

2021 SIOUX FALLS COED SOCCER LEAGUES MODIFIED FUTSAL SOCCER INDOOR GAME RULES

I. Game Rules

1. All rules for the SF Adult Coed Indoor Season apply to all the League Teams within the Sioux Falls Adult Coed Leagues.
2. Teams must have (2) two women on the field at all times. If a team has only 1 female present, then they can get permission from the opposing coach to play with 7 men, otherwise they must play a man down. Teams may NOT play with 5 men and no women. The game is declared a forfeit when no women are able to play for a team.
3. An 8 v 8 format is played.
4. **SEE ADDITIONAL COVID 19 ADDEMDUM FOR CHANGES IN REALTION TO GAME PLAY REQUIREMENTS.**
5. ALL substitutions, except for Goal Keepers, will take place “on the fly”. All players must alert the ref that they are substituting. Substitutes will enter at the half line. No stoppage in play will be given for substitutions, even on a dead ball, other than the GK.
6. Any infraction or failure to sub at the midline result in the following:
 - 1st Time - Warning
 - 2nd Time - Indirect Free Kick from the sideline
 - 3rd Time – Caution (Yellow Card)
7. Goal Keeper substitutions must be approved by the referee. GK substitution must wait a stoppage in play. The clock will continue to run during this time.
8. The required minimum number of players to play a game: 4 men and 1 woman. If a team cannot field at least these numbers, the game will be cancelled due to lack of players. There is no reschedule for a cancelled game due to lack of players.
9. Teams can borrow players from the opposing team if one team has players that would like to play to help out the opposing team WITHOUT a Guest Player Card.
10. Teams are allowed to borrow if needed, current rostered, USASA insured players from their own league and any league below, if the opposing team does not have extra players to spare. A team may borrow 1 male player OR 1 female player from one level above their league. The guest player must provide a punch card for the current season and have it approved by the opposing coach. The following guidelines will be followed when borrowing players:
 - a. **Each team may borrow enough players to have a maximum of 10 players. The only exception would be if a team doesn't have at least 3 females, then they may borrow until they have 3 females.**

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b. Guest players MUST be approved by the opposing coach. The opposing coach must sign off on the Yellow or Red Punch Card, and then the player must be checked in by the referee before kick-off or at halftime. Guest players need to be checked in AFTER the referee has checked in all the rostered players. The referee is not there to approve the guest players; he/she is there to check them in by signing their punch card. Approval needs to be done by the opposing coach.

c. Any player who has not been approved by the opposing coach or who does not have a Guest Player Punch Card will be asked to leave the field. That player will be fined \$25 before the card is issued back.

d. YELLOW GUEST CARDS- When a player's yellow punch card is full, the referee will keep that punch card. The first yellow punch card of the season is FREE, while any subsequent cards will cost \$30. There will be 4 punches per punch card. FREE Yellow Punch cards will only be issued to players who are rostered for the FULL season.

e. RED GUEST CARDS –These players are part of the team listed on the red guest card, so they are NOT considered guest players for the team listed on the card. However, if they guest for another team, they are then considered a “guest player”.

11. Game rosters are issued to the teams with a picture of each player. Any player who is NOT listed on the roster will NOT be allowed to play, unless they are a “guest player” with a valid “guest card” (yellow or red).

12. A team that is not prepared, not enough players to play OR not having official roster within 10 minutes of kick-off, will be required to forfeit. However, the game clock will start at kick-off time, and a team will have 10 minutes to field enough players. Any cancelled games due to a team's unpreparedness, cannot be rescheduled. **A team must give 72 hours notice if they are unable to play a game, so the Directors have time to find players to play the opposing team.** If 72 hours notice is given the penalty is waived. However, once a team has more than 2 cancelled games, the team will be removed from the league for the season.

13. No Jewelry except for Medical ID bracelets, Fit Bit/Workout bracelets, wedding bands or religious jewelry. Wedding bands or other religious jewelry may have to be taped or secured to prevent injuries, if requested by the Referee. Fit Bit/Workout Trackers must be covered with a cushion material to prevent injuries during game play.

