Board members for Cal South Affiliate Member leagues & clubs should be aware of the latest registration info

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CAL SOUTH FALL 2025-2026 REGISTRATION UPDATES

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There are several important updates for which we need everyone to be aware. Please take the time to read through all of the listed sections and please do reach out to us with any questions you may have.

Online Invoice Management (OIM) is Back!

Online Invoice Management (OIM) is returning for the upcoming 2025-26 season. We heard your feedback and StackSports understands the needs of our club members. Although they are diligently working on a hybrid solution for future use, for *this* season, we will return to OIM for invoicing. While a communication was already sent out by StackSports, these are a few key features to recall here:

- Credits & Upcharges: Track all relevant credits or upcharges directly through your invoice for full transparency. No more confusion or manual tracking.
- Reporting Options: You have full access to reporting tools to track your club's financial data. Reporting options for monthly or summary files are available to the right of your Invoice.
- Payment Options: Enjoy the convenience of paying via eChecks or credit card.
 Simply click your invoice and select a payment method to pay your fees directly through the platform with just a few clicks!

Benefits:

- Efficiency: Say goodbye to time-consuming admin tasks. With OIM, you'll eliminate the need to send emails or checks back and forth, saving valuable time for both your club and the Cal South office.
- Trackability: You can now track your invoices and financial data from season to season, providing greater visibility and control.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The "Split-Pay" feature will be disabled for the upcoming seasonal year.

This means Cal South's membership fee will no longer be added to either Association Online or Club Connect orders. You will still be able to take your club payments online but our membership fee will be invoiced through that OIM order.

Please plan accordingly as you will need to adjust your club fees to include our membership fee in

preparation for that invoice the following month.
Please be aware that those clubs using the Club
Connect product will still have a \$3 transaction fee
being paid by their members upon registration.

US Soccer Referee Abuse Protection Policy

Cal South joins U.S. Soccer in creating a better future for our game. Their recently updated Referee Abuse Prevention Policy (Policy 531-9) is designed to make youth and amateur matches safer, more fun, and more empowering for everyone involved. **Referee abuse will not be tolerated.** We're asking everyone to do their part by knowing the rules, reporting referee abuse, and embodying behaviors that represent the best of us.

Please read the full details and download the marketing materials to post on your club's website: **CLICK HERE**

New Fee for Player Transfers and Tournament ID Cards

For Transfers:

For the upcoming 2025-2026 seasonal year, Cal South has implemented a transfer fee for each player wishing to transfer from one team to another within the Fall season of the seasonal year (Sept. 1st – Aug. 31st of the following year).

Parents shall pay the transfer fee after having initiated a Release and Transfer (or a Transfer if coming from the drop pool) from the Cal South system using their parent profile.

Cal South reviews orders each morning to start the process. During the Fall Season League Transfer Restriction (aka Roster Freeze), there is a three-week hold period from the moment a transfer has been finalized in the system.

Transfers will also have a two-week wait period from Sept. 1st through the end of the league's fall season.

For Tournament ID (formerly known as District Pool Cards):

As of the 2025-2026 seasonal year, Cal South will implement a tournament ID fee for any player released from a team who is wishing to participate as a guest player with other teams. This tournament ID will serve as the player's game ID in the interim as he/she considers the team to which they will eventually transfer.

The fee is \$40 each. The fee will be paid by the parent by using the <u>link here</u>.

Gender X Option Available in Club Connect

Sports Connect has introduced a new registration option: **Gender X**. The intent is to offer a more inclusive option that allows players, volunteers, and parents to self-identify in a way that best reflects their gender.

ALERT: This feature is not available on the Association side as we have decided to keep team genders intact as they are in the system. Therefore, selecting to use this option in Club Connect will result in players NOT appearing on the Association side when you attempt to roster them into a team. Since the gender is left blank, the system will not be able to rationalize what to show. If you choose to utilize this feature you will need to contact our Membership Services staff to request us to manually add a gender to that

player within the Association side of the system so that the player can be rostered.

ID Card Template Library

StackSports has introduced a new feature designed to streamline the ID card management process, giving us more flexibility and control. These ready-to-use templates will be available for us to use for this upcoming Fall season. This will remove the need to have cardstock mailed to you.

You will be able to print out the full ID we have designated for the season right from the system onto any paper to laminate, eliminating the fear of running out of cardstock right when you need it most!

New League & Club Sanctioning Logos

Cal South will now be issuing annual Cal South Sanctioning logos to our Affiliate Member Leagues and Clubs to publish and use on their own marketing materials. We will email these as soon as each Affiliate Renewal application is approved.

2025-2026 Affiliate Renewal Application Now Open!

Please remember that although a League or Club Registrar can fill out the majority of this application, the League or Club's President will need to sign any club waivers and agreements.

You can get started by clicking here.



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