



BACH SOCCER RULES

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MATCHES WILL CONSIST OF 2, 25 MINUTE HALVES.

.TEAMS WILL PLAY 7V7 (6 AND A KEEPER)

- FREE KICK- PLAYERS MUST BE 10FT AWAY FROM THE PERSON KICKING THE BALL AND CANNOT STEP FORWARD UNTIL BALL IS KICKED

. ALL FREE KICKS ARE DIRECT UNLESS (EXCEPT FOR GOAL KICKS).

IF THE KEEPER DROP KICKS THE BALL OR THROWS IT, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS A GOAL. ANOTHER PLAYER HAS TO MAKE CONTACT BEFORE IT CROSSES THE LINE AND TO BE COUNTED AS A GOAL.

- IF THE BALL CROSSES THE LINE OF THE GOAL, IT IS A GOAL
- SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE HALF OF THE FIELD THE SUBBING PLAYERS BENCH IS. PLAYERS SUBBING OFF OF THE FIELD CANNOT SUB OUT ON THE END LINES (ENDS OF EACH FIELD WITH THE GOALS) UNLESS THEY ARE INJURED AND THE REF STOPS PLAY. PLAYERS MUST SUB OFF DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THEIR BENCH AREA OR WITHIN SO MANY FEET. THIS IS UP TO THE REFS DISCRETION.
- IF A SUB IS ON THE FIELD AND TOUCHES THE BALL BEFORE THE PLAYER THEY ARE SUBBING IN FOR IS OFF THE FIELD, A FREE KICK IS AWARDED FOR THE OPPOSITE TEAM AND A POTENTIAL YELLOW AT THE REFS DISCRETION
- A SHOT TAKEN AS TIME EXPIRES, THE BALL MUST BE ACROSS THE GOAL LINE BEFORE THE BUZZER SOUNDS.

AN INTENTIONAL HANDBALL INSIDE THE BOX IS AN AUTOMATIC PENALTY KICK

- Penalty Kick - GOALIES CANNOT MOVE ON THE WHISTLE OF A PENALTY KICK, AND MUST REMAIN ON THE LINE UNTIL THE BALL IS KICKED
- GOALIES CANNOT DRIBBLE THE BALL FROM OUTSIDE THE BOX BACK INTO THE BOX AND PICK IT UP
 - A GOALIE CAN HANDLE THE BALL WITH THEIR HANDS INSIDE THE BOX. THIS APPLIES TO WHEN THEIR BODY IS OUTSIDE OF THE BOX. AS LONG AS THE BALL AND THE GOALIE'S HANDS ARE STILL INSIDE THE BOX
- GOALIES CANNOT PUNT THE BALL, MUST BE A DROP KICK, THROW, ROLL, OR THE KEEPER CAN DROP THE BALL DOWN AND THE BALL IS THEN LIVE
 - GOALIE HAS 7 SECONDS WITH THE BALL IN HANDS
- NO SLIDE TACKLING PLAYERS ,ONE CAN SLIDE TO STOP BALL AT ANY POINT IF NO ONE IS AROUND THEM FOR A DANGEROUS PLAY TO OCCUR. GOALKEEPERS ARE ALLOWED TO SLIDE AS LONG AS THE SLIDE IS WITHIN OR STARTS WITHIN THEIR BOX

THE GOALKEEPER MUST HAVE 2 POINTS OF CONTACT ON THE BALL WITH THEIR BODY TO COUNT AS POSSESSION TO WHERE THE OTHER TEAM CANNOT KICK IT. ANY INTENTIONAL KICKING OF THE BALL WHEN THE KEEPER HAS IT WILL RESULT IN A YELLOW AT THE REFS DISCRETION.

PLAYERS CANNOT SCREEN THE KEEPER WHEN THEY ARE RELEASING THE BALL FROM THEIR HANDS WITHIN THE 18 YARD BOX, BUT CAN SCREEN OUTSIDE OF THE BOX. AS SOON AS THE KEEPER DROPS THE BALL AND IT IS LIVE IT IS PLAYABLE.