14. Each team will provide (2) size 5 soccer balls for game play.

15. The Home Team will forfeit their color if there is a jersey conflict. It is recommended that all players bring a WHITE shirt and a BLACK shirt to each game in case of a jersey conflict in the event the team doesn't have an alternate jersey. A jersey shirt with a number on the back is a required piece of equipment.

16. There will be 2 referees assigned to each game – head referee and assistant referee as available.

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17. If both Referees fail to show for a game AND there is not another Referee present and willing to ref, both teams have the option at that time to reschedule their game or to play. If the scheduled Referees fail to show for a game but there is a Referee present and willing to referee the game, then the game must be played as originally scheduled. If both teams agree to play the original game as scheduled without a referee, then the game is considered official and cannot be rescheduled.
18. Game time officially will be the time displayed on a cell phone. The clock will start at kick-off time.
19. The game will consist of 32 minute halves. All games will end a minimum 5 minutes prior to the next game, regardless if the whole 32 minutes was allotted for play.
20. ***It is each team's responsibility to be ready for check-in with official game roster 15 minutes prior to kick-off.*** Managers will have their roster ready for check-in at that time.
21. Visiting team will kick-off first half; Home team will kick-off second half.
22. Ball In and Out Play – if the ball touches the ceiling within the field of play, play will be restarted with an Indirect Free Kick on the touchline (become a kick-in).
23. Penalty Kicks will be 1 yard inside the penalty area.
24. Players must be a minimum of 8 yards away from where any free kick will take place, whether direct or indirect, including kick-ins.
25. Kick-ins will be done in place of throw-ins. Ball must be placed on the touchline to kick ball back in play. Ball must be stationary on the line before it is put back into play. Restarts will take place within 4 seconds from when the ball is placed on the turf.
26. Goal Clearance (in place of a Goal Kick)-
 - A. The Goal Clearance will be done by hands only in place of a Goal Kick, and must be done by the goalkeeper.
 - B. The GK may not distribute the ball to him or herself on a Goal Clearance.
 - C. The ball must leave the penalty area on a Goal Keeper Distribution.
 - E. The GK must distribute the ball within 6 seconds from when the ball is collected for a GK Distribution.
27. During the run of play, the Goal Keeper may place the ball on the turf and play the ball with his or her feet by dribbling or playing the ball to a teammate. No punting or drop-kicks are allowed.
28. Due to US Soccer's protocol of head injuries, anytime the referee suspects a head injury due to contact to the head, for example a player being knocked off his/her feet, the player will be asked to leave the field to be assessed by a trainer, director, or medical personnel if possible.
29. **SLIDING/YELLOW and RED CARDS-** SLIDING EXCEPTION may be made by the goalkeeper in an attempt to save a goal. No sliding-tackling by field players. Keepers can slide-tackle, cleats down if by

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feet; chest or hands towards the ball is okay. Keeper's slide-tackle must begin from his Penalty Area. Anyone can slide to save/recover a ball, provided opponents are not anywhere near as to cause them to change their path of course. Infringement of this rule will be called as a foul with an indirect free kick restart. Persistent infringement of this rule will be cautioned with a yellow card or red card.

1. Yellow and Red Cards- If the Referee makes a foul/infracton/call, any player(s) that chooses to exhibit dissent, (verbal or physical) toward a Referee, Player or Spectator OR motions for a card or a call to be made that player may be given a yellow card. If a field player receives a yellow card, they must step off the field until the next stoppage of play. The offending player may return as soon as the next stoppage is available. Goal keepers are exempt to the yellow step off rule. If a player(s) receives 2 yellow cards within a game, it is automatically considered a red card. The player with the red card must leave the game area immediately and his/her player card will be confiscated, an automatic \$25.00 fine and a 1 game suspension will be issued. The Red Card Fine must be paid or may be appealed, whereas the 1 game suspension* must be served before player can be eligible to play again. Red card suspensions can NOT be reviewed unless there is game video technology or the referee admits to making an incorrect call. Cell phone video footage is inadmissible.

