

# SOCCER 5<sup>®</sup> CENTERS MEMBERSHIP GUIDE: THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

The largest group of recreational and competitive  
leagues in the USA for all ages and abilities



SOCCER 

 SMALL SIDED  
SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION

THE NATIONAL  
LEAGUE

# INTRODUCTION

- Small Sided Soccer Association (SSSA) is committed to growth and establishment of small sided soccer, which is by far our most popular game.
- SSSA is a voluntary, nonpaid collaboration, powered and managed by Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> franchisees and offers an integrated national structure for small sided soccer in terms of centers membership and benefits, and the opportunity for all participating centers to host The National League. We connect Players, Clubs/ Teams, Centers and so much more.



# INTRODUCTION

- Small sided soccer is for children and adults of all ages, from 3 to 65+ we encourage every Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> center and club to get involved.
- Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> USA has recognized and is pioneering the way for the Association and The National League and invites all like minded center owner franchisees to come aboard on the collaboration





# WHY SMALL SIDED SOCCER?



## SOCCER FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

Each team consists of 3 to 7 players on either side. The pitch is smaller than an average 11 v 11 field. While there is no official size for a small field, a typical pitch is between 80 feet and 140 feet in length, less than a quarter the size of an 11 v 11 field.





# WHY SMALL SIDED SOCCER?



Many times, children get discouraged when playing 11v11 soccer that we all know and love. Children with natural talent tend to get more attention, guidance, and playing time. It is common for children, who are new or less naturally talented, to get lost in the shuffle. It allows children more playing, one on one coaching, and time with the ball.

70% of players are adults. Small sided soccer is perfect for social groups, work groups, and friends who don't have the time for an organized 11 v 11 game.



# WHY SMALL SIDED SOCCER?



Up to eight teams can be created from just two 11 v 11 teams. The smaller team size opens up the ability for smaller communities, groups of friends, and co-workers, to set up tournaments within SSSA's National League.

A smaller pitch allows for more goals, game time, and development with skills/ technique. Fewer players on the field make players develop skills to play forward and defensively. Nobody is stuck in one position.



# SMALL SIDED SOCCER CENTERS



More and more Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> centers are being created around the country, which is great news! The SSSA exists to share knowledge, create networking and professional advice sharing between centers, and drive more business through Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> centers via:

- Knowledge sharing
- News
- Centers networking
- More field rentals
- Increased sponsorship opportunities
- Reduced cost and multiple supplier partner benefits
- The National League driving more business to your center





# WHAT IS SOCCER 5<sup>®</sup> USA?

- Founded in Miami, FL in 2010
- 2023: 6 Centers in Florida
- Launched [www.soccer5franchise.com](http://www.soccer5franchise.com) system 2024
- 50 centers (250 pitches) open/in development by WC 2026 and 100 by 2030
- Professionally designed, built and operated centers operating 365 days per year
- Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> recognizes the opportunity, desire and need for local and national competition in small sided soccer





**SOCCER 5<sup>®</sup>**  
**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**SMALL SIDED SOCCER**

# THE NATIONAL LEAGUE



- The National League (TNL) is a group of soccer leagues created and powered by Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> ownership and franchisees to facilitate more places to play and more spaces to learn and progress in Small Sided Soccer.
- With various sets of rules and regulations out there, not having consistency can make organizing tournaments challenging. Soccer 5<sup>®</sup>, the SSSA and The National League are committed to getting Small Sided Soccer leagues on the map. Our goal is to both facilitate recreational leagues for children and youth and deliver adult competitive leagues, whilst consistently raising the bar within Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> center facilities and organization.





# THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

THE NATIONAL  
LEAGUE



- Think of SSSA, The National League and Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> as lobbyists for the sport. With our passion and love of Small Sided Soccer, we won't stop, ever. Yet, we can't make these dreams reality without you; the players, the clubs, the centers, and the fans.



# PARTICIPATING CENTERS

All Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> owners participate in The National League as we work together to grow the largest recreational child/youth and competitive adult league in the country. Benefits to Centers and your teams/players include:

- Sanctioned league and tournament recognition and insurance coverage
- Additional revenue streams to all Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> centers
- National sponsor benefits % retained by participating centers
- All leagues and standings uploaded by each Center on Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> SSSA TNL platform



# TEAMS / PLAYERS / LEAGUES FORMAT & FEES / REVENUES

- All player/team fees will be collected by and retained by each Soccer 5® center
- As an owner member of the Small-Sided Soccer Association (SSSA) we expect every Soccer 5® center owner to stay up to date with the most current Small Sided Soccer Association standards.
- In order to ensure this happens we have highlighted the most important components of being a SSSA member.
- We understand not all Soccer 5® franchisees have the time to become involved in SSSA/TNL development however all centers will benefit





The following is a quick overview of recommended formats all Soccer 5® SSA and TNL members follow. As members of SSSA and TNL we will provide you formatting ideas/concepts, reporting documents, marketing material, and Rules and Regulations that follow the formats below:

CHILDREN, YOUTH REC, & CO-ED LEAGUES:	ROSTER SIZE AND GAME TIMES EXAMPLE:	ADULT COMPLEAGUE:	ROSTER SIZE EXAMPLE:	ADULT COMP REG/ NATIONAL FINALS:
<p>2 mini seasons per calendar year x 8 games per mini season (total 16 games in year). Entry fee and ref fees \$TBD to be determined annually by Soccer 5® owner franchisees who commit time to becoming involved in the SSSA board.</p>	<p>3v3 4 player minimum 8 player max. (4) 10 min quarters</p> <p>4v4 5 player minimum 10 player max (4) 12 min quarters</p> <p>5v5 6 player minimum 12 player max (2) 25 min halves</p> <p>6v6 7 player minimum 14 player max (2) 30 min halves</p> <p>One (1) ref system required *\$TBD per game per team for a referee.</p>	<p>2 mini seasons per calendar year x 8 games per mini season (total 16 games in year). 8 game seasons each season \$500 OR \$50 per player. And TBD to be determined annually by Soccer 5® owner franchisees who commit time to becoming involved in the SSSA board.</p>	<p>5v5 6 player min. 12 max. (2) 25 min halves</p> <p>7v7 8 player minimum 16 player max (2) 30 min halves</p> <p>One (1) ref system required *\$TBD per game per team for a referee.</p>	<p>Top 2 teams from each city/county by region in league progress to a national final in an agreed Soccer 5® facility and location.</p>



# SOCCER 5® THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

## By The Numbers



YEAR	2026	2027	2030
Centers Open/In Design	20	50	100
Fields Total	100	300	600
TNL Teams Total	500	2000	5000
TNL Players Total	5000	20,000	40,000
Total Soccer 5® Visitors	300,000	1,000,000	2,000,000



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Sponsorship opportunities will be defined by SSSA/TNL Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> Franchise owners by Spring 2025
- WC2026 deck will be created for 2,000 competing teams and 100,000 family members
- Multiple team/center/digital opportunities for sponsors





# NEXT STEPS FOR SSSA / TNL



- All Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> centers are SSSA members
- Enhance 'Find a Field' directory by March 2025
- Seek 5-7 Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> Owners/Franchise owners to form Committee/Board for TNL by Dec 2025
- Roll out TNL 2-3 year plan by Spring 2026 via Board
- TNL will officially launch season 2026/7 at all Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> centers around the country



# CENTERS MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Owned and operated by  
Soccer 5<sup>®</sup> franchisee owners



[smallsidedsoccerassociation.com](https://smallsidedsoccerassociation.com)



# SOCCER 5

SMALL SIDED  
SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION

THE NATIONAL  
LEAGUE