

1 Suburban Friendship League

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3 **Frequently Asked Questions – General SFL Operations**
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6 The following are a list of Frequently Asked Questions relating to general SFL operations. While we
7 attempt to keep this information consistent with the rules, sometimes through unintentional oversight,
8 some inconsistencies may occur. In these cases, the rules are used to resolve any inconsistencies.

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10 **Question:** What services does the SFL provide?

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12 **Response:** The SFL's primary purpose is to provide game scheduling services and increase the level of
13 competition for recreational teams. The clubs are responsible for most of the other
14 administrative responsibilities. For example, the clubs are expected to provide a SFL Club
15 Representative who is responsible for the primary contact between the club and its teams
16 and the SFL. The Club is also responsible for fields, officials, insurance for its players, and
17 ensure that the players are registered with the Virginia Youth Soccer Association.

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19 **Question:** What information does the league provide the clubs to support their game administrative
20 responsibilities?

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22 **Response:** After the schedules are prepared, each SFL Club Representative is sent a combined field
23 schedule showing all games on their club fields. If Email addresses are provided, this
24 information is also provided to the Club's Referee Coordinator and Field Coordinator.

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26 **Question:** What information is provided each team?

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28 **Response:** Each coach is mailed a packet which contains their game schedule, field directions for their
29 games, phone numbers and team colors of the other teams in their age group, a postage paid
30 confirmation card, rules, and a letter stating their responsibilities. The league will also Email
31 the coaches and club officials the game results and standings each week upon request. Once
32 the tournament schedule is established, each team is mailed a package of tournament
33 information and regular season standings.

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35 **Question:** What are the league fees and what do they cover?

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37 **Response:** The league fees are established at the preseason meeting. The registration fee covers
38 trophies and scheduling expenses, such as postage and supplies. A portion of the
39 registration fees are collected to reimburse the clubs hosting tournament sites for their
40 officials. The fee schedule is designed to compensate the clubs hosting the tournament for
41 the costs incurred for providing officials (one referee and two assistant referees for each
42 game). The rates are based on input from the clubs and approved at the preseason meeting.
43 A financial statement is also sent to each SFL Club Representative at the end of each season.

1 **Question:** How does the SFL deal with misconduct on the part of coaches, players or spectators?

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3 **Response:** The SFL relies on individual clubs to investigate misconduct allegations. The SFL Age
4 Group Commissioners will work with the SFL Club Representative to see that incidents are
5 handled fairly and consistent.