

Fact Sheet for 2008-2009 Soccer Seasons **South Madison County Soccer Organization**

U5

Birth date 8/1/03 to 7/31/04
Use size 3 soccer ball
No game referees or goalkeepers
Games are four 8-minute quarters,
with 3 players per side

U8

Birth date 8/1/00 to 7/31/01
Use size 3 soccer ball
May or may not have one referee
per game, no goalkeepers
Games are four 10-minute quarters,
with 4 players per side

U14

Birth date 8/1/94 to 7/31/96
Use size 5 soccer ball
Three referees per game
Games are two 40-minute halves,
with 11 players per side

U6

Birth date 8/1/02 to 7/31/03
Use size 3 soccer ball
No game referees or goalkeepers
Games are four 8-minute quarters,
with 3 players per side

U10

Birth date 8/1/98 to 7/31/00
Use size 4 soccer ball
Three referees per game
Games are four 12-minute quarters,
with 6 players per side including a
goalkeeper

U16

Birth date 8/1/92 to 7/31/94
Use size 5 soccer ball
Three referees per game
Games are two 45-minute halves,
with 11 players per side

U7

Birth date 8/1/01 to 7/31/02
Use size 3 soccer ball
May or may not have one referee
per game, no goalkeepers
Games are four 10-minute quarters,
with 4 players per side

U12

Birth date 8/1/96 to 7/31/98
Use size 4 soccer ball
Three referees per game
Games are four 15-minute quarters,
with 8 players per side

U19

Birth date 8/1/89 to 7/31/92
Use size 5 soccer ball
Three referees per game
Games are two 45-minute halves,
with 11 players per side

Each team will play together for two seasons: a fall season with games from mid-September to mid-November and a spring season with games from early February to the end of March.

Uniforms are furnished by the league. Players must furnish their own soccer ball, shin guards, and cleats. When purchasing cleats, keep in mind that baseball cleats may not be worn to play soccer, but soccer cleats may be worn to play baseball.

U5 & U6 teams practice once per week. U7 & above teams usually practice twice a week before the season starts and then drop back to once per week during the season. Practices are normally one to one and one half hours. Players must wear shin guards and cleats to practice and bring a soccer ball and something to drink.

U5, U6, U7, & U8 age groups play games on Saturdays. U10, U12, & U14 girls play Monday nights and Saturdays. U10, U12, & U14 boys play Thursday nights and Saturdays. U16's play Thursday nights and Saturdays. The approximate number of league games (against other SMCSO teams) per team per season are: U5 & U6, 8; U7 & U8, 10; U10, 12; U12, 12; U14, 6; U16, 6; U19, 0. In addition, teams at the U12 level usually supplement their schedule with games against teams from other local leagues, while the majority of games at the U14 & above level are against outside teams. In addition, U8 & above teams may gain games by entering tournaments during the year, which generally involve 3 – 5 games per weekend, and an entry fee of about \$15 per player. At the U14 level and up most or all games are in tournaments or other inter-league play.

U8 & below & U14 and up have unlimited free substitution. U10 & U12 substitutions are at quarter and halftime breaks.

In U10 & above, a team's spring season league standing may qualify them for the Central District (Jackson area and Meridian) tournament in early May, with the opportunity to then advance to the state championships later in May.

Challenge teams are sometimes formed during the season in U10 and above. Players are invited to be on a team by the coach who decides to form it. Players will remain on their regular league teams and must not let any challenge team activities interfere with their league team. These teams will play challenge teams from other leagues and usually stay together through the State Games tournaments (Olympic style games in Meridian in mid-June with a qualifying tournament in the Jackson area two weeks beforehand). State Games teams are the same as challenge, but are formed after the spring season is over for the sole purpose of playing in the State Games.

SMCSO website: www.smcsso.com Schedules, forms, weather cancellations, general league information and policies, list of board members, etc.

SMCSO hotline: (601) 898-1996 Use to leave voice messages for the league or hear a recording with weather cancellations.

If you need additional information, please email smcsso@bellsouth.net or call the hotline and leave a message.