

**Monmouth and Ocean Counties Middle School Soccer League (MOCMSSL)**  
**2026 KEY DATES TO REMEMBER**

| <b>Milestone</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Date</b>                             |
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| Preseason MOCMSSL meeting                                                                                                                                                            | July 20, 2026                           |
| Start of preseason practices/tryouts<br>(No More Than 8 preseason practice/tryouts per team)                                                                                         | August 1, 2026 <sup>1</sup>             |
| Last day for coaches/ADs to provide regular season scheduling constraints                                                                                                            | August 28, 2026                         |
| Deadline for team submits (last day to enter a team in the MOCMSSL)                                                                                                                  | August 28, 2026                         |
| MOCMSSL regular season schedule posted on league website                                                                                                                             | On or About September 6, 2026           |
| Preliminary referee schedule available for the MOCMSSL regular season                                                                                                                | On or About September 10, 2026          |
| Deadline for submitting Concussion Protocol certifications for all coaches                                                                                                           | September 15, 2026                      |
| Schools using a township, county, or leased field must show proof that it has a valid 2026 field permit for its home games. (No MOCMSSL games can be played without a field permit.) | September 15, 2026                      |
| Final approval of MOCMSSL Official Team Roster forms                                                                                                                                 | September 15, 2026 <sup>2</sup>         |
| Start of MOCMSSL regular season                                                                                                                                                      | September 16, 2026                      |
| Home team/school calls assigned referee to confirm logistics of game                                                                                                                 | At least 48 hours prior to game         |
| Report game result by winning team or by both teams, if the result is a tie                                                                                                          | Within 24 hours of the end of each game |
| MOCMSSL fees due to League Treasurer                                                                                                                                                 | September 20, 2026                      |
| Final approval of MOCMSSL Official Team Roster Change forms                                                                                                                          | September 30, 2026 <sup>3</sup>         |
| Columbus Day – No games scheduled                                                                                                                                                    | October 12, 2026                        |
| Each team must submit the names and positions of players proposed to compete in the MOCMSSL All-Star Game                                                                            | October 17, 2026                        |
| End of MOCMSSL regular season                                                                                                                                                        | October 30, 2026                        |
| Post-season seeding and schedule structure distributed                                                                                                                               | October 31, 2026                        |
| Halloween – No games scheduled                                                                                                                                                       | October 31, 2026                        |
| Start of MOCMSSL playoffs and Consolation Games                                                                                                                                      | On or About November 2, 2026            |
| MOCMSSL Championship Games                                                                                                                                                           | November 14, 2026                       |
| MOCMSSL All-Star Game                                                                                                                                                                | November 15, 2026                       |

<sup>1</sup> No school can conduct any tryouts, workouts, practices, or assemble their teams in any form regarding the sport of soccer until August 1, 2026.

<sup>2</sup> The league rules call for game forfeitures if an official team roster is not submitted and approved prior to the start of games played on September 16, 2026. No exceptions will be made.

<sup>3</sup> Players to be added to a team's roster cannot compete in a MOCMSSL game until the MOCMSSL Official Roster Change form (with the three required signatures) has been approved by the League Roster Coordinator.