

2021 7v7 Coed Outdoor Soccer League Rules

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 League Coordinator at the first game 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 16 years or older - 17 & younger must have parents sign the team roster before playing any games.
- Players may be added to rosters through the final game of regular season.
- A player must have played in a regular season game (and on the team's roster) to be eligible to play in the playoffs.

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

- Teams must have a minimum of 2 females on the field during the game.
- Minimum of 5 players to start a game.
- No offsides in 7v7 League
- **Goalies may not punt the ball. Goalies are allowed to throw the ball or play the ball from the ground.**
- For safety reasons, at no point may a team utilize a fan/spectator/non-player as a player by placing them on the field in order to fill the minimum requirements for the number of women on the field.
- Shin guards are required for all players.
- 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 games will have two 30 minutes halves w/ 5-minute halftime. Games that end in a tie shall remain a tie except during playoffs. (Playoff ties at the end of regulation will be followed by two 5 minute sudden-death periods. If tie still exists, one full round of penalty kicks will take place followed by sudden death penalty kick until there is a winner.) PLEASE START GAMES ON TIME!!**
- **Teams not ready to play on time will play shorter halves depending on the start time (referee's discretion).**
- No slide tackles are allowed. The referee will whistle any slide tackle attempt and shall award the opposing team with an indirect kick. (Exceptions: 1. advantage play-on 2. it was a tackle that warranted a direct kick be awarded. 3. Goalies may slide within the 18yd box)
- 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, on goal kicks or own possession.
- 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 & Community Services 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 SSPCS 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 & Community 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 prior 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.
- A team's forfeit fee (\$75) will be cashed when a team forfeits its second game during the season.

Weather/Safety

- If games are cancelled or postponed due to persistent wet weather or other adverse field conditions, we will make every effort to update by 5 pm on the weather website steamboatsprings.net/rainout. All players can sign up to receive text/email alerts for field closures on the website. 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 umpire/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 umpire/referee/League Coordinator may temporarily stop the game for a reasonable amount of time. If the umpire/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

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 at all times 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 & Community 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.