



MSC - ADULT LEAGUE

RULES, Fall 2013

Purpose

The purposes of this league are to promote adult men and women's soccer, stimulate friendly competition and sportsmanship at a recreational level of play, and to provide the opportunity to play soccer for both skilled and unskilled players.

Rules

Play will be in accordance with FIFA rules except as amended or altered by the MSC Board prior to the start of each season and communicated to the MSCRA.

THERE SHALL BE NO SLIDE TACKLING. A slide tackle shall result in an immediate **caution** (yellow card) by the referee. This rule does NOT preclude a **send off** (red card) if the referee determines that the foul warrants such action.

Play

Games shall be two equal halves, the length to be determined prior to the start of each season. For the fall 2013 season each half will be 35 minutes. Games will be played with a maximum of eight players per side. To start play, for 8v8, the minimum number of players will be 5 (five). There will be NO OFFSIDES. Not having the minimum number of players at the scheduled game time will result in a forfeit. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. League standings will be based on accumulated points. A forfeit will be a score of 1-0. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, the determining factor will be goals scored, and if necessary goals allowed.

Conduct - Players

Players must be present during the referee's inspection prior to the game in order to be allowed to play, unless a legitimate excuse is presented to the referee at that time. Each player shall refrain from any foul or abusive language or violent conduct. The referee shall have authority to take action against any player exhibiting unseemly behavior. Players using profanity that is public, personal or provocative will be given an automatic red card.

Conduct - Spectators

The conduct of spectators is the responsibility of the Team Representative/ Captain. Spectators are to remain off the field, away from the sidelines, and will refrain from any disrespectful behavior.

Any player or spectator found in violation of good sportsmanship will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension or ejection. Any MSC Board Member or authorized representative has the authority to ask any person to leave the complex if observed exhibiting inappropriate behavior.

Registration

Registration will remain open until the first game or until the board determines that the league is full. However, those that register on opening day, or after, will not play until the next scheduled game and until a valid photo ID has been received. Any team playing a player who is not listed on the official roster (other than guest player, see below) will be considered violating the rules and the game in which that player plays will be forfeited. The game will not be played and the Team Representative/ Captain will be given a red card.

Captains

Each team shall have two captains whose purpose is to help enforce league rules and be the voice of the team to the officials, commissioner, and board. Captains will also keep the official rosters and present the roster to the referee at each game.

Guest Player

A team that is short players (less than 9) may use a guest player (s) in order to play for a total of no more than 10 players playing for that game. The guest player must be a registered MSC player. The guest can be in the same league or can be a O35 player playing in the U35 but not a U35 player playing in the O35 league. The spirit of this rule is to ensure fair play and avoid a forfeit but not to add players to a team that just would like more substitutes.

Disciplinary Point System

MSC shall use a point system to govern players who receive multiple cautions/ejections. A yellow card counts as 1 point. A cautioned player MAY BE substituted.

A red card counts as 2 points and results in a one-game suspension of the team's next game played. Players receiving a red card must leave the vicinity of the field. The sent off ejected player cannot be substituted. An accumulation of 4 points during the season results in a one-game suspension (the next scheduled game). A total of 6 points accumulated, results in suspension for the remainder of the MSC season.