

SYAA Adult COED “FUN” League Rules and Information

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PHILOSOPHY AND VISION OF THE COED LEAGUE

This league is for anyone ages 19 to 99 who wants to play soccer.

The purpose of the COED “Fun” League is to provide an opportunity for everyone to play soccer in a fun environment. The goal of the league is to increase camaraderie between adult league players, spectators, parents of youth player, league officials, etc. No experience is necessary! Beginner players are encouraged to play and it is hoped that these new players will enjoy the game of soccer!

RULES

FIFA rules of the game apply unless specifically stated below.

- 12 player maximum roster; 8 player minimum
- 8x8 will be played on a U12 sized field; minimum of 2 female players on the field at all times. In order to play a game, each team must have a minimum of 6 players including GK.
- If a team is short a female player, they cannot fill in this position with another male player. The game is not defaulted but this penalizes the team for being a female short. This rule can be relaxed if agreed upon by both teams and the referee. However, the team must accept female guest players if they are available to play, including "excess" females from other teams (Reasoning: some teams could prefer to play without females and not try to fill the positions)
- Each game will consist of two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute half time.
- Games will occur Saturday late afternoon after all recreational games have concluded.

Offsides:

There are no OFFSIDES. Reasons why:

- There are no linesmen and thus it is difficult to call offsides.
- The field is smaller and offsides would slow down the game.
- The offside rule may be confusing to many beginner players.
 - **However, blatant cherry-picking will be called.**

Substitutions:

- Can happen any time during the game. No need to wait for stoppages, i.e. can happen on the fly
- Unlimited number of substitutions per game
- No limit on the number of player who sub in and out at any given time.

Scoring

Although we do not keep record of scores and standings there will be a limit on the number of goal a single player can score per game. **Each player can score a maximum of 3 goals per game.** Any goals over this amount will not count and will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.

Reason for this:

- Gets less experienced players involved in scoring
- Prevents a single player from “taking over” the game.

Keeper Rules:

- The keeper **MAY NOT** punt, drop kick or throw the ball across the mid-field line.

- Goal kicks, punts and throws must be touched by a player or the field prior to crossing mid-field. An indirect free kick for the opposing team will result if this occurs.

Slide Tackles:

- Slide tackles are **NOT** allowed. Many players are beginners and may not know how to slide tackle properly, resulting in increased potential for injury.

Guest Players:

This league is similar to “pick-up” games in that all players are welcome to play as much or as little as they want, provided they behave in a sportsmanlike manner and are not aggressive. No team should have to forfeit a game due to lack of players. If a team is short players, then they should be able to “pick up” guest players.

Teams may use guest players from another team provided the following rules apply:

- All guest players **must be registered** with SYAA in order to play.
- A maximum of 3 guest players can be used per game.
- Opposing team must be notified of the guest players.
- Guest players are not intended to enable teams to “stack” their teams by replacing lesser skilled players with higher skilled guest players.
- Guest players will only be used as a “sub” player, playing lesser or equal time to that of all rostered team players.

Uniforms

- T-Shirts will be provided as part of each player's registration. T-Shirts will be Blue, Red, Green and Yellow. If for some reason a player doesn't have their T-shirt they can wear the shirt with the color of their team as an alternative. Teams must come dressed in their team colors for each game.

Player Behavior:

- SYAA expects each of its players to set a positive example for promoting good sportsmanship and self-control.
- Teams should nominate a team captain. Captains are expected to be present at every game. If unable to make a game, the secondary contact listed for the team serves as captain in their absence.
- Captains are responsible for the behavior of his/her sidelines. Captains are also responsible for your spectators as well. Remember the referee has the power to eject any spectator at any time.

Aggressive play and Unsportsmanlike behavior (including bad language) WILL NOT be tolerated!

- Players will be warned and banned for the rest of the game and then suspended for the season if the behavior is deemed to be overly aggressive or unsportsmanlike.
- A history of disciplinary infractions by one player or team can be grounds for the player or team to be dismissed from the league. Such decisions will not be made lightly and will only be decided after careful review by SYAA Soccer.

Again, the purpose of our Co-ed league is for everyone to play soccer and have fun! There are players who are new to soccer and we hope to encourage them to continue playing.