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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE INC

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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE RELEASES 1980 SEASON SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The American Soccer League, oldest professional soccer loop in the United States, today released its 1980 schedule. According to ASL Chairman Ted Celeste, the nine teams comprising the circuit play a total of 126 games on a national basis, with each team playing fourteen home games and fourteen contests on the road.

The League will be comprised of two divisions consisting of five Eastern Division teams and four Western Division teams. The five Eastern clubs are: defending Eastern champs Columbus Magic; Cleveland Cobras; the Americans; Pennsylvania Stoners; and New York United, formerly N.Y. Apollo. The Western Division includes: defending ASL Champions Sacramento Gold; defending Western Division champs California Sunshine; and two 1980 expansion teams, Phoenix Fire and the Golden Gate Gales, who will kick off the 1980 ASL slate on March 22nd in Phoenix.

The ASL will play under the international rules of soccer as prescribed by FIFA, the world body governing soccer, with the following major rule changes for 1980; three U.S. citizens must be on the field for a team at all times; four substitutions will be allowed during the course of a match, with no resubstitutions permitted; and there will be no sudden-death overtimes, but instead, two ten-minute overtimes will be played in the event of a tie, with a tie being recorded should the match remain deadlocked after the extra sessions. The ASL Scoring System awards five points for a win, two points for a tie, and one point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three, per team, per match.

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1980 ASL SCHEDULE

Game #	Date	Day	Match
1	March 22	Saturday	Golden Gate @ Phoenix
2	March 29	Saturday	New York @ Phoenix
3	March 30	Sunday	Sacramento @ Golden Gate
4	April 4	Friday	Columbus @ California
5			New York @ Sacramento
6	April 6	Sunday	California @ Golden Gate
7			Columbus @ Phoenix
8	April 9	Wednesday	New York @ California
9	April 11	Friday	Columbus @ Sacramento
10	April 12	Saturday	Phoenix @ California
11	April 13	Sunday	Columbus @ Golden Gate
12	April 16	Wednesday	Phoenix @ Sacramento
13	April 18	Friday	New York @ Cleveland
14	April 20	Sunday	Phoenix @ Golden Gate
15			Americans @ Pennsylvania
16	April 23	Wednesday	New York @ Americans
17	April 25	Friday	Golden Gate @ Phoenix
18			California @ Sacramento
19	April 27	Sunday	Golden Gate @ California
20			Cleveland @ Columbus
21			Americans @ New York
22	April 30	Wednesday	Cleveland @ Americans
23	May 2	Friday	Pennsylvania @ Cleveland
24			New York @ Columbus
25	May 3	Saturday	Sacramento @ Golden Gate
26			Americans @ Phoenix
27	May 4	Sunday	New York @ Pennsylvania
28	May 7	Wednesday	Americans @ Calfornia
29	May 9	Friday	Americans @ Sacramento
30			Pennsylvania @ Columbus
31	May 11	Sunday	Americans @ Golden Gate
32			Phoenix @ Pennsylvania
33			Columbus @ New York
34	May 16	Friday	Phoenix @ Americans
35			Columbus @ Cleveland
36	May 17	Saturday	Sacramento @ California
37	May 18	Sunday	Golden Gate @ Columbus
38			Phoenix @ New York
39	May 21	Wednesday	Phoenix @ Columbus
40	May 23	Friday	Pennsylvania @ Americans
41			Golden Gate @ Cleveland
42	May 24	Saturday	Phoenix @ Sacramento
43	May 25	Sunday	Golden Gate @ Pennsylvania
44	May 28	Wednesday	Pennsylvania @ New York
45			Sacramento @ Americans
46	May 30	Friday	Columbus @ Cleveland
47	May 31	Saturday	California @ Phoenix
48	June 1	Sunday	Sacramento @ New York
49	June 6	Friday	Pennsylvania @ Americans
50			Sacramento @ Cleveland
51	June 7	Saturday	Golden Gate @ California
52	June 8	Sunday	New York @ Pennsylvania

