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Jefferson County Recreation Co-Ed Soccer League Addenda to the FIFA laws

### **GENERAL**

The game is played in a full field format with regular size goals (8'x21') under general FIFA rules and with some changes made to facilitate leisure play. **All decisions of the referee are final and binding.** The league Director reserves the right to decide on all matters relative to the league and its decisions are final. The league Director may reschedule a match, change league structure, reduce match duration or cancel a match. **NO PROTESTS and/or APPEALS ARE ALLOWED.** We are a Recreational League, NOT a Competitive League.

No refunds or credits are provided for injuries, ejections, or forfeitures.

### **SPIRIT OF THE GAME**

Jefferson County Recreation believes that safety is the most important component of recreation programming. Therefore, it is important that all participants understand that the emotional and physical safety of all players is of the utmost concern of the League and participate in the sport accordingly. Additionally, any spectators near the field of play during a match should abide by the spirit of the game.

### **FOULS**

**NO SLIDE TACKLE of any kind is allowed and going to ground will result in a direct free kick.**

**YELLOW CARD** (The player must leave the field of play for 5 minutes)

- ❖ Demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior
- ❖ Goes to ground in a careless manner
- ❖ Argues, harasses and interferes with the Referee
- ❖ Persistently infringes the laws of the game
- ❖ Any "unfair play" or "rough play" in the opinion of the Referee
- ❖ No player can replace the penalized player

**RED CARD** (The player is not permitted to re-enter the game)

- ❖ When a player receives two Yellow Cards
- ❖ Serious foul play
- ❖ Violent play
- ❖ Fighting
- ❖ Foul or abusive language
- ❖ Any "unfair play" in the opinion of the Referee
- ❖ No player can replace the penalized player

### **UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR**

If a player commits a serious aggressive foul, or offends any spectator or participant of the game, the Referee shall give them a Red Card and they shall be sent off the field without being able to re-enter the game. If a player receives 2 Yellow Cards in a match, then they will be ejected as well and he/she may not be replaced for the remainder of the game. The penalized player's name and reason for suspension will be reported to the League Director for possible additional sanctions.

Any spectators that use persistent abusive or foul language will cause the match to be stopped. If necessary, the referee can decide to abandon the match as a result of spectator interference. The match result will show as a loss for both teams.

**If a player receives a direct red for violent play, foul or abusive language, that player will be permanently banned from the league. Procedural red cards can be a bannable offense (but not compulsory) if the referee deems the play to be violent, or as a result of abusive dissent.**

## **FIGHTING**

Any player who engages in fighting of any kind, retaliatory or otherwise, is automatically dismissed from the game. The player is also subject to removal from the league with no refund.

## **REGISTRATION**

Team - Minimum player requirement for a team is thirteen players and each team may carry up to as many they want (we recommend 18). Minimum age for all players is 16 years of age. There is no maximum age. The league director will assign free agents to any team that did not meet the thirteen player minimum roster. Players must be listed on the roster to be eligible to play. **Players must completely fill out the registration form and sign the liability waiver be listed on the roster to be eligible to play (go to [www.countyrec.com](http://www.countyrec.com) to download a registration form).**

## **START OF PLAY**

A team which cannot field 9 players at the scheduled start time shall forfeit the match. The team forfeiting shall be declared the loser by a score of three (3) goals to zero. Players entering the match late must enter with the official's notification. Teams are allowed to borrow 2 Registered players from another team only to make 11 players on the field; borrowing more than 2 players will result in forfeit (3) goals to zero

## **STANDINGS**

League standings to determine first, second, and third place will be based on the following:

WIN=3 POINTS

TIE=1 POINT

LOSS=ZERO (0) POINTS

Total point ties will be resolved by the following tiebreakers, in order:

1-Goal differential

2-Head to head matches

3-Win percentage

## **DURATION OF THE GAME**

All games will have 30-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime to exchange ends and break. The referee whistle ends each period.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

There are no limits on substitutions. The substitute can only enter the field after a player that is being substituted for has left the field.

## **FOOTWEAR**

It is strictly forbidden to wear metal cleats. Shin guards are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are at the team discretion. The top needs to be the same color. If teams are wearing the same color, the home team must wear pennies. The goal keeper must wear a different color than the opposing team.

## **REFEREES**

The game is officiated by a Referee nominated by Jefferson County Recreation; their decisions are final. The Referee will serve as timekeeper and scorekeeper. The Referee is part of the field of play and their calls are final.

References:

<https://www.azcoedsoccer.com/league-rules>