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MINISINK HILLS — If you've ever wondered what 500 kids playing soccer looks like you should have stopped by the soccer fields at Smithfield Park in Minisink Hills on Saturday. The Action Zone was there and we have the story for you.

Each year, the East Stroudsburg Junior Soccer League holds their annual tournament in Minisink Hills. This year, there were about 450 soccer-loving kids aged 4 to 13 in the tourney. The East Stroudsburg Junior Soccer League is the intramural soccer program for the East Stroudsburg School district. The league is also known by their club name, East Stroudsburg Football Club.

Dawn Krause is the director of the tournament. She's been at the helm for six years. "It is a lot of chaos but it is a lot of fun," she said. "I have a lot of great coaches and great volunteers. And all the parents are pitching in too."

The kids are matched up against other kids their age. The action is perfect for Hamed Elkansas, 8, of East Stroudsburg. "The games are great. Soccer is my favorite sport and I'll do anything to play soccer," he said.

In between games, the kids stay entertained with a small carnival that offers snow cones, face painting and hot dogs.

But the action is not at the carnival, it's on the fields where six games are place at the same time. Jazlyn Mieves, 8, lives in East Stroudsburg and is a big soccer fan. "This is great. I love playing soccer and it's fun to play here with all of my friends," she said after playing a game and chugging a bottle of water. "Soccer is just awesome," she said.

On the sidelines, coaches barked out orders and plays while parents yelled support (for the most part) to their kids. Some, like Dennis Hernandez of Marshalls Creek, shot video of the athletes in action. "My son's (Derrick) been playing soccer for two years. He loves it," he said. "Soccer is a great game," he said.