Master Player Roster (SFL Form 4E) to the SFL (sfl@sflsoccer.org) by March 15. This roster is not required to contain the uniform numbers of the players. The Procedures and Processes – Master Player Roster discusses the requirements for the Master Player Roster and the related Master Player Roster Summary that is generated by the SFL based on the Master Player Roster submission. A blank Master Player Roster form was included in the Email for your use. A blank version of the form may also be obtained from the SFL Forms page. Each of these spread sheets have an Instructions work sheet that describe how to complete the form and the steps that should be taken to check the data before submission and correct errors. A PDF version of these instructions has been posted to the web site under SFL Forms. The data contained on the Master Player Roster is used to generate the SFL Team Rosters. The Procedures and Processes – SFL Team Rosters discusses the requirements related to SFL Team Rosters. The procedures and process documents can be found on the web site on the SFL Documents page.

SFL TOURNAMENT

The goal of the SFL is to have each team play 8 to 9 games and to play competitive matches. However, we only have 8 or 9 weekends. Another problem is that we do not know the strength of a given team which makes ensuring competitive games difficult. Because of these two problems, we adopted an end of season tournament. History has shown that the tournament scheduling process we have adopted works very well in matching teams with comparable abilities. The Procedures and Processes – Tournament Scheduling document contains additional information on how the tournament is scheduled and the importance of a club providing adequate fields slots to support their teams. This document is available on the web site on the SFL Documents page. Please remember the April 1 deadline for providing your tournament field and referee commitment information.

The proposed per game tournament reimbursement rates for the current season are as follows:

- Under 12 (8 v 8) – \$75
- Under 14 – \$95
- Under 16/19 – \$125

These are the same fees that were paid last season. We want to establish rates that fairly compensate the officials for their time and attract the quality and number of officials that we need. If these rates are inadequate to reimburse your club for their officiating costs, please let us know the amounts that are adequate to cover your costs.

PROPOSED BUDGET

The SFL designs its budget to recover its costs and this season the SFL has maintained the registration fee structure that was adopted last season. This budget also assumes no increase in the referee reimbursement. Should the discussion on tournament referee reimbursement rates also increase those paid to the other age groups, then those registration fees will also increase.

MAILING PROCESS

We perform three mailings each season – preseason mailing (this package), season package, and a tournament package. All the mailings are handled by our contractor. An electronic version of this package is also distributed to the SFL Club Representatives by Email.

PRIVACY STATEMENT AND PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESSES

The SFL Club Representatives decided several seasons ago that Email addresses should be provided to improve communication between the team contacts when those individuals agreed to have their Email addresses published. This is commonly referred to as an “opt in” policy. The procedures adopted to implement this policy was for the SFL Club Representatives to contact each of their teams and provide the Email address(es) that the team contacts desired the SFL to publish in the enclosed listing. We do not provide this information on the web site. Because of this change, the SFL updated its privacy policy and developed the process that would be used to manage it. Both of these documents are available on the web site on the SFL Documents page (<http://www.sflsoccer.org/sfldocs.htm>) and we suggest you take some time to review these documents. Please remember that you must have the team contact’s explicit permission to publish their Email address before you place that address in the public Email column of the spread sheet. This permission must be obtained each season.

FIELD DIRECTIONS

Field directions for all fields have been posted to the web site (www.sflsoccer.org/field.htm). Please review the field address and field directions on the web site and make sure that they are still current and

the phone numbers for game cancellations (www.sflsoccer.org/weather.htm) are correct. The field address is used by the web site to provide a link to Google Maps. The field directions presented also need to be reviewed since sometimes stop lights have been added or exit numbers changed. As you will note, some of these fields were not used last season, however, we leave them in our data base since fields change from season to season and sometimes makeup games are scheduled on these fields. Therefore, when the Web Site is updated, the current field directions are available to be posted. In addition, if the field that you will be using this season is not on this list, then you will need to provide field directions. The phone numbers for field closings are also posted on the web site (<http://www.sflsoccer.org/weather.htm>) and should also be reviewed.

The SFL is expecting about 500 teams this season. We appreciate the confidence in our program and look forward to working with you this season. In developing the registration procedures, we attempted to maximize the flexibility in the registration and scheduling process that we have enjoyed in past seasons while reducing the impact of late additions and deletions.

If you have any questions or comments, you may call either Chris Martin (703-476-6611) or myself (703-471-7407). You may also Email us at sfl@sflsoccer.org.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you at the meeting.

John Paladino
SFL Commissioner