

## Somerset County 2023 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:

<b>Pee Wee. (Age 3-4)</b>	<b>5 field players &amp; 1 goalie (6v6) (ball size 3)</b>
<b>Little Tykes (Age 5-6)</b>	<b>6 field players &amp; 1 goalie (7/7) (ball size 4)</b>

### Game Times

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

4. Substitutions are made on the fly and should be made on a regular basis. Each player is to play at least 3 minutes each half. Substitutions must be made at the 50-yard line. The player coming off the field must be to the sideline before the substitute can enter.
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. Fouls occurring inside the goal box, by the defending team, result in a penalty kick.
8. Any foul judged deliberate by an official can result in a direct kick or penalty shot, as well as the offending player receiving a card or ejection from the game.
9. Penalty shots are taken from the penalty stroke line
10. All players from the opposite team must be at least 5 feet away from the ball on a corner, direct, or indirect kick.
11. Slide-tackles are permitted if the player making an attempt at the ball and not the opposing player.
12. ALL players must wear proper equipment or they will not be allowed to participate. **SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY (CLEATS & TURFS ARE ALLOWED)**