

Somerset County 2026 Fall Soccer League Game Rules

Rules of Play:

1. The Department of Recreation and Parks shall approve game balls
2. All teams must have a designated coach on the sidelines or the team must forfeit. (The Department of Recreation and Parks must approve all coaches.)
3. All games will be played with the following amount of players on the field at a time.

Limits for each team:

Pee Wee. (Age 3-4)	5 field players & 1 goalie (6v6) (ball size: 3)
Little Tykes (Age 5-6)	6 field players & 1 goalie (7/7) (ball size: 4)

Game Times

Pee Wee (Age 3 – 4)	20-minute halves; 3-minute halftime
Little Tykes (Age 5-6)	20-minute halves; 3-minute halftime

4. Substitutions are made on the fly and should be made on a regular basis. If there are substitute players available kids should all be rotated out at some point during each half. Try to maintain equitable playing time.
5. After goals are scored, the game will be restarted from the center
6. If a ball goes out of bounds on the sideline the team awarded with possession must move the ball to the side-line and to a kick-in.
7. Excessive pushing, hand-balls and tripping are considered fouls, resulting in a free kick at the spot of the foul. Free
 - a. If a child repeatedly is committing hard fouls, sit the child down for a few minutes. If the fouls continue, they need to be done for the day and please notify the program coordinator of the problem.
8. All players from the opposite team must be at least 5 feet away from the ball on a free kick. All free kicks are indirect.
9. NO SLIDE-TACKLES
10. NO OFFSIDES – discourage kids from “camping out” in the offensive end of the field.
11. ALL players must wear proper equipment or they will not be allowed to participate. SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY (**RUBBER/MOLDED CLEATS & TURF SHOES ARE ALLOWED**)