

CITY OF TEMPLE PARKS & RECREATION

SOCCKER RULES

All League Games will be played with modified FIFA laws (excluding FIFA Law 12), with the addition of the following.

I. Eligibility

1. Players must be sixteen (16) years of age or older prior to the start of league play.
2. All players must carry current picture identification with them at all times during all league games.
3. Players will not be allowed to play on more than one team in the same league during a season. If a player's name appears on more than one roster, he/she shall belong to the team he/she plays for first. Exception to this rule is that females are allowed to play additional games but may only play additional games within their division (competitive players may not play in the recreational division and vice versa).

II. Rosters

1. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 20 players.
2. **Rosters must be turned in prior to the team's first game.** Rosters may be turned in at the Parks and Recreation Department Athletic Office or to the referee prior to the first game. Rosters **must** be signed. **Note: If rosters are not turned in by the first game, the result will be a forfeit.**
3. Once a player is placed on a roster that player will not be able to play with another team throughout the season.

III. Equipment/Uniforms

1. Players on each team must wear shin guards. Players who attempt to play without shin guards will be asked to put shin guards on and if they refuse, will be removed from the current game and suspended for a minimum of 7 days.
2. Referees may ban any equipment that they deem as unsafe or illegal.
3. **No jewelry may be worn at any time during the game.**

IV. Rules of Competition

1. Managers must place team member's names on scorecard prior to each game. Managers must initial scorecards upon completion of each game.

2. **Game Time is Forfeit Time!**
3. A game will consist of 2 (two) 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime observed. Pre-season tournament games are 2 (two) 15 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime observed. If teams are tied after pre-season tournament bracket game, 3 penalty kicks will be awarded (2 girls and 1 guy). If still tied after PK's male/female will alternate until a winner is determined.
4. Home team will be listed first on the schedule and will change into provided penny's if necessary.
5. Home team will kick off, visitors will choose sides.
6. Substitutions (players entering and players exiting) must be made at midfield.
7. No slide tackling allowed, excluding the goalie legally body tackling the ball inside the penalty area.
8. Offside is suspended for league play unless in the opinion of and sole discretion of the referee, a player or players maintain presence in the attacking 1/3 of the field and does not actively participate in the normal flow of the match.
9. Player(s) exhibiting unruly or disagreeable on field behavior shall be substituted if requested by referee or officials.
10. If a team forfeits three (3) league games due to lack of players at the start of a regularly scheduled game, the team will be dropped from the league with no refund of entry fee and all teams scheduled to play the offending team for the remainder of the season will receive a win by forfeit. Make-up games scheduled on days other than the original league night will not apply.
11. Teams must have 3 females and 3 males on the field with the goalie being of either gender. Teams may start a game with a minimum of 4 players, at least two of the fielders being females and a goalie. If a team is shorthanded they do not have to drop down a male player for the gender ratio to be equal. They may pick up additional females (subject to rule I.3) to bring the number of players on the field to 6 plus the goalie; they may not pick up additional males.
12. **Blood Rule** - A player, coach, or official who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time considered reasonable is left to the official's judgement. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required.
13. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to approve/disprove any team name, logo, language or uniform deemed lewd, vulgar, obscene or suggestive in order to maintain a wholesome environment conducive to providing quality leisure opportunities.

VII. **Tie-Breaker Procedure**

In case of a tie for trophy positions at the conclusion of the regular season, the following tie-breaker procedure will be used to determine places:

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- a. Head-to-head result(s) between teams tied.
- b. If teams split in head-to-head games, point differential in those games will be used.
- c. If teams are still tied, point differential in **all** league games for the teams tied will be used.
- d. As a last resort, a one-game play-off may be held to determine the final places if agreed upon by both teams.

VIII. Conduct/Discipline

1. Any player, coach, manager or spectator ejected will be suspended for a minimum of fourteen days (14) days for the first offense. The second offense will result in suspension for the remainder of that season unless the season is less than 14 days from being completed, in which the suspension will then be served for 14 game days and an additional 14 days. On the third offense the player will be suspended for one (1) year. These policies will be enforced unless the ejection is for verbal or physical abuse of an umpire or athletic official, including the coordinator/employees; if this is the case that player will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year depending on the offense. Any player who is on probation or who has received a warning letter may serve a one (1) year suspension on their first ejection offense. You have the right to appeal ejections or suspensions, please contact the Recreation Superintendent at 254.298.5410 for any questions.
2. Players, coaches, and managers who have been ejected/suspended must leave the facility and grounds immediately or the team will forfeit the game, **and must not return until the completion of the suspension.**
3. Each team manager will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her fans/spectators.
4. Suspensions **will** carry over from season to season and sport to sport. Example: A player suspended at the conclusion of one season will also be suspended for the appropriate timeframe at the beginning of the next season.
5. Verbal abuse (cursing, name-calling, badgering, threats) or physical touching/attacking an umpire or staff will not be tolerated. Fighting will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate removal from the game/complex. Unsportsmanlike behavior or misconduct of any kind that is detrimental to the game of soccer and its purpose will not be tolerated. The referees and the athletic coordinator or his/her employees have the authority to remove a player, coach or spectator from the game/complex and/or forfeit a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct. Offenders will be removed from the park and police will be called if deemed necessary. Any abusive behavior is subject to suspension and loss of eligibility in all league play. The City of Temple Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to ban participants and or spectators from any and all sports competition for both youth and adults. The severity of the incident will determine the length of suspension from play. The City of Temple Parks and Recreation is requiring that any official who is physically abused press charges against that player.

6. Each team is responsible for policing the sidelines/team areas and disposing of trash into trash cans placed along the field area.
7. No smoking is allowed in any city park per city ordinance.
8. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the field before, during or after a game. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park and the parking lot but may not be consumed during a game. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by anyone not of legal drinking age. If underage drinking is suspected the appropriate authorities will be called. No glass containers are permitted.

IX. PROTESTS

MUST be filed in the following manner:

1. Must be filed before halftime unless the player enters as a substitute in the 2nd half, then player must be protested immediately.
2. Notify the officials and give details of protest.
3. Protested player must show his/her ID to the referee by the end of the halftime period. If no ID is produced the game will automatically result in a forfeit and will not continue. If the ID produced does not match the name on the scorecard the game will automatically result in a forfeit and will not continue. IF ID produced matches name on scorecard the game will continue and the eligibility will be ruled upon by the athletics office after roster verification. The next business day, the protesting team must submit a written statement to the athletic office in order for the protest to be considered.
4. Players found ineligible will be suspended for 7 days for the first offense, the remainder of the season for the 2nd offense and one year for the 3rd offense.
5. Judgment calls are not a basis for protests.

X. **FIELD CONDITIONS**

1. In case of inclement weather, the playability of game fields will be determined at 3:30 pm each day. Please call 298-5300 after 3:30 pm if the weather is questionable. **It is the Team Manager's responsibility to notify his/her players regarding field playability.** In the event that inclement weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances force the cancellation of the first games of the night, all succeeding games will also be cancelled. Any games cancelled will be rescheduled towards the end of the season. In the event of a cancellation due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, a game will be considered complete if half of the time limit has been played. If the game is suspended and has not reached this point, it will be replayed completely towards the end of the season.
2. The athletic department reserves the right to schedule any and all make-up games at their discretion in order to ensure completion of the league in a timely manner.

XI. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to add, delete or amend the rules/regulations/policies for the betterment of the program at any time.