



South Side Soccer - Adult League Spring 2021

Rules and Code of Conduct

1. Game Play- Standard FIFA rules apply

a. Games are 60 minutes in length, with 2 halves of 30 minutes each. Additional time may be added due to stoppages in play. **b.** 8 players per team to the field at a time, with 7 substitutes maximum. To start a game, a team must have a minimum of 6 players on the field including a designated goalkeeper, identifiable by wearing a different colored jersey to team. **c.** All players must be properly equipped to play wearing; soccer cleats, shin guards, soccer socks covering shin guards, and a team jersey with number. All jewelry must be removed before game such as earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, and rings. If certain items cannot be removed, then they must be taped up correctly. **d.** All players involved in matches MUST be registered by team captain and have paid the registration fee to the host organization. Rosters will be checked before each game by officials. **e.** Substitutions can be made at any stoppage (throw-in, goal-kick, corner, freekick) in play. The referee must be notified, and the sub must be waved on by the referee. **f.** Standard league scoring. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Goals for will be kept to a limit of 8. Goals against is unlimited. In result of a tie-on points, team with best goals against column will advance.

2. Special League Rules

a. No sliding challenges on other players. If the referee judges a slide challenge to have been used, then an indirect free kick will be given against the offending player. Indirect free kicks can and will be given inside the penalty area. If the slide is deemed dangerous enough, the referee can give a direct free-kick or penalty if inside the area. Players can slide to retain the ball with no opposition players around them, e.g., to stop the ball from going out of play. **b.** Goalkeepers are not allowed to drop-kick or punt the ball from their hands. Any drop-kick or punt from a goalkeeper will result in an indirect free kick being awarded against the offending player. Drop-kicks and punts are called on the discretion of the referee. **c.** There is no offside. **d.** The organization will choose the color of each team, players must show up wearing the designated color, goalkeepers wearing yellow or pink.

3. Coed League Rules

League rules are the same as above but with a few additional rules; **a.** Minimal contact allowed. This means no shoulder-to-shoulder plays, grabbing, holding or any use of body to influence other players in or out of possession. **b. Goals scored by female players count double.**

4. Player Code of Conduct

a. No swearing, foul language or cussing of any kind. Our organization is well known for its friendly, inviting and family atmosphere. There are always children at the adult games. Please be responsible enough to remember where you are and who is around when playing your games. Referees will warn players once against foul language, but if the offense is repeated, they will use cards if needed or report the player to league officials. **b. RESPECT THE REFEREES.** We have an extremely hard time finding referees for our adult games. This is down to people moaning, berating, abusing, and antagonizing the referees during and after games. Every game is monitored by a league official and any disrespectful behavior seen being aimed at



referees will be acted upon with immediate suspension for offending players. **c. RESPECT OTHER PLAYERS.**
Enough said.

5. Reschedule and forfeit procedures

a. Any game that has been postponed due to bad weather will be rescheduled for the next Monday or Wednesday of that game week. Games will be played at 8.15pm at the same venue. **b.** If a team cannot field a team, the opposing team captain and league director must be notified at least 2 days in advance (Friday of game week). A reschedule can be made. If it is not deemed viable then a forfeit will be declared, and a 3-0 win awarded to the other team. **c.** If a team only finds out that they cannot field a team on day of game then league director must be notified at least 4 hours before kick-off. A 3-0 forfeit will be declared. **d.** If a team arrives at fields and another team cannot field a team then 3-0 forfeit is declared. **e.** If a team forfeits 3 games in succession then they will forfeit the season.