THE KEEPER CAN BE SCREENED DURING REGULAR PLAY BUT CANNOT BE OBSTRUCTED OR HELD BY THE OTHER TEAM.

PLAYOFF MATCHES

THESE RULES APPLY TO QUARTER FINAL, SEMI-FINAL, AND FINAL GAMES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE AT THE END OF THE GAME THE MATCH WILL GO TO PKS BEST OF 3 NO GOLDEN GOAL OR EXTRA TIME. IF IT IS COED THE SHOTS MUST ALTERNATE BETWEEN GUYS AND GIRLS. THIS CAN GUY GIRL GUY, OR GIRL GUY GIRL. ORDER DOES NOT MATTER AS LONG AS THEY ARE ROTATING..

RULES AT REFEREES DISCRETION

- A PLAYER CAN BE GIVEN A YELLOW CARD AND A 2 MINUTE PENALTY FOR LANGUAGE, FOULS, OR IMPROPER CONDUCT. ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE RESPECTFUL TO EACH OTHER AND ESPECIALLY THE REFS.

- TWO 2 MINUTE PENALTIES RESULT IN A RED CARD

- . RED CARDS RESULT IN A PLAYER BEING SUSPENDED FOR THE NEXT GAME

- A PLAYER WHO TAKES A FREE KICK CANNOT TOUCH THE BALL TWO TIMES CONSECUTIVELY, A DIFFERENT PLAYER MUST TOUCH THE BALL BEFORE THE KICKER CAN TOUCH IT AGAIN. IF SO, IT IS THE OTHER TEAMS BALL AT THE SAME SPOT OF THE FREE KICK

ADDITIONAL ADULT CO-ED LEAGUE RULES:

- CO-ED TEAMS WILL PLAY WITH 6 FIELD PLAYERS AND 1 GOALIE

- 3 MEN FIELD PLAYERS AT ONE TIME ON THE FIELD IS THE MAX...3 MEN AND 3 WOMEN

- THE NUMBER OF FEMALES ON THE FIELD AT ONE TIME CAN BE UP TO 6 WITH NO MEN PLAYING AT THAT TIME

- GOALIE CAN BE A MAN OR A WOMAN

- A CO-ED TEAM CAN BE ALL FEMALES

- COED A LEAGUE CAN BE PLAYERS 16 YEARS OLD AND UP. COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS LEAGUE ONLY. THEY MAY ALSO PLAY IN MENS UPPER LEAGUE AS WELL. THIS WILL BE AT THE BACH DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION. ANYONE CAN PLAY WALKING SOCCER.

- NO HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE B LEAGUE OR BELOW

- WOMEN CAN SCORE AT ANY TIME

- IF A MAN SCORES A WOMAN MUST SCORE NEXT

- IF A TEAM HAS A OWN GOAL, THE ROTATION STAYS THE SAME FOR SCORING TEAM

. A GOAL IS DECIDED BY THE LAST TOUCH ON THE BALL BEFORE IT GOES IN. IF A GUY SHOOT THE BALLS AND IT DEFLECTS OFF OF A LADY AND GOES IN, IT IS CONSIDERED A WOMAN OR GIRL GOAL. THIS IS THE SAME IF A WOMAN SHOOT THE BALL AND IT DEFLECTS OFF OF A MAN IT WOULD THEN BE A GUY GOAL. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS IS IF A SHOT IS CONTESTED BY THE OPPOSITE TEAM AND MAKES CONTACT WITH A DEFENDING PLAYER. UNLESS THE DEFENDING PLAYER ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT THE BALL IT IS OWN GOAL. IF A PLAYER TAKES A SHOT AND IT DEFLECTS OFF OF A DEFENDER AND GOES IN IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN OWN GOAL BUT WILL DEPEND ON WHO TOOK THE SHOT. THIS WILL BE AT THE REFS DISCRETION.

