

Patriot Soccer Club FAQ's

May 2022

General Information

- Soccer Maine (our governing body) posts games and brackets a few weeks prior to the start of the season. See the "League tab" at <http://www.soccermaine.com/>
- Home clubs are responsible for scheduling their game times
- Game times can change without notice, make sure to check the Soccer Maine website schedule for any changes
- The home club's referee assignor is responsible for assigning referees
- All referees are trained and certified annually
- All PSC coaches are trained and certified
- All PSC volunteers and coaches complete a background check through Safe Sport
- 100% volunteer run Board of Directors
- All teams communicate through the Sports Engine App
- PSC will send the registered parent or guardian an invitation to join their team page on Sports Engine
- Player Scholarships are offered, application is available on our web site
- PSC works alongside and provides support to the GNG Rec departments and the MS and HS soccer programs

Pine Tree League - Spring Season

- 6 games, non results based for all age levels
- Games begin the late April or early May
- Most games are Sundays with some Saturdays
- Games are played across Southern , Central and midcoast Maine. While Soccer Maine makes every effort to keep games close to home, expect to travel 30 minutes to 2 hours for away games.
- Many players are participating in other sports during the spring season, so may see combined or co-ed teams
- 1 practice per week, more or less at coach's discretion
- Practices begin when field conditions allow, typically not more than 1 week prior to the start of games.
- No tournaments or friendlies
- Uniforms are reused from the fall season, PSC will provide any newly registered players with a uniform.

Fall Classic League

- Practices can begin on or after August 1st
- Rosters are announced mid to late July by the club
- Each team plays 6 league games, 3 home and 3 away
- Most games are on Sundays with some Saturday games
- Games are played across Southern , Central and midcoast Maine. While Soccer Maine makes every effort to keep games close to home, expect to travel 30 minutes to 2 hours for away games.
- U9 - U11 teams are non competitive and end the season with a 2 day festival. Soccer Maine determines locations and the host club creates the game schedule.
- U12-U14 teams are competitive, scores are reported and bracket rankings are posted on Soccer Maine. All teams compete in year end tournaments held at host locations determined by Soccer Maine. Coaches with the help of the BOD declare each team in division 1 or 2 prior to the start of the season.
- Uniforms are ordered annually for every player based on sizes provided during registration
- U14 teams have their last name printed on the back
- Most teams practice twice weekly with additional club run technical evenings
- Most practices and home games are played at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds
- Players are expected to attend all team events, if you cannot attend please make sure your coach or admin are aware.
- Coaches and or team admins will communicate practice and game time with parents using the Sports Engine App
- Game schedules are posted by Soccer Maine <http://www.soccermaine.com/>
- Game times are posted by the home club to the above web page
- Coaches or team admins publish game and practice times to their Sports Engine team page
- Referees are assigned by the home club
- The club treasurer provides a check to each head coach to pay for referee fees. Away coaches should give the fees to the home coach who gives the full amount to the center referee. The center referee will then give the assistant referee their portion of the fees.

Year End Awards

- Following the fall classic season, PSC hosts a year end banquet where players. All players and their guests are invited to attend a fun and festive evening and enjoy Thompson's donuts and cider.
- Nomination forms are sent out in mid October allowing anyone associated with PSC to nominate players, coaches, referees and volunteers for their efforts.

Tournaments - Fall Classic Only

- Cumberland Just for Fun Tournament, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend at the Greeley Middle School and Tuttle Road fields. Teams play 3 or 4, 30 minute games on either Saturday or Sunday with running time, no halftime and not results based.
- Crossroads Challenge hosted by Patriot Soccer Club, Saturday and Sunday of Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day weekend at the GNGHS/MS complex. All PSC families are required to volunteer at least 1 hour. This is our only fundraiser and helps keep our registration cost at a minimum. All teams play at least 3, full length games. U9-U10 play on one day, all other ages play both days. U12-U14 teams play competitively with championship games played on Sunday.