## DASC Adult Coed Community Rules, Policies, and Procedures

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## Laws of the Game Sunday 8 v 8

## Law 1: The Field of Play

## Indoor

- Sanford Fieldhouse
- 2215 W. Pentagon Place Sioux Falls, SD 57107
- Spectators allowed on the east end of the dome behind the touchline or along the sideline, but NOT with the players.
- Players must stand on the netting side that splits the 2 fields.


## Outdoor

- Yankton Trail Park
- 3901 S Minnesota Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57108
- Spectators allowed on either sideline
- Players need to stay with their team on one side of midline or on the opposite side of the field from the other team.


## Law 2: The Ball

- Size 5
- Each team should provide 2 good condition soccer balls at every game


## Law 3: The Players

- 8 v 8
- 2 female players required on the field at all times
- If a team can only field 1 female, then that team must play a "man" down.
- No exceptions on this rule
- A team may not play without any females, the game will be considered a forfeit.
- Minimum number of players to play a game is 4 males and 1 female player. If a team is unable to field the required number of players, the game will be forfeit (See: Forfeits/Reschedules)
- All players must be checked in by the referee before stepping onto the field prior to or during the match. (See: Check in Procedure)
- Teams can borrow players from the opposing team if they have players that would like to help
- You are allowed 2 guest players per match. They must be from the league you're guesting.
- Example: only Sunday 8 v 8 players may guest in the Sunday 8 v 8 league!
- Mercy Rule: If a team is winning by 5 goals they must remove a male player from the field. If the winning team scores another goal for a goal difference of 6 points, then another male player shall be removed from the field of play, and will continue until there are only 5 players on the field of play.
- One player can be replaced when the difference between the winning team and losing team becomes less than 7 , and so on until the difference is less than 5.
- If you score on your own goal, and it is deemed to be intentional, then that player can potentially receive a yellow card for unsporting behavior.


## Indoor

- Substitutions are on the fly except for the goalkeeper, which must be during a stoppage of play with referee permission.
- Players must enter/exit near the halfway line by the netting that splits the fields in the middle.


## Outdoor

- Substitutions can be made on all stoppages.
- Players must alert the referee to substitute


## Law 4: The Players Equipment

- No jewelry except for medical ID bracelets, fitness trackers and wedding bands. If items are hard/sharp they should be covered with soft material to prevent injuries.
- Home team must forfeit their jersey color if there is a conflict.
- Players MUST have shin guards on to play which are covered by socks
- ONLY soccer cleats, turf shoes, or regular tennis shoes will be allowed...NO other type of cleats will be allowed (baseball or football).


## Law 5: The Referee

- If a referee fails to show, both teams have the option to reschedule their game or to play. If the game is played, it will be considered official

Indoor

- 2 officials will be assigned per game for Sunday $8 v 8$


## Outdoor

- 1 official will be assigned per game


## Law 7: Duration of the match

- 7 minute grace period to complete check ins and/or to acquire the minimum number of players
- The game clock starts at the scheduled game time unless weather or injury.
- The referee will make weather related game calls. (See: Weather Policy)


## Indoor

- 32 Minute halves for 8 v8
- 2 minute half time


## Outdoor

- 35 minute halves
- 5 minute half time
- Water breaks are permitted on hot days (Running clock)


## Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

- Visiting team will kick-off the first half, Home team will kick-off the second half.


## Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play

## Indoor

- If the ball hits the ceiling before going out of bounds, it is considered out of play. Play is restarted at the point nearest to the touchline where it hit the ceiling. The kick will be taken from the out of bounds line and offside is enforced on the kick in.


## Law 10: Determining the Outcome of a Match

## Law 11: Offside

- Offside will be enforced for indoor and outdoor
- There is no offside on a corner kick, goal kick/goal clearance or throw in/kick in


## Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

- No slide tackles except by the goalkeeper in an attempt to save a goal. The goalkeeper's slide must start inside the penalty area.
- Slide tackles are punished with an indirect free kick and potential yellow card
- If a player receives a yellow card, they must step off the field until the next stoppage of play, except for the goalkeeper. (See: Red and Yellow Cards)
- If a player receives a red card, they must leave the game area/facility immediately, if deemed by the referee. (See: Red and Yellow Cards)
- SFASL will not tolerate any form of abuse or assault of a referee (See: Referee Abuse/Assault), officials have been advised to press charges and the game will be terminated.


## Law 13: Free Kicks

## Indoor

- All opponents must remain 8 yards away


## Outdoor

- All opponents must remain 10 yards away


## Law 14: The Penalty Kick

## Indoor

- The ball will place 12 yards from the goal line, as walked off by the official.


## Outdoor

- Ball will be placed on the spot inside the penalty area or 12 yards from the goal line, lined up with the center of the goal


## Law 15: The Throw In

## Indoor

- A kick-in will used in place of a throw-in
- The ball will be placed stationary on or near the touch line before being kicked


## Law 16: The Goal Kick

## Indoor

- A Goal Clearance will be used in place of a goal kick
- Goalkeeper must distribute with his hands
- No punting or drop kicks


## Law 17: The Corner Kick

- You may score directly on a corner kick


## Check in Procedure

- Official season roster will be on the SportsEngine App. Everyone should have the app downloaded
- Team manager will indicate players present or not
- If any player shows up late, they must be checked in at halftime with the referee.
- If a team uses a non-league player:
- Game will be a forfeit and recorded a 3-0 loss
- Team manager will face match suspension
- Teams can guest up to 2 players currently rostered within their own league and any league below.
- Females are able to guest play in any league.
- Only players from Sunday 8 v 8 can guest on Sunday teams. You can only guest play in the league you're registered in.