- TEAMS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS AT START TIME (WHEN THE REF STARTS THE GAME) TO AVOID FORFEITING A MATCH. IN THE EVENT THEY FORFEIT THE OTHER TEAM IS AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED A WIN AND THEN THE GAME WILL BE PLAYED WITH WHOEVER IS AVAILABLE TO MAKE UP TEAMS. BACH STAFF MAY STEP IN IF THERE IS A DISPUTE. A FORFEIT WIN IS RECORDED AS A 3-0 WIN.
- PLAYERS MAY PICK UP SUBS ,WHEN NEEDED AS LONG AS THEY MEET COED OR AGE REQUIREMENTS.

EQUIPMENT/APPAREL

. NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED

SHIN GUARDS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT ARE RECOMMENDED.

ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED WITH A SIZE 5 SOCCER BALL. BACH WILL PROVIDE A MATCH BALL TO THE REF ONLY!!!!!!! UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

PLAYERS ARE 100% EXPECTED TO WEAR THEIR TEAMS COLOR UNLESS THEY ARE THE GOALIE. IN THE EVENT IT IS A PLAYER THAT IS BEING PICKED UP TO PLAY THIS IS AN EXCEPTION HOWEVER THEY MAY NOT WEAR THE COLOR THE OPPOSITE TEAM IS WEARING. IF THE PLAYER THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO LSUB FOR ANOTHER TEAM HAS THE SAME COLOR AS THE OPPOSING TEAM THEY MAY BE ASKED TO NOT PLAY. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TEAMS BRING A LIGHT AND A DARK COLORED SHIRT.

. TEAMS THAT DID NOT ORDER SHIRTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR THE COLOR OF SHIRT THAT THEIR TEAM CAPTAIN/REGISTRATION INDICATED. IF THEY DO NOT SHOW UP IN THE CORRECT COLOR THEY WILL BE ASKED TO CHANGE/NOT PLAY.

RULES AT BACH STAFF AND DIRECTORS DISCRETION

- A TEAM OR PLAYER CAN BE KICKED OUT OF THE LEAGUE PERMANENTLY FOR THEIR ACTIONS. SUSPENSION AND POTENTIAL EXPULSIONS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF

THE BACH SOCCER DIRECTOR, SASA DIRECTOR OF COACHING, AND THE SASA BOARD.

- IF A TEAM OR PLAYER IS KICKED OUT THE LEAGUE FOR GOOD THERE IS NO REFUND

. IN THE EVENT THERE ARE THREATS OF VIOLENCE TO REFS, STAFF, OTHER PLAYERS, OR SPECTATORS NOT ONLY WILL YOU BE KICKED OUT BUT YOUR TEAM WILL BE POTENTIALLY KICKED OUT AND THE POLICE CALLED DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION.

IF SPECTATORS ARE HARASSING, YELLING, OR SCREAMING AT OFFICIALS THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THEY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

TEAMS AND PLAYERS CAN BE PENALIZED FOR THEIR SPECTATORS ACTIONS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLAYERS TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY COME TO WATCH AND SUPPORT THAT THEY WILL NOT CAUSE ISSUES.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER GAMES MAY BE CANCELED. IN THE EVENT THIS HAPPENS WE WILL LOOK AT HOW TO BEST RESCHEDULE GAMES, UNLESS GAMES ARE INTO THE SECOND HALF. WE WILL CALL THE GAMES AND RECORD SCORES AS THEY WERE.

IN THE EVENT OF HIGH HEAT INDEX WE MAY CANCEL GAMES.

IF A TEAM CALLS OFF THEN WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FIELD A REPLACEMENT TEAM AND THE NO SHOW TEAM FORFEITS. IF YOUR TEAM NO SHOWS 3 OR MORE WEEKS THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PLACING IN THE PLAYOFFS.FINALS AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY PLACE LAST.