

Adult Coed 11v11 Soccer League Rules

Summer 2021

Rosters

- Any individual competing in any portion of a league-scheduled game or practice must complete and sign that team's roster before participating. Players are NOT allowed to change rosters or play for other teams at any point during the season. *League and Sports coordinator reserve the right to make exceptions.*
- Rosters are due the first week of league play and will be verified by the League Coordinator throughout the season and by the referees prior to each game. Any individual who arrives at the game after referee check-in must check in with the League Coordinator.
- It is the responsibility of the participant to carry proof of identification at all league games.
- **Players may not be on more than one team's roster.**
- All players must be 18 years or older.
- **Players may not be added to team rosters after the third game of the season. *Exceptions apply.***
- **A player must have played in 3 regular season games (and on the team's roster) to be eligible to play in the playoffs.**
- **All players must wear a team jersey including a number.**

Rules of Play (F.I.F.A. rules apply unless modified below)

- A team must have a minimum of 7 players to start a game. A full team will consist of 3 women and 8 men and at no point will there be more than 8 men on the field. If a team has less than 3 women, they will play short that number of players (e.g. only 2 women means they will play with a total of 9 players – 7 men and 2 women). The second time that a team plays a game, or any portion of a game, with less than 3 women (for any reason); they will be assigned a female player from the Free Agent list. This assigned player will sign the team's roster and be an "equal" member of the team from that point forward.
- **For safety reasons, at no point may a team utilize a fan/spectator/non-player as a player by placing them on the field to fill the minimum requirements for the number of men/women on the field.**
- Proper shin guards are required for all players, always, with no exceptions. Players should have all equipment in place before the pre-game check-in. Cardboard or other non-FIFA approved shin guard materials are NOT acceptable.
- **Teams must wear similar colored shirts with legible, non-duplicate numbers on the back.**
- No metal cleats are allowed. Players must wear FIFA approved cleats only.
- All regular season games will have two 35-minute halves w/ a 5 minute halftime. Regular season games that end in a tie will be followed by a single 10-minute golden goal overtime. If no winner is decided, the game shall end in a tie.
- Playoff ties at the end of regulation will be followed by two 10 minute sudden-death periods. If a tie still exists, the FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" procedure shall apply.

- **Teams not ready to play within 5 minutes of start time will forfeit the game.**
- No slide tackles are allowed. Further, no sliding is allowed in the vicinity of another player, whether intentional or not. The referee will whistle any slide tackle attempt or sliding in the vicinity of another player and shall award the opposing team with an indirect free kick. (Exceptions: 1. advantage play-on 2. it was a tackle that warranted a direct kick or penalty kick be awarded. 3. Goalkeepers may slide within the penalty area ONLY.)
- An unlimited number of substitutions can be made by teams during the game. Substitutions are to be made at midfield, WITH THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION, before kickoffs, goal kicks, or own team's throw-in. If the team who wins a throw-in is substituting, the opposing team may also substitute. There will be no substitutions on corner kicks. If a player is injured and requires a substitution, the opposing team may NOT substitute.
- A game will be considered a completed match if abandoned at half-time or later.

Misconduct/Ejection (F.I.F.A. rules apply unless modified below)

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR CAPTAINS / PLAYERS

Steamboat Springs Parks & Recreation is making it a top priority to restore respect for the game, the referees, and the community this year. Do not expect the same lenience that has been granted in previous seasons. Referees are being instructed to, by order from SSPR to enforce the Laws of the Game and all other rules associated with this league strictly, entirely, and consistently.

- Any physical violence or abuse shall result in an IMMEDIATE EJECTION from the game by the referee or the Soccer Coordinator. Fighting will not be tolerated and shall warrant expulsion from the league for a MINIMUM of the remainder of the current season. The Steamboat Springs Parks & Recreation Soccer Coordinator and Sports Coordinator shall make the final determination on the continuance of the suspension into subsequent seasons.
- Any verbal abuse toward another player, substitute, the referees, or any other person including spectators shall be considered an immediate yellow card offense, or if in the opinion of the referee it is warranted, a red card offense.
- Profanity is NOT allowed on the field of play and is an immediate yellow card offense if, in the referee's opinion, it could have reasonably been heard off the field of play or is directed toward any person. Players shall respect the game and the community.
- **Only team captains may approach the referee with questions, and only in a respectable manner. Anyone violating this policy may be ejected from the game immediately, without warning.**
- Players who receive a red card will also be suspended from the next game. Upon review of the incident by the Soccer Coordinator and Sports Coordinator, they may be suspended from additional games or the rest of the season.
- Players who receive a third yellow card (cumulative through all games) will be suspended from the next game. **The accumulation of yellow cards shall NOT reset for the playoffs.**
- **All yellow cards will require the player to be substituted for and that player cannot return to the game during the current half. A player yellow carded in the second half of any game is disqualified for the remainder of that game including overtime (if applicable).**
- Any person ejected from a game by a referee must leave the playing field immediately. Any ejected player may be asked to leave the complex, and if asked, must do so immediately. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for the player's team.
- It is the captain/manager's responsibility to keep his or her players under control. A captain/manager who fails to keep a player under control may be ejected from the game along with the player.