Game #	Date	Day	Match
53	June 10	Tuesday	Cleveland @ Phoenix
54			Sacramento @ Columbus
55	June 12	Thursday	Cleveland @ Sacramento
56	June 13	Friday	Pennsylvania @ Columbus
57	June 14	Saturday	Phoenix @ California
58	June 15	Sunday	Cleveland @ Golden Gate
59			Americans @ Pennsylvania
60	June 18	Wednesday	California @ Phoenix
61			Cleveland @ New York
62	June 24	Tuesday	California @ Pennsylvania
63			Sacramento @ Phoenix
64	June 27	Friday	California @ Columbus
65			Golden Gate @ Sacramento
66			Americans @ Cleveland
67	June 29	Sunday	Columbus @ Americans
68			California @ New York
69	July 3	Thursday	Pennsylvania @ Sacramento
70	July 4	Friday	California @ Americans
71			New York @ Cleveland
72	July 6	Sunday	New York @ Columbus
73			Pennsylvania @ Golden Gate
74	July 9	Wednesday	Pennsylvania @ Phoenix
75	July 11	Friday	Sacramento @ Cleveland
76	July 12	Saturday	Pennsylvania @ California
77			Phoenix @ Golden Gate
78			New York @ Americans
79	July 13	Sunday	Cleveland @ Columbus
80	July 16	Wednesday	Americans @ Phoenix
81			Sacramento @ New York
82	July 18	Friday	Americans @ California
83			Pennsylvania @ Cleveland
84	July 20	Sunday	Americans @ Golden Gate
85			Sacramento @ Pennsylvania
86			Columbus @ New York
87	July 22	Tuesday	Sacramento @ Columbus
88	July 23	Wednesday	Phoenix @ New York
89	July 25	Friday	California @ Sacramento
90			Phoenix @ Cleveland
91	July 27	Sunday	Columbus @ Golden Gate
92			Cleveland @ Pennsylvania
93			Phoenix @ Americans
94	August 1	Friday	Columbus @ California
95	August 2	Saturday	Cleveland @ Golden Gate
96	August 3	Sunday	Phoenix @ Pennsylvania
97			Columbus @ Sacramento
98	August 6	Wednesday	Cleveland @ California
99			Golden Gate @ New York
100	August 8	Friday	Cleveland @ Sacramento

Game #	Date	Day	Match
101	August 10	Sunday	Golden Gate @ Pennsylvania
102			Americans @ New York
103	August 13	Wednesday	Golden Gate @ Americans
104	August 15	Friday	Golden Gate @ Cleveland
105	August 16	Saturday	Columbus @ Americans
106			Sacramento @ California
107			New York @ Phoenix
108	August 17	Sunday	Cleveland @ Pennsylvania
109	August 19	Tuesday	Golden Gate @ Columbus
110	August 21	Thursday	Americans @ Cleveland
111	August 22	Friday	Pennsylvania @ Phoenix
112			New York @ Sacramento
113	August 23	Saturday	Americans @ Columbus
114	August 24	Sunday	New York @ Golden Gate
115			Pennsylvania @ California
116	August 27	Wednesday	California @ Cleveland
117	August 29	Friday	California @ Americans
118			Golden Gate @ Sacramento
119	August 31	Sunday	California @ Pennsylvania
120			Cleveland @ New York
121	September 2	Tuesday	California @ Columbus
122	September 3	Wednesday	Pennsylvania @ New York
123	September 5	Friday	Sacramento @ Phoenix
124	September 6	Saturday	Cleveland @ Americans
125			California @ Golden Gate
126	September 7	Sunday	Columbus @ Pennsylvania

EASTERN DIVISION

Americans

4/20 @Pennsylvania
4/23 New York
4/27 @New York
4/30 Cleveland
5/3 @Phoenix
5/7 @California
5/9 @Sacramento
5/11 @Golden Gate
5/16 Phoenix
5/23 Pennsylvania
5/28 Sacramento
6/6 Pennsylvania
6/15 @Pennsylvania
6/27 @Cleveland
6/29 Columbus
7/4 California
7/12 New York
7/16 @Phoenix
7/18 @California
7/20 @Golden Gate
7/27 Phoenix
8/10 @New York
8/13 Golden Gate
8/16 Columbus
8/21 @Cleveland
8/23 @Columbus
8/29 California
9/6 Cleveland

Columbus Magic

4/4 @California
4/6 @Phoenix
4/11 @Sacramento
4/13 @Golden Gate
4/27 Cleveland
5/2 New York
5/9 Pennsylvania
5/11 @New York
5/16 @Cleveland
5/18 Golden Gate
5/21 Phoenix
5/30 @Cleveland
6/10 Sacramento
6/13 Pennsylvania
6/27 California
6/29 @Americans
7/6 New York
7/13 Cleveland
7/20 @New York
7/22 Sacramento
7/27 @Golden Gate
8/1 @California
8/3 @Sacramento
8/16 @Americans
8/19 Golden Gate
8/23 Americans
9/2 California
9/7 @Pennsylvania

