







GALLERY: A Festival of Soccer

Two days, 17 fields, 234 games filled with players, coaches, referees, field marshals, vendors, parents, staff and the occasional overhead military jet make for a long weekend. And while the game is the thing, there is still a lot of off-field activity that makes for a great festival atmosphere... Like the Rhode Island Rays girls team that brings not only a club banner but a US flag AND its STATE FLAG as well!





Can't have a festival without food vendors! Below left, former CJYSA League President Gordon Fisher watches some game action. Below middle, East Hudson Select battles SSC Sharks for a ball. Below right, Ref Assigner Bob Mykulak assesses some of the refs in action.



Above left, a Morris County Select player easily outdistances a Hamilton Rock rival in the Clint Mathis look-a-like contest. Above right, World Class players stay rested and shaded between games. Below, a 7:30 AM referee briefing before heading out to do six or seven games each.



Swan song for the Ocean Stingrays, who go off to college as our U18 Champions? Say it ain't so! This bunch of characters, with a name evocative of the Jersey Shore, and a long history in MAPS, has been a frequent "Welcome-To-New-Jersey" team at our showcases and tournaments, invariably pitted against the toughest visiting out-of-state

teams (Columbus Blast, Greater Boston Eagles, Potomac Rockets, Super Nova) to give them a taste of what Jersey soccer is all about. You done good, guys! We'll miss ya!



Beware the keeper who knocks over both friend and foe in pursuit of his ball. Action from a U16 final, Merrick Red Storm beating the Long Island (LIJSL) Select squad 1-0.



Intercounty Select U11 from Pennsylvania (above) picks up gold while SSC Dolphins (below) picks up silver.



U14 Boys has a great Final with Long Island (LIJSL) Select defeating Lehigh Valley 1-0. In another playoff game featuring the ubiquitous LIJSL, Long Island Select U15 wins the U16 Girls over Jersey Knights Furies 1-0. And LIJSL is in the Finals again in U15 Boys, won by Princeton Union 2-0.



Rhode Island Rays defeat Washington Twp. Rockets 1-0 in the U14 Girls Final. Hibernians FC had to resort to PKs in a tiebreaker to defeat PDA United for a U16 Boys crown.

