

# **POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

## ***Effective October 18, 2006***

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### **1. NO SHOWS / FORFEITS / RE-SCHEDULES:**

- A. If your scheduled opponent does not show up, or is unable to field a team, your team will be allowed to scrimmage in the times allowed for the game. SCISA cannot guarantee that no show games will be rescheduled; however SCISA will make every attempt necessary to facilitate a rescheduled game. Please notify SCISA immediately of any forfeits or no shows so we can make the appropriate changes on our records.
- B. If a team is unable to make a scheduled game it is the manager's responsibility to provide SCISA with at least 8 days advance notice of the forfeit. This advance notice allows SCISA to schedule a replacement team. If the minimum 8 day advance notice is not provided, and SCISA is unable to find a replacement team, your team may be assessed the entire referee fee. SCISA is not responsible for rescheduling games.
- C. Any team leaving the field of play prior to the conclusion of the game will forfeit the game and be subject to paying the entire referee fee for that game.

### **2. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A. Teams are required to pay the balance of their fees on or before the day of their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) regularly scheduled game. Teams not paying the balance of their fees prior to this deadline may be forced to forfeit the remainder of their games.
- B. All players must have a valid SCISA player card. Players who participate in a game without first presenting a card to the referee may be ejected for the remainder of that game.
- C. Players who participate in a game without wearing shin guards may be ejected for the remainder of that game.
- D. Teams may have up to 15 players on their roster. A maximum of 3 players can be added after the first game.
- E. Player box areas are restricted to active players and no more than two coaches.
- F. The home team must provide an appropriately sized ball for all games. Size 5 for U-12 to adults and size 4 for U-11 and lower.
- G. In case of conflict in uniform color, the home team will be required to change.
- H. A red card infraction will result in a minimum suspension of one (1) week. Players will be notified if their suspension is to be longer than one week. Players receiving a red card must leave the premises immediately. For additional red card policies, click in the red card information link on our webpage.

### **3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Boys & Girls U-11 & lower: 6 plus a keeper
- B. Boys & Girls U-12 & higher: 5 plus a keeper
- C. Men's & Women's leagues: 5 plus a keeper
- D. Coed: 3 men + 3 women + a keeper. Excluding the keeper, there can be more than 3 women, but never more than 3 men, on the field at any one time.

### **4. AGES OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Open Leagues: All players must be at least 15 years old.
- B. Over 30 Leagues: All players must be at least 30 or turning 30 years old in the calendar year.
- C. Over 40 Leagues: All players must be at least 40 or turning 40 years old in the calendar year.
- D. High School Leagues: All players must be currently enrolled in high school.
- E. Youth Leagues: Same criteria as Washington (and Oregon) Youth Soccer Associations for outdoor. Birth date August 1 thru July 31.

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### **5. SCORING:**

- A. All Leagues/Divisions: If a team gets down by 5 goals they may add any player, male or female, until they are within 4 goals, at this point the extra player must be removed.
- B. Men's Open, Men's Over 30, Men's Over 40: No restrictions.
- C. Women's Open and Women's Over 30: No restrictions.
- D. Coed 1 (or Coed 1/2): No restrictions.
- E. Coed 2 & 3: All goals count as 1 point. Individual men are only allowed to score up to 2 goals in a single game.
- F. Coed Over 30: All goals count as 1 point. Individual men are only allowed to score up to 2 goals in a single game.
- G. All divisions: We will never reflect more than a 10 goal difference on the scoreboard.

### **6. HOUSE RULES:**

- A. Cleats are not allowed.
- B. A player, including the goalie, will be subject to a 2-minute penalty if the ball is kicked directly into the ceiling.
- C. The Macho Rule: This rule is in place in order to make playing indoor soccer an enjoyable playing experience for all players. If the referee feels that a male player threatens, intimidates or places in jeopardy a female player of the opposing team, then a free kick shall be awarded (if warranted a 2-minute penalty may be issued). The enforcement of this rule is solely at the discretion of the referee.

### **7. RESTRICTIONS (ADULT LEAGUES):**

- A. Players are not allowed to pick up more than 2 games during a single day (there is no limit to teams you are rostered on). The referee may waive this rule at their discretion. Referees are not obligated to allow this, if they feel it conflicts with other arena standards or objectives.
- B. Teams with a minimum number of rostered substitutes, i.e.: (2 men & 2 women for coed teams) & (2 players for men's or women's teams), will not be allowed to field additional players not rostered to their team. When circumstances permit, teams may recruit non-rostered substitutes who meet the age & gender requirements for that division. In this event the total number of substitutes shall never exceed 2. Referees are not obligated to allow this, if they feel it conflicts with other arena standards or objectives.
- C. For adult Men's & Women's Open Division teams (excluding Coed & Men's Over 40): Players may not be rostered to teams in more than one division, within the same session. Upper division players may, on occasion, be allowed to substitute on lower division teams, at the discretion of the referee and according to the guidelines under item #2. Referees are not obligated to allow this, if they feel it conflicts with other arena standards or objectives.

*Note: Item #7C is intended to restrict the movement of players between the highest and lowest open divisions. It is not intended to monitor sub-divisions within those divisions, designated by A, B or C.*

### **8. RESTRICTIONS (REC / BEGINNER LEAGUES):**

- A. Our Recreational and Beginner leagues are to be fun, safe and family oriented. All players are strongly encouraged to show courtesy to their opponents. Males acting in a threatening manner (verbally, physically, or otherwise) towards a female opponent shall be called for the Macho Rule at the discretion of the referee.
- B. Macho Rule: Any male player who intimidates, bullies, threatens, or places a female opponent in jeopardy shall be subject to the macho rule. A free kick will be awarded and a 2 minute penalty may also be given. This rule's enforcement is subject to the referee's discretion.
- C. No foul or abusive language is appropriate for players or fans watching these games. A free kick, blue, yellow or red card may be given by the referee for such infringements.