

Community Cup USA, 2015

Know the rules of the game

Each team consists of 11 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper. Substitutions are allowed on any dead ball. Any team less than 7 players will be considered a forfeit. Forfeits will be assessed at \$20 to the team and must be paid prior to the next game.

1. Three (3) referees are responsible for control of the games and their decisions regarding facts connected with the play are final.
2. The game shall be divided up into two equal periods of 25 minutes. There will be a 10 minutes half time between the two periods; 15 minutes in between matches.
3. Game clock will start on time. Team has 15 minutes to field enough players to play otherwise a forfeit will be entered and a forfeit fine. Forfeits will be assessed at \$20 to the team and must be paid prior to the next game.
4. A flip of a coin decides which team will kick off. Each team must stay in its own half of the field and the defending players must be at least 6 yards from the ball when it is kicked. After a goal, the team scored upon will kick off. After halftime, teams change ends and the kickoff will be taken by the opposite team to that which started the game.
5. In the event of a tie between two teams after a regular season game is complete; the game will be declared a tie.
6. There is no off side.
7. Corner kicks and throw-ins allowed.
8. Slide tackling is allowed, but intentional tripping is not; and the first offense is a yellow card. Second offense will result in a red card at referee's discretion.
9. On any free kick including goal kicks to be played by the goalkeeper's hands there is a 6 second rule. If the team awarded the kick does not play the ball in 6 seconds the other team will gain possession of the ball at the spot of the foul.
10. **A player may be substituted on the fly with consent of the referee.** All players in the game must stand or sit at the half line/sideline in view of the referee. No substitutions are to be made from the end zones or corners. Substitutes on the sideline will assist the game in keeping out of bounds balls from entering the other fields and reducing ball chasing.

Captains' Responsibility

- Each team must designate a team captain that will be the single point of contact for communication between the team and tournament officials.
 1. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that his/her team is aware of and follows all the rules of the game. There are no exceptions or excuses.
 2. **This is a tournament for adults; and all players expected to behave as such.**
 3. Team captain is responsible for communicating team schedule and ensuring that enough players will show up to a game.
 4. Team names that are unusual and different are encouraged; but team names that are considered racial or offensive will not be allowed.
 5. We are encouraging captains to hold on to extra shirts/uniforms to hand out at games in case of substitutes.

Officials

Two (2) officials will be at each game.

1. The officials are responsible for all calls of the game including off sides. Their ruling is final. Additional questions on the field regarding questionable calls or disagreements are discouraged as they hinder the official from monitoring the game. Questions regarding calls should be limited to one, and if the official cannot answer it reasonably, stop asking and let the play resume.
2. The officials are also responsible for keeping time.
3. Officials are responsible for keeping the games running on time, and game clock is to start at the scheduled time.
4. Officials are responsible for making sure that players comply with the rules in regards to wearing shine guards, no jewelry and uniform requirements.
5. Officials are responsible for calling and recording Yellow & Red cards and/or reporting unusual and/or bizarre behaviors of a player who is consistently retaliating or belittling other players.
6. Officials have the rights to remove a player that appears to be inebriated or smells of alcohol. Any player that is removed from a game due to alcohol consumption will not be allowed to play in the next game.
7. Officials are to respect and reciprocate considerate behavior to players and spectators.

Conduct of good Sportsmanship

1. Yellow and Red Cards

- Cards will be given at the judgment of the officials.
 - The use of expletives on the field will not result in a red card and players will not be removed from the game as long as it is in the normal course of play or heard as an expression of frustration. However there will be a no tolerance to players who hurl expletives or derogatory remarks at an official or other player.
 - Any player receiving a red card will be removed from the game and suspended from the next game.
 - Any player receiving 3 yellow cards will be suspended for their following game.
2. If there is an issue with a player or official, only the TEAM CAPTAIN may approach the official to make him/her aware of the issue.
 3. Harassing of other players and the officials will not be tolerated.
- First offense: **Warning**
 - Second offense: Yellow Card/Red Card – at referee's discretion based on the degree of the disobedience
 - Any physical fights or verbal threats that result in injury of players, spectators or refs will result in expulsion from the tournament with a ban on future registration and/or other liabilities. Each offense will be reviewed on a case by case basis.