

## **Cherry Hill FC Rec League Mercy Rule**

For Junior Rec (U5 and U6). "In an effort to incorporate the spirit of recreation soccer the following policy will be in place. In the event that during the course of the small sided game, one team is up more than 4 goals, one of the following measures should be taken so all children have success and the maximum amount of touches". 1. Switch players from one small sided game to another small sided game. 2. Use pinnies to divide up the players from both teams. Continue to make adjustments as needed. Coaches not adhering to this policy will not be permitted to coach again within the league.

For games that have a referee. "In an effort to incorporate the spirit of recreation soccer the following policy will be in place. In the event that during the course of the game, one team is up more than 4 goals, one of the following measures should be taken so all children have success and the maximum amount of touches". 1. The team in the lead can instruct their players to work on 2-3 passes, or one touch and pass before shooting (skill development). 2. The team which is behind may place more players on the field. 3. Pinnies can be used and the children divided into 2 new teams. At the point where a team is up more than 4 goals, the changes must be implemented in the following quarter. The coaches should mutually decide which strategy or strategies will be used to provide the most positive environment for the children. The referee will be given discretion that in the event the game is deemed unfair in their opinion they may mandate that the children are divided and new teams formed. Coaches not adhering to this policy will not be permitted to coach again within the league.