



OUTDOOR SOCCER RULES

REFEREE

One or two referees will be provided for all matches. The referee is responsible for checking eligibility, attendance, controlling the game and keeping score. The referee must be treated with respect. Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed, from the moment he/she enters the locality where the pitch is situated until he/she leaves. The decisions of the referee concerning the play are final.

EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE

The home team is responsible for picking up pinnies for his/her team (can be picked up from Client Services). Keepers must wear a shirt or jersey that is different in colour to the pinnies or jerseys worn by all players of either team on the field. Clean outdoors soccer cleats, indoor soccer shoes or turf shoes are allowed. No metal spikes/cleats are permitted. All players **MUST** wear shinpads - you are not allowed to play if you do not have them. No jewelry is permitted for any intramural sport.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players must present their **STUDENT CARD** to the official who will sign them in (for attendance records) if their name is on the team roster. If their name is not present, they must go into the Intramural Office and request an **OK TO PLAY** slip.

DEFAULTS/FORFEITS

A 10 minute default rule will apply. If the minimum numbers of players are not present 5 minutes after the scheduled game time the opposing team will gain a one goal advantage. Exactly 5 minutes after that if the team has still not met the minimum requirement the game will be officially ruled a default and the final score will be 2-0. *No Added Time Will Be Given*

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum number of persons on the field to prevent default is 5 (including keeper). Maximum number of players is 7 including the goalie. In a co-ed match, there must be equal number of males and females on the field of play per team at all times (not including the goalie). In the case of an uneven number of either

sex you are only allowed one more of each sex on the field at all times. Goalies are not included in these numbers and can be of either sex.

YELLOW CARDS

Players who accumulate 3 yellow cards over the span of the regular season will be e-mailed and issued a one game suspension upon issuance of their third yellow. They are not required to attend a Protests & Appeals Meeting. Once the suspension is served, their tally will be cleared. At the end of the regular season, Yellow Card tallies are cleared and restarted for the duration of playoffs with the same 3-yellow card suspension rule remaining in effect.

RED CARDS

Players who accumulate a red card is immediately ejected from the game and are required to attend a Protests & Appeals Meeting. Officials are to record the identity of the offending player on the scorecard. *Note* Players who receive a red card for a hand ball in the box do NOT need to attend a P&A meeting

THE GAME

Format Games will consist of two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime break.

Offside The offside rule applies in outdoor soccer. If an offensive player is in an offside position and does not directly interfere with play or touch the ball, offside is not called.

Substitutions Substitutions may be made when the play has stopped on the follow occasions:

Throw-Ins (When that ball is in your possession; or the other team has called for a substitution) Goal Kicks Injuries (to the affected team only; only for the injured played)

Slide Tackling There is absolutely no slide tackling by players in outdoor soccer. A slide tackle is defined as play in which a player attempts to impede or take the ball away from an opposing player by leaving his/her feet and sliding along the ground legs-first. This is treated as dangerous play, which will result in a red card and a direct free kick. ALL players on the field are to be warned after any player commits a slide tackle.

ONLY Goalkeepers are allowed to slide, in compliance with FIFA Rules. A slide tackle occurs when a player slides on the ground and attempts to kick the ball away from the ball-handler. If the tackle is careless, reckless or uses excessive force or the tackler first contacts the ball-handler instead of the ball, a foul will be called. Straight Red Cards will be issued upon any infringement of the rules – there is NO Yellow card or warning for slide tackling.

High Kicks Any high kick deemed to be dangerous play will be whistled dead immediately and an indirect kick will be given to the opposing team.

Playoffs Players must have played one-third of their team's regular season league games to be eligible for playoffs.

All competitive teams are guaranteed at least one playoff match after the regular season. Playoff games are played in the same format as regular season games.

If a tie exists after regular time in playoffs, penalty kicks will take place. 5 penalty kicks per team will be taken, and if still tied, individual sudden death penalty kicks will be taken by the remaining players. Only

the players on the field at the end of overtime may participate in the penalty kicks and the goalkeeper can be anyone on the field. Teams must have each eligible player shoot once before a player shoots twice.