



Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer Rules

1. Slide tackling is not allowed. Slide tackling with the intent to dispossess the ball will result in a yellow card.
Goal Keeper allowed legal slide
2. Offside Eliminated. The league will NOT call Offside.
3. All players must have a permanent number on their uniform/shirt. No exceptions. Players will not be allowed to play if they do not have a number after week 2/beginning week 3. No taped numbers allowed. Full jersey only.
4. Players must wear shin guards 100% of the time beginning week 1.
5. Games are played in an 8v8 format. Game clock starts at 7:30pm or 8:40pm. Teams can start the game with a minimum of 6 players. A team which cannot field 6 players at the scheduled start time shall forfeit and lose 3 – 0. (6 players with a minimum of 1 female) (7 players with a minimum of 2 females) If you were in the middle of the game, and there is a forfeit, you will end in a 3 point game differential.
6. **In the Recreational Coed League and Competitive Coed League, you must have at least two women players on the field at all times for the duration of the game. A female goalkeeper does not count towards 2 field players. Each goal is worth only one point.**
7. A "Mercy Rule" will be utilized at any point in the second half of the game if there is a seven(7) point goal difference.
8. Teams play two- 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
9. Teams need to be present before their start time so referee checks can be performed and games can start on time.
10. Rosters are due before 1st game. Rosters must include player names, date of birth and jersey numbers.
11. Roster changes are allowed up until week 5. All roster changes need to be approved by the Recreation Program Manager before the player can play.
12. Seasonal standings are determined by (1) points, (2) goal differential, (3) goals for, (4) goals against, (5) head to head competition, (6) least red cards, (7) least yellow cards, (8) coin toss
13. Roster limit of 16 players per team.
14. Each team may carry 1 player who is also on a roster in the other division.
15. Tournament Roster must be received by week 5 for team to be eligible to play in the Tournament.
16. Tournament Rosters- Players will have to show a valid form of identification prior to each game of the tournament. Referee's will check in players via name before the start of each tournament game.
17. FIFA Rules apply. Referee stops game to approve substitution at any stoppages.
18. If a player receives two yellow cards in a single game he is ejected from that game and the player is suspended from the next game. Your team will play a man down after the ejection.
19. If a player receives a red card, they are ejected and suspended for at least 1 game. Team must play a man down in the game where the red card is received. If the player plays in the red card suspension games, the entire team will be expelled from the league. The player must also leave the soccer complex immediately following the receipt of the red card. All red cards will be reviewed by the league.
20. **Three strikes and out rule. A team receiving 3 red cards in a season will be expelled from the league for the remainder of the season and the team's league fee will not be refunded. The team will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.**
21. Respect the referee. Verbal abuse of a referee will result in an immediate yellow card. Further verbal abuse will result in a red card. Any physical abuse or threat to a referee will result in an expulsion. The player will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.
22. Physical violence towards another player will result in expulsion from the league for the player committing the offense. The player will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.
23. Spectator abuse will not be tolerated. Throwing out a spectator will count against your team's red card totals. Teams may be forced to forfeit their game if their spectators are unruly.