



SOCCER MAINE 2024 FESTIVALS/ROUND ROBINS

Soccer Maine traditionally holds festivals for the age groups of U8/U9/ U10 and U11 which are non-competitive. This year, because of lack of host sites, the U11s will play in round robins located across the state on October 26 & 27. U8/U9/U10 festivals will also be held on October 26 & 27 this year.

The end-of-season Festivals and round robins are part of the regular season for all U8 through U11 teams. Clubs must notify Soccer Maine in writing (via email) to Soccer Maine's Executive Director by **October 1, 2024**, if they have a team that cannot participate. This communication must come from the Club President. Acceptable reasons would be not enough players. A coach not being available is generally not an acceptable reason for non-participation by a team – most teams have more than one coach. There are no consequences for withdrawal from the festival prior to that date. After that date, withdrawal will be considered a forfeit.

U8/U9/U10 Festivals include 2 50-minute games (with 5-minute halftime) for every team.

U11 Round Robins include 2 60-minute games (with 5-minute halftime) for every team.

Locations for 2024 are as follows:

U8/U9/U10 Metro/South Festival – Sanford, hosted by Sanford Springvale YSA

U8/U9/U10 North/Central Festival – Bath, hosted by Midcoast FC

U11 Round Robins are being hosted by the following clubs:

Brunswick Travel SC

Cape Elizabeth SC

Coldbrook Travel SC

Cumberland SC

Kennebunk SC

Merrymeeting SC

Falmouth YSA

Gorham YSA

Windham YSA

Saco SC

Sanford Springvale SA

Scarborough SC

Soccer Maine Fall Classic rosters are in affect for all festivals and Round Robins. This is part of the regular season, and as such, your Fall Classic roster is the document that is used to qualify your team. Players are not permitted to play or participate in the festival if they are not listed on the Official Fall Classic Roster or the player has been deemed ineligible to play due to the red card policy.

Coaches are not permitted to participate on the sidelines of any festival game if they are not listed on the Official Fall Classic Roster or have been deemed ineligible to coach due to the red card policy.

Over-age players are not permitted to play on teams within the festivals. Coaches are cautioned to follow all Soccer Maine Policies with respect to official rosters.

All uniforms must be numbered. **Duplicate numbers on any team are not permitted.** It is the home team's responsibility to change uniforms if a color conflict arises. Pinnies, which permit the underlying number to be discerned, are acceptable for this purpose. Socks must cover shin guards. Boxer shorts, bike shorts, jams and the like, unless of the same color as the shorts over them, should not hang below the uniform shorts. The use of shin guards is mandatory. Referees will exclude players not so equipped

from play. If weather is exceptionally cold, players may wear additional clothing of the same color, with referee approval.

Coaches should be prepared to register/check in with the official responsible with their Official Fall Classic roster. Referees will also be checking rosters. There can be a maximum of three (3) coaches rostered per team, and on the field during a game; all must be registered and on the Official Roster.

If any team does not show for a game at their festival the following will occur. The team/club will be assessed a fine of \$250, plus referee fees, which must be paid within seven (7) days after the forfeit. If the Club does not pay the fine within the prescribed timeframe, the Club will not be permitted to participate in ANY Soccer Maine events until the fine is paid in full.

Festival hosts will be in touch with all teams and create their schedules. Those schedules will be posted on Soccer Maine's website 8 days prior to the Festivals.