

Florida Suncoast Soccer League Team Registration Information: 2011-12 Season

Read through this information carefully.

Final deadline for entering a team: July 22, 2011

General

The Florida Suncoast Soccer League has six men's divisions. The men's division is divided into Premier, Division I, Division II, Division III, Over 40 and Over 50. The Premier Division is by invitation only.

Scheduling

Men's Premier and Division I-III games are played on Sundays between 9:00am and 7:00pm. Scheduling of games depends on the division in which your team is playing, field availability and referee availability. The 2011-2012 season will begin September 11, 2011 and run through early February 2012, with each team playing 14-16 games. Following the regular season there are division cups and a league cup (separate entry fee for each) in which your team may choose to participate. These competitions begin immediately following the regular season. There are also state and national cup competitions open to all teams in the spring.

The Over 40 Division plays every other Wednesday night starting October 5, 2011 and runs through early spring 2012. Games start at 8 or 9pm depending on the home team's field availability. Teams play approximately 14 games per season. All players must be 40 by game day. Additional ID may be required.

The Over 50 Division plays every other Sunday starting October 16, 2011 runs through early spring 2012. Each team plays approximately 14 games. All players must be 50 by game day. Additional ID may be required.

In most divisions teams will play each other at least twice during the season. One home and one away game for each of these match-ups *is not* guaranteed and will be determined by referee and field availability.

Email and Internet Access Mandatory

Every team must have an email address that is checked every day or so – this is the only way you will receive most communications from the league. Team applications submitted without an email address will be returned to you.

Team Names

Club team names must begin with an identifier that indicates they are part of a club (ie. Pasco United and Pasco FC are both part of the Pasco club organization). If teams do not designate themselves as a club on their applications then they will not be allowed to participate as club teams during the season. Team name changes (or field changes) will not be accepted during the season. Team names must be unique and will be accepted on a first come first in basis.

New Teams

New teams are accepted based on FSSL board approval and space availability and normally begin in Division III (new teams may start in O40 and O50 Division). New teams may be asked to play a friendly match to help determine the best division. Teams may apply to start in a higher division by submitting a request in writing along with their team roster and supporting details about their players. Admittance to a higher division is based on board approval.

New teams are required to put up a \$200 performance bond that will be returned at the end of the season if all obligations are met.

New teams will be required to put an individual through a referee certification class if the league holds a class during the 2011-12 season. This person can be a friend of the team or player and will be required to referee a minimum of 5 FSSL games during the season.

Returning Teams

Teams with any outstanding balance from 2010-11 must be paid in full **before** an application for the new season will be accepted. Additionally some teams may be required to post a \$200 bond if they owed money for fines or referee fees during the past season. If you wish to register any players from a team that has an outstanding balance the individual players will have to pay their portion of the team's fine before they may register.

Fields

Each team is responsible for acquiring and maintaining its own field throughout the year. **Your application must be accompanied by a letter from the management of the field you are using stating you have permission to use the field on Sundays from Sept. 11, 2011 – March 1, 2012** (this does not apply to teams playing at City of St. Pete fields).

To alleviate the critical shortage of referees the number of games played at easily staffed venues will be increased and the use of certain fields will be reduced. Games will be concentrated at locations where a single referee crew can work multiple matches. Teams that do not play at locations where we can regularly schedule multiple games will not be guaranteed ANY "home" games. No new fields will be accepted for new teams unless they are entering as part of a new club with multiple teams at the same field. Single fields (single team playing at a single field) are subject to approval by the board.

FSSL contracts directly with the City of St. Pete for use of its fields. Any team that wishes to use a City of St. Pete field **MUST** include an additional **\$630 field fee** with your application to cover use and maintenance of the field. This fee does not cover lining of the field. The FSSL contract only covers use of the fields on Sundays for scheduled regular season games. Your team is responsible for any use of these fields for practice and must pay additional field fees if you use these fields for cup games. Field assignments will be based on a first come, first serve basis and are also based on referee and scheduling availability.