Cleveland Cobras

4/18 New York
4/27 @Columbus
4/30 @Americans
5/2 Pennsylvania
5/16 Columbus
5/23 Golden Gate
5/30 Columbus
6/6 Sacramento
6/10 @Phoenix
6/12 @Sacramento
6/15 @Golden Gate
6/18 @New York
6/27 Americans
7/4 New York
7/11 Sacramento
7/13 @Columbus
7/18 Pennsylvania
7/25 Phoenix
7/27 @Pennsylvania
8/2 @Golden Gate
8/6 @California
8/8 @Sacramento
8/15 Golden Gate
8/17 @Pennsylvania
8/21 Americans
8/27 California
8/31 @New York
9/6 @Americans

N.Y. United

3/29 @Phoenix
4/4 @Sacramento
4/9 @California
4/18 @Cleveland
4/23 @Americans
4/27 Americans
5/2 @Columbus
5/4 @Pennsylvania
5/11 Columbus
5/18 Phoenix
5/28 Pennsylvania
6/1 Sacramento
6/8 @Pennsylvania
6/18 Cleveland
6/29 California
7/4 @Cleveland
7/6 @Columbus
7/12 @Americans
7/16 Sacramento
7/20 Columbus
7/23 Phoenix
8/6 Golden Gate
8/10 Miami
8/16 @Phoenix
8/22 @Sacramento
8/24 @Golden Gate
8/31 Cleveland
9/3 Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Stoners

4/20 Americans
5/2 @Cleveland
5/4 New York
5/9 @Columbus
5/11 Phoenix
5/23 @Americans
5/25 Golden Gate
5/28 @New York
6/6 @Americans
6/8 New York
6/13 @Columbus
6/15 Americans
6/24 California
7/3 @Sacramento
7/6 @Golden Gate
7/9 @Phoenix
7/12 @California
7/18 @Cleveland
7/20 Sacramento
7/27 Cleveland
8/3 Phoenix
8/10 Golden Gate
8/17 Cleveland
8/22 @Phoenix
8/24 @California
8/31 California
9/3 @New York
9/7 Columbus

WESTERN DIVISION

California Sunshine

4/4	Columbus
4/6	@Golden Gate
4/9	New York
4/12	Phoenix
4/25	@Sacramento
4/27	Golden Gate
5/7	Americans
5/17	Sacramento
5/31	@Phoenix
6/7	Golden Gate
6/14	Phoenix
6/18	@Phoenix
6/24	@Pennsylvania
6/27	@Columbus
6/29	@New York
7/4	@Americans
7/12	Pennsylvania
7/18	Americans
7/25	@Sacramento
8/1	Columbus
8/6	Cleveland
8/16	Sacramento
8/24	Pennsylvania
8/27	@Cleveland
8/29	@Americans
8/31	@Pennsylvania
9/2	@Columbus
9/6	@Golden Gate

Golden Gate Gales

3/22	@Phoenix
3/30	Sacramento
4/6	California
4/13	Columbus
4/20	Phoenix
4/25	@Phoenix
4/27	@California
5/3	Sacramento
5/11	Americans
5/18	@Columbus
5/23	@Cleveland
5/25	@Pennsylvania
6/7	@California
6/15	Cleveland
6/27	@Sacramento
7/6	Pennsylvania
7/12	Phoenix
7/20	Americans
7/27	Columbus
8/2	Cleveland
8/6	@New York
8/10	@Pennsylvania
8/13	@Americans
8/15	@Cleveland
8/19	@Columbus
8/24	New York
8/29	@Sacramento
9/6	California

Phoenix Fire

3/22	Golden Gate
3/29	New York
4/6	Columbus
4/12	@California
4/16	@Sacramento
4/20	@Golden Gate
4/25	Golden Gate
5/3	Americans
5/11	@Pennsylvania
5/16	@Americans
5/18	@New York
5/21	@Columbus
5/24	@Sacramento
5/31	California
6/10	Cleveland
6/14	@California
6/18	California
6/24	Sacramento
7/9	Pennsylvania
7/12	@Golden Gate
7/16	Americans
7/23	@New York
7/25	@Cleveland
7/27	@Americans
8/3	@Pennsylvania
8/16	New York
8/22	Pennsylvania
9/5	Sacramento

Sacramento Gold

3/30	@Golden Gate
4/4	New York
4/11	Columbus
4/16	Phoenix
4/25	California
5/3	@Golden Gate
5/9	Americans
5/17	@California
5/24	Phoenix
5/28	@Americans
6/1	@New York
6/6	@Cleveland
6/10	@Columbus
6/12	Cleveland
6/24	@Phoenix
6/27	Golden Gate
7/3	Pennsylvania
7/11	@Cleveland
7/16	@New York
7/20	@Pennsylvania
7/22	@Columbus
7/25	California
8/3	Columbus
8/8	Cleveland
8/16	@California
8/22	New York
8/29	Golden Gate
9/5	@Phoenix