## Forfeits/Reschedules

A team must give 72 hours notice if they wish to reschedule a match.

## Yellow and Red Cards/Suspensions

## Yellow Cards

- If a player receives a yellow card, they must step off the field until the next stoppage of play, except the GK is not required to step off.
- Any player that receives 5 yellow cards within a season will be suspended for one game.
- The suspended game will be the next scheduled game where the player is a rostered member of the team.
- You may not guest for any team during the suspension period.
- No fine will be issued
- No appeal will be offered


## Red Cards

- If a player receives a red card, they must leave the field/facility immediately
- Any player that receives a red card will be suspended for AT LEAST one game
- The suspended game will be the next scheduled game where the player is a rostered member of the team
- If the player is utilizing a red punch card, then the corresponding amount of suspended games will be removed from the punch card.
- Suspended games will be carried over to the next season if not fulfilled
- You may not guest for any team during the suspension period
- You will be fined
- \$30 for first offense in a season
- \$60 for second offense in a season
- You will be suspended for three games
- \$100 for third offense in a season
- You will be suspended for five games
- $\$ 200$ for the fourth offense in a season
- You will be suspended for the remainder of the season and the first four games of the next season.
- An appeal will be offered
- An appeal for forgiveness only applies to the fine, not the game suspension
- Appeal/Forgiveness
- A player may appeal their fine by submitting a written request in writing to the Disciplinary Committee
- The Disciplinary Committee will review the appeal and decide if the fee should be waived or not. However, the Disciplinary Committee can impose more than a one game suspension even if the player pays the fine without asking for forgiveness.
- If the player wants to appeal the Disciplinary Committee's decision, a $\$ 50$ appeal fee is required along with a written request.
- The appeal will be sent to the DASC


## Suspensions

Any player or spectator may be suspended from participating in or watching games in the DASC Adult Community if a formal complaint is issued and the board of directors unanimously decide to suspend him or her. The support of the Disciplinary Committee is NOT needed in this instance with proper documentation.

## Referee Abuse/Assault


#### Abstract

Assault - An intentional act of physical violence - Hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting, grabbing, charging and other forms of unnecessary contact - Throwing or kicking any object that could inflict injury of the referee or his/her personal property NOTE: Referees who are assaulted have been instructed to notify law enforcement and have official charges made. Referee assault will NOT be tolerated! The match will be terminated.


#### Abstract

Abuse - Verbal statement or gesture which implies or threatens physical harm or undermines the referee's performances or job security - Foul or abusive language toward a referee - Inappropriate gestures toward a referee

Discipline - Assault - Minor offense includes a 3 month suspension - Unsubstantial physical contact - Major offense includes a 6 month suspension - Intent to harm - Assault that results in serious injuries include a 5 year suspension - Abuse - Minimum suspension - 3 games - Longer suspension when circumstances warrant


## Weather Policy

- Determined by the referee, if needed - the directors.
- Games are assessed 2 hours before game time and earlier when possible
- If game is to be rescheduled you will be notified via Facebook Group post or text message as well as messaging in the SportsEngine system
- If before or during the game you see lightning or hear thunder the game will be suspended for 10 minutes
- Everyone must return to their vehicles
- If additional lightning strikes or thunder can be heard during this time, the 10 minute timer will be reset
- The maximum suspension time will be 30 minutes
- After 30 minutes, the game will be rescheduled/canceled
- Any game where the first half of the game has been completed following a weather cancellation, will be considered final
- Any game that is canceled due to weather in the first half will play the remaining time at a rescheduled day and time
- If the City of Sioux Falls advises no travel within city limits, all games on that day will be rescheduled
- If conditions are not favorable or safe, the directors reserve the right to reschedule some or all games


## League Description

- Competitive
- Designed for players that have experience and knowledge of the game at a highly competitive level
- Intermediate
- Designed for players that prefer a skilled level of play
- Kick N’ Giggles
- Designed for players that are new to the game of soccer. These players prefer to play for fun and are less concerned with competition or winning
NOTE: A relegation system will be put into effect starting February 2024. Teams will be moved based on standing in each division. Teams will be relegated up or down depending on their status. This decision will be determined by the directors of the league (Tyler Soyer and Jen Slater-Unruh)


## Registration and Refunds

- Registration
- All players are registered online using SportEngine for the current season
- Create an account, register for a team/season and pay league fees
- Free Agents (those not associated with a team) will be placed on a waiting list
- Coaches will review and recruit players as needed/availability allows.
- Team/player Requirements
- Must consist of
- 12 Players Minimum
- 3 females
- 9 males
- Free agents will/can supplement teams that don't meet player requirements
- Players must be
- 17 years or older
- Age verification required
- Valid ID
- Driver's License
- If under the age of 18, parental consent is required
- Refunds
- Permanent debilitating injury or pregnancy
- Prorated refund given from the date of notification
- Notify directors ASAP
- Chooses not to play prior to start of the season
- $80 \%$ refund (Administrative Fees)
- Missed games due to disciplinary action will not be refunded


## Disclaimer

- Ignorance of the rules, laws and bylaws of these leagues will not be tolerated as an excuse for breaking said laws and bylaws.
- All players entering into these leagues agree that they will abide by the rules of FIFA, the USSSA and its affiliated organizations and sponsors.
- Recognizing the possibility of physical injury or illness associated with soccer and in consideration of the USSSA accepting one into its soccer programs and activities, all players hereby, release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify the USASA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their employees and associated personnel, including owners of the fields and facilities utilized for the programs against any claim by or on behalf of a player as a result of participation in the programs and/or being transported to or from the same.