Land O'Lakes - We do not have confirmation from the county at this time regarding how much field availability we may have. Field fees will likely be around \$50 per home game and **teams will likely need to obtain permission to play directly from the county and pay the county directly in advance for field use and maintenance for home games.** If you play at Land O'Lakes be prepared to spend more money on fields this season and to work directly with Pasco County.

Fees

Registration paid by June 25, 2011 is \$850.00 which includes registration and insurance for 18 players. If paid after June 30 and by July 22, 2011 the fee is \$900.00. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 22, 2011.** Registrations will be accepted on a first come first in basis and must be accompanied by the complete fee (cash, cashier's check, money order or PayPal – no personal checks). **Partial payments for registration will not be accepted** (both application and fee will be returned to you). Team registration payments are non refundable after August 1, 2011.

The registration fee covers team registration for the entire year (September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012) and individual player registration for 18 players. Some of the other fees that your team will incur are:

- 1) Referees: All divisions (except O50) will use a 3 referee crew for games. Each team pays half (\$65.00) of the \$130.00 official's fees in cash prior to each game. O50 division uses a single referee and each team pays half (\$35.00) of the \$70.00 official's fee in cash prior to each game.
- 2) New player registrations (after registering the first 18) are \$28.00. Teams are allowed up to 22 players to be registered at one time.
- 3) Dropping or transferring a registered player is \$5.00.
- 4) Field fees, team uniforms, team equipment, etc.

Player registration and transactions during the season

Every team manager must have access to the internet for player registration – FSSL uses an online player registration system and passes will only be created when they are requested through the online system. All player photos must be digital photos in jpg format that team managers upload to the on-line system website. Players registered for the last season will already be in the system and can be added to your team without re-entering new data. Passes will only be made if the photo is a very clear **head and shoulder** (not entire body) shot of the player.

Absolutely no transactions will be conducted without prior payment. This includes registering new players, dropping or transferring players, entering cups, filing protests, etc. *If you wish to be able to conduct transactions during the season without an exchange of fees you may submit an advance payment to be credited to your team.* Transactions can then be deducted from this credit and you don't have to send in payment each time. Once the credit has been depleted you can choose to send in an additional advance payment or pay prior to each transaction.

PayPal will be available as a payment method for this season. If using PayPal you will also pay the PayPal transaction fees of 2.9% of the transaction amount plus a .30 per transaction charge.

Once your team application has been accepted your team's name will be listed on the website. Player registration information will be sent to you via email in late July. Your team is responsible for following all league rules and guidelines. A copy of the FSSL rules can be found at www.fssl.com.

Your team should not enter the league if:

- 1) You do not have an email address that will be checked regularly
- 2) Your team will not have access to the internet for player registration
- 3) Your team can only play at certain times during the day
- 4) Your team will not be available for play on Sundays for the entire season
- 5) You have not read and understand the FSSL rules

FSSL 2011-2012 Team Registration Application

Final Deadline for Registration: July 22, 2011 - no applications accepted after this date

Team name: _____ Division: _____

Team Manager: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Email address (required): _____

Second contact person: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Team colors: Shirt _____ Shorts _____

Home field: _____

Your signature on this form indicates you have read and understand the FSSL registration information included with this application, the FSSL constitution and bylaws and that your team understands it must be available for all regularly scheduled games during the 2011-12 season. Full payment (cashier's check, money order or PayPal – no personal checks) is due with your application or it will be returned to you. Team registration payments are non-refundable after August 1, 2011.

Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fees

The correct fees must be enclosed with this application (or paid via PayPal at the time the application is received) or your application will not be accepted. Please check the fees you are enclosing:

- _____ Early team registration fee - \$850.00 if returned by 6/25/11
- _____ Late team registration fee - \$900 if returned after 6/25/11 (final deadline July 22, 2011)
- _____ New Team Performance bond (this bond must be paid by ALL new teams) - \$200
- _____ Field Fee City of St. Pete fields - \$630

Total amount enclosed: _____ (also enclose the agreement for your field)

Comments: Any special information your team would like the league to consider in scheduling for 2011-2012. **Any dates** your home field is not available should be listed here!

Return this form to:

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