



SOMERSET HILLS SOCCER CLUB



INTRAMURAL RULES – revised June '04

The official rules shall be those contained in the “Laws of the Game” as published by FIFA, subject to the following Somerset Hills Soccer Club League Rules:

1. On a small sized field for Div. AA and A, the number of players will be 8. The minimum number of players shall be 5 for a match. On an intermediate field for Div. B, the number of players is 11. The minimum number of players shall be 7 for a match. On a large full sized field for Div. C, the number of players is 11. If a team has less than the designated number, the other team must reduce their players so there is an equal number on each side.
2. Playing time for games will be as follows: Div. AA, A, and B will play four 15 minute quarters. Div. C will play two 35 minute halves. Div. AA, A, and B use a #4 ball, and Div. C uses a #5 ball.
3. The coaches and players of both teams will occupy one side of the field, with each team occupying half a side. The parents of BOTH teams will be situated on the OTHER side of the field.
4. All coaching must be done from the sidelines. No coaches or parents will be allowed on the end line or near the goal. Coaches must stay on their half on their side of the field. Verbal abuse by coaches or parents to either referees or players will not be tolerated.
5. League policy is that all players will play for at least half the game. All players must play at least half of the first half. After discussion with his/her division coordinator, the coach may use his discretion about limiting playing time if there are consistent absences from practice or unresolved behavior problems.
6. After the first quarter, the referee will stop play and all substitutions will be made by both teams. Div. C substitutions may be made throughout the entire game. In the second half, there is free substitution. Subs may be done on your own throw ins, goal kicks, corner kicks, and injuries.
7. Shin guards must be worn by all players, and socks must be worn over shinguards. Soccer cleats must meet USSF rules. No baseball cleats are allowed. NO medical casts are allowed.
8. Div. AA and A is a learning experience.
 - a. Generally, no offside will be called. However, coaches shall not allow their players to deliberately take an offside position by “hanging” up front. Such blatant violations will be called.
 - b. Goal kicks may be taken at the top of the penalty box. Remember, if a ball is kicked by the defense back to the goalie, the goalie must kick it.
 - c. On illegal throw-ins, the referee will explain the infraction and give the player a second chance.