



TOP FLIGHT SPORTS 6 v 6 League Rules

1. FIFA RULES

The latest FIFA Rules of play shall apply except as amended or modified herein.

2. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be allowed as follows:

- A. No limit on the number of substitutions or substitute.
- B. A player who has been substituted for may return to the game.
- C. Substitutions can be made only at the following times:
 - 1. Prior to a kick-in by either team;
 - 2. Prior to a goal kick by either team;
 - 3. After a goal; or
 - 4. At half time.
 - 5. Other stoppages if the Referee permits
- D. Substitutions MUST be made:
 - 1. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play, unless it is the goalkeeper.
 - 2. Following a yellow card. The opposing team may also substitute.

3. Important Rules for the Summer 6 v 6 League

- A. All kicks are indirect except for penalty kicks
- B. Off sides will be enforced normal off of the midfield line.
- C. NO SLIDE TACKLING
- D. NO PUNTING
- E. KICK-IN's (NOT THROW-IN's)
- F. ZERO TOLLERANCE FOR FIGHTING. ANYONE FIGHTING WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE FOR THE SEASON.
- G. COACHES MUST BE 21+; RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SIDELINE BEHAVIOR
- H. TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN UP THEIR SIDELINES!!!
- I. PLAYERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME MUST REMAIN IN SPECTATOR/FAN AREAS UNLESS INJURED BUT ROSTERED.
- J. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE PROPERLY EQUIPED WITH SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND LEAGUE ISSUED SHIRT.
 - a. A grace period of the first week will be granted.



4. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. Games will consist of two – 25 minute halves.
- B. Game clocks will start at the posted game time.
- C. No time stoppages will occur for stoppages in play. The entire game is a “running clock”.
- D. It is the responsibility of each team to be prepared to play.

5. OFFICIALS

One official per game.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Player registration is required. If an illegal player is used, any game in which that player is/was used will be forfeited, and the coach will be suspended for a minimum of the next played game.
- B. Any player not properly registered is considered an illegal player.
- C. Blatant disregard for this rule may result in the team/program no longer being invited to participate in future years.

7. EJECTIONS

- A. A player or coach who is ejected receives a minimum of a one game suspension to be served the next played league game.
- B. Additional penalties may be levied. No appeal may be made from the one-game suspension.
- C. Fighting is an automatic removal from the league for the remainder of the season.

8. DISPOSITION OF GAME

Tie games shall stand as a tie, with no overtime to be played.

9. FORFEIT TIME

- A. Forfeit time is GAME TIME. For 6 vs. 6 games, a team is required to start a game if four (4) players are present.
- B. A team receiving two forfeits will not be scheduled for any more games.

10. POSTPONEMENTS

- A. Once the schedule is completed and distributed, no changes or postponements will be allowed, unless made by the league due to field closures or loss of a field.
- B. For postponements due to inclement weather or unplayable field conditions, should the entire league be cancelled, the league will make every attempt designate a makeup date but is not guaranteed.



11. PLAYER ROSTERS

- A. Player rosters are limited to 14 players, unless otherwise agreed by the league.
- B. All player rosters must be submitted online through the registration process or email.
- C. Players can only play on one team per league. Emergency usage may be authorized but only for use of another player registered for the league.
- D. Unregistered players ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY.

12. FIELDS

- A. All fields will be located at Cedar Lane Regional Park in Bel Air, MD.
 - a. Any decision about field closures will be posted in the following places in the following order:
 - i. Top Flight Sports social media (Instagram and Facebook)
 - ii. Emails to Coaches
 - iii. www.cedarlanesports.org

13. PROTESTS

There are **NO PROTESTS**

14. TEAM UNIFORMS AND COLORS

- A. Each team will be provided with team shirts to avoid any conflicts.
- B. Every player must physically wear the uniform provided to them.

15. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. It will be the responsibility of each team's coach to maintain control, attitude and sportsmanship of his/her team and supporters.
- B. If control is not maintained, the referee has the authority to issue a warning, ejection, or termination of game.

16. SCHEDULING

- A. No scheduled game will be changed by the request of any team once schedules have been distributed.
- B. The league reserves the right to modify the schedule due to circumstances beyond their control, such as unavailability of fields.
- C. If any teams attempt to reschedule any game without the league's knowledge or consent, the forfeit bond for both teams will be cashed.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Only players and coaches are allowed on the turf field.
- B. All spectators must remain off of the turfed areas.
- C. Only water is allowed on the turf surface.
- D. No food, gum or sunflower seeds.
- E. Teams are responsible for their sidelines – sidelines must be clean following games.