- Officials and staff are empowered to WARN, EJECT, AND RECOMMEND SUSPENSIONS for players and/or coaches for any misconduct or violation of rules.
- Anytime a game is deemed out of control or potentially unsafe by any referee or onsite staff, they have the authority to declare the game a forfeit.

Forfeits

- A forfeit may be called by the referee or League Coordinator when a team's conduct, in the referee or League Coordinator's opinion would cause control of the game to be lost, or when the team's conduct is inappropriate.
- A forfeit will result when a team is discovered playing an individual who is not on the team roster. On the second offense, the team will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season and no refunds will be offered.
- After a team's **second forfeit**, the team can be removed from the league for the remainder of the season and no refunds will be given.

Weather/Safety

- If games are cancelled or postponed due to persistent wet weather or other adverse field conditions, we will make every effort to communicate this with team captains by 5 pm. Games may also be cancelled at the fields if weather conditions warrant such action.
- It is the responsibility of the team captain to obtain a rescheduled game's time and date from the League Coordinator and to distribute the information to the remainder of the team.
- If a game is cancelled and it has not reached halftime, a full game will be replayed upon rescheduling. A game that has reached halftime prior to weather cancellation will be recorded as a complete game.
- If blood is noticeable on a participant, it should be brought to the attention of the referee/League Coordinator so that the participant can be removed from the game. Once the bleeding has stopped and wound area is covered, participant may return to game. If there is any blood showing on the uniform/clothing, the participant must change that part of the uniform/clothing or cover it with tape, sweatshirt, pants, or a similar item. The referee/League Coordinator may temporarily stop the game for a reasonable amount of time. If the referee/League Coordinator feels play should continue and the participant is not ready, the team may use a substitute or play shorthanded until the participant is able to return.
- It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to supervise children attending games at all times.

Playoffs

- All teams in league will advance to a single elimination format end-of-season tournament. Teams will be seeded for end-of-season tournament based on their performance during the regular league season. Teams will receive 3 points for a win and one point for a tie during regular season play.
- Ties in league standings to determine playoff berths will be broken by 1) head-to-head results between the tied teams 2) point difference in head-to-head games between the tied teams 3) points against in head-to-head games between the tied teams 4) points scored in head-to-head games between the tied teams 5) point difference in all league games 6) points against in all league games 7) points scored in all league games.

Code of Conduct

All players who are registered on the team roster agree to the following Code of Conduct: By signing the roster, I agree that I will not, at any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, threaten to strike, verbally abuse, or threaten an official, staff member, another player, or spectator. I will not behave in an unsportsmanlike manner and will always respect the game and the community. **Potential Penalties:** Ejection from game, multiple game suspensions, season suspension, multiple season suspension, and probation, other as determined appropriate by the Steamboat Springs Parks & Recreation Soccer Coordinator and Sports Coordinator.

Teams are responsible for their players and spectators conduct before, during, and after the game. All spectators, as well as participants, must conform to all League rules/regulations. Improper behavior will not be tolerated. Under no circumstances will fees be refunded to those ejected or suspended from the league due to conduct issues. The League Coordinator has “elastic power” in determining suspensions, penalties, or rule interpretations. Officials/Coordinator will have the authority to penalize for unsportsmanlike behavior. This is a judgment call by the referee/Coordinator and cannot be protested. There will be no tolerance for those that deviate from the league code of conduct.

Team Captain & Player Responsibilities

1. Your primary responsibility is to educate your teammates...communicate ALL pertinent information to each and every player during pre-season, prior to the start of each game, and throughout the season. This includes communicating the updated COVID-19 Policy's & Procedures put in place by our state and county.
2. Know the Rules...you need to be familiar with the rules so that you can teach your teammates what they need to know to play the game and have fun! You will receive a complete updated rules document as a part of the schedule, and it will be your responsibility to share this with other players and keep a copy with you at all games. Rules will be available online at www.steamboatsprings.net/adultsoccer.
3. Know the Schedule...schedules will be posted on our website at www.steamboatsprings.net/adultsoccer. It is your responsibility to communicate this information to the rest of your team as you are the only player who will receive notification. You need to make sure that you your players on any changes that may occur throughout the season.
4. Work with the League Coordinator...as Team Captain and participant of the league, it will be your responsibility to work with the League Coordinator to ensure **your team's scores online after each week are accurate**. It will be your responsibility to represent your team if you have any conflicts.
5. Encourage safety...You should always be your team's advocate for safe and fair play on and off the field. Promote safe playing to prevent unnecessary injuries. While league play does have qualified officials at each game, you are expected to keep an eye on and warn your players who are prone to excessive or intentional misconduct.
6. Give us feedback...throughout the season it will be your responsibility to let us know how things are going. You may schedule a meeting with the League Coordinator or head referee to discuss issues or concerns at any time.