



2017 NCJLA Girls U14A & U12A Play Day

On February 5, 2017 the NCJLA hosted its first Play Day for the girls division at the brand new Patelco Fields in Pleasanton, California. The teams represented clubs from each of the four major regions of the league. Coaches and players were anxious to test their skills against their competitors in preparation for the 2017 season opening day on March 4, 2017. With the 2017 new rules players needed an opportunity to practice holding players behind the restraining line till possession is won and testing out their ability to kick a ground ball to their advantage. Players commented throughout the day how much easier it was to get a ground ball out of the scrum with the new rule. Overall, 12 teams participated and over 20 women's game umpires were trained and awarded their 2017 USL Umpire Certification.



The next play day will be February 26, 2017 at Patelco Fields, where the Girls U12B division will square off to play 3 short games apiece. The U12B division will be testing out the new rules for their division as well. Coaches and players are working hard at practice to master the USL rules points of emphasis and the enforcement of no contact at the youth level. This play day will also be a training event for the junior umpires. Play days have become an educational experience for coaches, players, umpires and the fans! You can find information about the Play days and team rsvp's on the NCJLA website.

A big thank you to Walnut Creek Warriors parent photographer for supplying some photos from the U12A and U14A play day.

Upcoming events:

- February 26, 2017 Girls U12B Play Day
- March 4, 2017 Boys U8 Play Day
- March 5, 2017 Girls U8 and U10 Play Day

