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**SOCCER
CHAMPIONS**

Adult Soccer RULES AND
REGULATIONS



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MEN'S SOCCER BYLAWS

The object of these leagues shall be: To develop character, skill, sportsmanship and good will among teams and individuals participating

I. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Men's Leagues: All players must be at least 16 years old.

II. PLAYER ROSTER ELIGIBILITY AND CONTRACTS:

A. Rosters are frozen after the 3rd game. Any player(s) added after the cutoff must be approved by the league director.

B. The legality of all players is the responsibility of each manager.

C. Players are eligible to play on more than one team in separate divisions.

D. In order for a player to switch teams, he/she must do so before the 3rd game and contact the Athletics office for approval. After the 3rd game, all rosters are frozen and players will not be allowed to switch teams.

E. All players must COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY sign their team's roster.

F. Teams are NOT required to have uniforms. However, they are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED and RECOMMENDED, as it makes for a more professional look and feel to the league.

Field of Play

Dimensions: 25 yards wide x 40 yards long

Penalty Area: Box measuring 2-3 yards from each post, and 6 yards into field (deep) Penalty Mark: 8 yards from the mid-point of the goal line

Substitution Zones: 6 yards zone (3 yards on each side of halfway-line) on the bench side of the pitch

The Goals: 6 feet high x 12 feet wide

I. Player Conduct

- A) All participants & fans will treat all players, coaches, referees, fans and staff with respect. Participants & fans who demonstrate excessive unsportsmanlike behavior will be subject to warnings, ejections from the premises and suspension from Largo Sports. Unsportsmanlike behavior will be determined by the referees and Largo staff.
- B) Profanity will be limited in this league. After the first instance of profanity, the entire team will receive a warning. The next instance of profanity, the player who cursed will receive a yellow card and an indirect kick will be awarded to the opposing team. The second instance of an individual player cursing will result in a red card, disqualification of the game and a direct kick for the opposing team.
- C) Yellow cards will be issued as a warning, or as a 'cool down'. If a yellow card is issued, the player receiving one must immediately sub out for one minute. The team can put a sub in to replace the player. If the team does not have a sub, they must play a man down for a minute.
- D) Red cards will be issued for a second yellow card. Any combination of yellow cards will result in a red card (one for cursing, one for dangerous play). Red cards may also be issued if the referee feels a player's single or repeated action is dangerous or severe enough to warrant an ejection. If a red card is given out, the player may be asked to leave the premises. If the player refuses, they are subject to forfeiture of the game, the authorities being called and suspension and/or expulsion from the league.
A red card is subject to further suspension pending the league director's decision.

II. League Procedures

- A) This league will be played 5 vs 5, with 4 players in the field and one goalie. Teams may assign strikers, midfielders or defenders however they choose.
- B) Game time will consist of two 25 minute halves. There will be a running clock kept by either the referee or Largo staff. Time will run continuously with the following exceptions: injury severe enough to stop game play, kicking the ball out of bounds on purpose (refs discretion).
- C) At the start of the game, the home team will have the choice whether to accept a kick-off at the beginning of the first or second half. The visiting team will decide which end to defend.
- D) The department reserves the right to arrange postponed games at its convenience in order to catch up with the schedule. The department also reserves the right to cancel games, if necessary, due to excessive rain or conditions beyond our control. In the event of any misunderstanding or error, managers are urged to contact the department.
- E) If a game is cancelled due to excessive rain and more than 10 minutes have been played in the second half, the game will be official. If the game is cancelled after less than 10 minutes have been played in the first half or before the first goal has been scored, the game will be started over. If there has been a score or if more than 10 minutes have been played in the first half when the game is cancelled, the game will be made up at a later date. The Athletics department will handle all rescheduling.

- F) All teams must play with legal players who have signed the roster. Players will not be deemed legal until they have signed the roster. Opposing teams and players are welcome to protest any players who they believe have not signed the roster. If the player is deemed legal, then the game begins/continues as scheduled. If the player is deemed illegal, that player will not be allowed to play. If the player has already played and is deemed illegal, the game will be forfeited. Roster protests must be held with more than 3 minutes remaining in the second half.

III. Gameplay Rules

- A) Substitutions can only be made during a deal ball situation (out of bounds, free kick, goal kick, etc). The referee must give clearance for the substitution before the substitution can take place. All players subbing in must be in the substitution zone before the deal ball. Substitutions can only be made for players who are standing in the substitution zone. Players must hustle on and off the field during the substitution. Teams suspected of stalling during substitutions will be given a warning. On the second offense, the player accused of stalling will be given a yellow card. Stalling will be determined by the referee.
- B) Slide tackling is allowed. Players can only slide tackle to make a play on the ball, whether another player has possession or not.
- C) A free kick will be awarded due to excessive contact or a yellow/red card. All free kicks will be indirect with only one exception: red cards. Teams will receive a direct free kick if a player on the opposing team receives a red card.
- D) Penalty kicks will be awarded if there is a penalty within the penalty zone. Penalty kicks will also be awarded at the referee's discretion if it is determined that a penalty stopped a scoring chance. It is at the refs discretion. Any player may take the penalty kick.
- E) There is no offsides rule.
- F) Anytime the ball completely crosses the boundary line, the ball will be deemed out of bounds. The entire ball must cross the line in order to be out of bounds. When the ball goes out, the opposing team will be awarded a kick in from within one yard of the spot it went out. The opposing team must be a minimum of five yards away from the spot of the kick in. If the ball never comes into play on a kick in, the opposing team is awarded a kick in from the original spot.
- G) Goal kicks will be taken from the corners of the penalty box. It must leave the area before an opposing player can touch it.
- H) Regular season games that end in a tie will be scored as a tie. Playoff games that end in a tie will be sent to a shootout. The home team will decide whether they want to shoot first or second, and the visiting team will decide which goal to shoot on. All shots will be placed in a spot by the referee. No dribbling may occur beforehand, shots must be taken from the spot. Players choose their shooters order. Teams will rotate shooters. Three rounds of shots will take place. If the score is tied after three rounds, teams will continue in one round intervals until a winner is determined.