a. *Any player who receives 3 yellow cards within a season will be suspended for one game following the game where the 3rd yellow card is issued. The game suspension must be served within the league that the 3 Yellow Cards were issued. For example, if a player plays in the A and C league, and receives 3 yellow cards in the A league, that player may NOT sit their game in C league, nor may that player guest for any team during the suspension period. They may however play in their scheduled C league game. The office will verify player eligibility for the other league game if the player is a member of 2 teams. The player card for that player will be help by the office for the suspension period, and will be returned after suspension period. NO fine will be issued for this suspension. NO appeal will be offered. NOTE: If a player receives 2 yellow cards (red card) in a game, once they serve their suspension for that red card, their record is cleared.

b. *RED CARD 1 GAME SUSPENSION TERMS- The offending player who received the red card is suspended until the official 1 game suspension has been served. The suspended game MUST be the next official rostered game for that player for that particular team. He or She may not participate as a "guest" player in any games until after the official 1 game suspension has been served. However, if a player is officially rostered on another 2nd team, he or she may play in that 2nd team's game and only those 2nd team games during the suspension period. The League will provide the player card to the referee for these types of situations. Any player who takes or keeps his or her card after a red card is given to that player will be suspended one (1) additional game in addition to the original 1 game suspension. The offending player who received the red card may ask for a forgiveness hearing to appeal and possibly waive the fine. If a player appeals and requests forgiveness, the disciplinary committee will be notified and the player's card will be held until a decision is made. (See Red Card Procedure under Administrative section, #4 for further explanation on red cards and multiple red cards for same player). A forgiveness of the fine does not forgive the one game suspension; this must still be served.

30. The Referee may issue a red card for foul and abusive language, serious foul play, spitting at or on, or violent conduct towards a referee, player, or spectator. That player will be subject to a red card

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hearing and may be found guilty of abuse or assault. If that is the case, the disciplinary committee will meet and will use the SFASL Guidelines.

31. ABUSE AND ASSAULT- The definition of Abuse and Assault is written in the United States Soccer Federation Policy Manual (and as the SF Adult Coed Leagues follow) as follows:

(A) Assault-

(i) Referee assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee

(ii) For purposes of this policy, "intentional act" shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.

(b) Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.

(B) Abuse

(i) Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.

(ii) Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: using foul or abusive language toward a referee that implies or threatens physical harm; spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property; or spitting at (but not on) the referee.

Clarification: The SFASL will not tolerate any form of verbal/physical abuse or assault toward a referee, which includes, but not limited to, approaching the referee before, during, or after a game with threatening remarks or physical aggression in regard to their performance or job security. This IS considered "referee abuse".

32. If a player is found guilty by the Disciplinary Committee of any of the above then the following Penalties and Suspension will apply-

(A) Assault-

(1) The person committing the referee assault must be suspended as follows:

(a) for a minor or slight touching of the referee or the referee's uniform or personal property, at least 3 months from the time of the assault;

(b) Except as provided in clause (i) or (ii), for any other assault, at least 6 months from the time of the assault:

(ii) For an assault committed by an adult and the referee is 17 years of age or younger, at least 3 years; or

(iii) For an assault when serious injuries are inflicted, at least 5 years.

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(2) A State Association adjudicating the matter may not provide shorter period of suspension but, if circumstances warrant, may provide a longer period of suspension.

(B) Abuse-

(1)The minimum suspension period for referee abuse shall be at least three (3) scheduled matches within the rules of that competition.

(a)The Organization Member adjudicating the matter may provide a longer period of suspension when circumstances warrant (e.g., habitual offenders)

33. All other rules will be followed as FIFA, United States Soccer Federation or SF Adult Soccer Leagues mandates.

34. Weather Cancellation Policy: For Indoor games-We will play unless Avera Sports Dome closes due to weather or if the SFSAL Directors deem weather conditions are questionable. All possible game cancellations because of weather will be attempted to be assessed by the Directors 2 hours before game time.

35. All Game times MAY be subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts and/or weather related issues.

36. All players upon entering into these Leagues agree that they will abide by the rules of FIFA, the USASA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors.