



Diocese Soccer League (DSL) Summary of Rules, March 2019

TO: Coaches, Soccer Coordinators, and AD's
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The purpose of this document is to summarize the rules, guidelines, and procedures of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Soccer League. This is also intended to reinforce the "spirit" of the League in the areas of communication, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Lastly, this document is more current than the Rule Book on the Diocese website and thus supersedes the website.

1. Female Quota – The DSL has reviewed all the feedback regarding requiring a female quota for
 - a. teams and games. There were valid reasons to have a quota and also to not have a quota. The decision is that there will not be a female quota.
2. Season Dates and Notes
 - Friday March 28th - DSL Rosters Due for all Teams
 - March 29-30 - Opening Weekend for Games
 - April 18-21 - Easter Weekend - no practice or games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
 - May 25-27 - Memorial Day weekend - scheduling will be light but this weekend will be used for some games and reschedules
 - June 1st - Developmental Tourney at Marshall Field
 - June 2nd - Last Day for JV and Varsity Games
 - June 5-9 - JV and Varsity Tourney
3. Sportsmanship:
 - a. Diocese Play like a Champion Workshop- all coaches and assistant coaches are required to attend this workshop.
 - b. Score Control – Coaches are responsible to keep scores reasonable. If there are game scores with a 8 or greater score differential there is a chance that the game may not count in the standings. The DSL Director will ask for a written statement from both coaches.
 - c. Complaints, Issues, Concerns – If there are any concerns, issues, or situations, they must be reported via e-mail to the DSL Director then a determination will be made what happens from there.
4. DSL Game Cards and Reporting Game Scores – For all JV and Varsity games, coaches must have 2 completed DSL Game Cards, one for the opposing coach and one for the referee. It is important to all coaches and players to have a website that reflects updated game results, thus the coach of the winning team (or the home coach for a tie game) have 1 week to report game results for JV and

Varsity games. Game results can be sent via U.S. mail, e-mail, or text. Regardless of how the game cards are sent, coaches must send both game cards that are signed by the referee. The DSL Game Card is available on the DSL Website

5. Rescheduling Games –

- a. Valid reasons to reschedule a game include field conditions, or a parish or school event. In the event of bad weather, a good rule of thumb is that the home team checks the field 3 hours before game time. This ensures adequate time to inform both teams and the referees in the event of a cancellation. If referees are not notified and they show up at the field for a cancelled game, the home team is responsible to still pay the referees.
- b. Non valid reasons for a reschedule would be a coach's schedule and players' availability. Coaches have 1 week to reschedule a game

6. Injuries – If a player is taken for medical care, the a DSL Accident Report must be sent to the DSL Director

7. DSL Rosters – A DSL Roster must be turned in for every Developmental, JV, and Varsity team. The Roster is available on the DSL Website. The DSL Roster should reflect the name, grade, and jersey number of each player and the DSL Player needs to be signed by the school principal or pastor (not by a coach). For players from another school, coaches should submit a separate roster listing the name of that school along with the player information. Coaches should list their Field Monitors on the DSL Roster also.

8. Playing on more than 1 Team – The following are the Rules regarding players who play on multiple DSL teams. Coaches are responsible to ensure that players who are “playing up” have the size and skill to do so:

- a. Playing Up – The following are allowed
 - i. 1st and 2nd grade playing together
 - ii. 3rd and 4th grade playing together
 - iii. 4th grade playing on JV
 - iv. 6th grade playing on Varsity
- b. Playing Up – The following are **NOT** allowed
 - i. 1st and 3rd grade playing together
 - ii. 2nd and 4th grade playing together
 - iii. 2nd or 3rd graders playing on JV
 - iv. 4th or 5th grade playing on Varsity
 - v. 4th graders playing on 2 different JV teams; only 1 team is permitted
 - vi. 6th graders playing on 2 different Varsity teams; only 1 team is permitted
 - vii. JV players playing on 2 different JV teams
 - viii. Varsity players playing on 2 different Varsity teams.
- c. Players who “play up” may also play on their regular team, e.g. JV and Varsity

- d. JV players do not need to be rostered on a Varsity team. It is assumed that they will play up at some point. Conversely, a 4th grader MUST be listed on the Roster of the JV team they play on

9. Eligibility

- a. Home schooled kids are considered to be public school and are not allowed to play Diocese Sports.
- b. Players playing for another school – this is allowed but the schools must be in the same Vicariate. A separate DSL Roster must be submitted signed by the Principal or Pastor of the school (without the program)
- c. Schools Combining – this is allowed but must be approved.

10. League Format- the table below reflects the DSL's recommendations:

Division	Grades	Ball Size	Format	Field Size	Play Direction	Goals
Jr Developmental	1st and 2nd	3	6 v 6	¼ Field	Length wise	Miniature
Developmental	3rd and 4th	4	8 v 8	½ Field	Width wise	Miniature
JV	5th and 6th	4	11 v 11	Full Field	Length Wise	Regular
Varsity	7th and 8th	5	11 v 11	Full Field	Length Wise	Regular

11. Referee Fees - \$45 per Referee per Game paid by the home team

12. DSL Administration

- a. Directions to the Fields are on DSL Website www.leaguelineup.com/dsl Send new directions (and preferably an address) to webmaster Ken Busch at dslpitt@gmail.com
- b. Contact information
 - i. Website www.leaguelineup.com/dsl
 - ii. Director Mitch Riehle mailing address - 743 Winter Park Drive Mars, PA 16046
 - iii. Mitch Riehle mriehle@comdoc.com 412-780-1829
 - iv. Webmaster Ken Busch e-mail address dslpitt@gmail.com
 - v. Referee Coordinator Chuck Pruss e-mail address kpruss2000@yahoo.com 412-443-5630
- c. Coaches are responsible to ensure that any information is accurate on the DSL website, to include game schedule and directions to fields.
- d. DSL Game Cards, Rosters, and Accident Reports are available on the DSL website