

# 2021 Sioux Falls Coed Soccer Leagues

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## 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> Time - Warning  
2<sup>nd</sup> Time - Indirect Free Kick from the sideline  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 amount of players to play a game: All Coed Leagues; 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 their punch card for the current season and it must be approved by the opposing coach. The following guidelines will be followed when borrowing players:

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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.**

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 they are allowed to play again.

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 \$60. 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 with 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*

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*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.
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.

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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 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/infraction/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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 held 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*

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after the official 1 game suspension has been served. However, if a player is officially rostered on another 2<sup>nd</sup> team, he or she may play in that 2<sup>nd</sup> team's game and only those 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 hearing and may be found guilty of abuse or assault. If that is the case, the disciplinary committee will meet and will use the guidelines that follow (Rule #26 & #27).

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".***

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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.

(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.*

### II. Administration Procedures

1. The SF Adult Coed Soccer Leagues have a variety of Leagues for different playing styles. The A and B Leagues are designed for those players that have experience and knowledge of the game of soccer at faster higher competitive levels. The C League is designed for those players who prefer a skilled recreational play. The D and E Leagues are designed for those new to the game of soccer, still learning the game or a slower pace of skilled play.
2. To be eligible to play in the Adult Coed Soccer Leagues, a player must meet all 3 criteria listed: 1.) Must be 17 years or older 2.) Must have the permission of their youth coach to play in the SFASL. All players wanting to play in the SF Adult Leagues must provide verification of age and identity by valid ID or Driver's License. If further identification is needed, the Directors may ask for a birth certificate. If a player is found to be under the age of 17, playing under false pretenses or has not been approved to play via Directors prior to sign up, an immediate removal from the Adult

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Coed Leagues will be administered. Any request for consideration must be approved by the directors.

3. Rosters will be allowed up to 16 players. The SF Adult Soccer Leagues Directors may approve additions or subtractions to roster if needed. *SF Adult League Directors may fill the empty slots on a team's rosters if they are not at the minimum player requirements.* \*\*All rules on percentage of women on the playing field apply as stated in Game Rules.
4. All Teams, their Rosters and Registering Players will be accepted and assembled through SFASL Sports Pilot Registration System (SPRS) for each new season. They are accepted in FIRST COME, FIRST PLACED only by the official deadline for that season.
5. REFUNDS-
  - a. If there is a permanent/debilitating injury or pregnancy that prevents a player from completing the rest of the season, **a prorated refund may be given from the date of notification**, and that player will be de-rostered for the rest of that season.
  - b. If a player has paid all monies but chooses to not play before the season has officially started, an 80% refund of his or her season fee monies will be refunded.
  - c. US Amateur Insurance fee cannot be refunded at any time.
  - d. No refunds of monies paid by a rostered player after season started; except players that qualify under Refund- #1. Any player that incurs disciplinary action (suspension/removal) will not be refunded any monies. (This includes but not limited to entry fees, fines, seasonal fees, etc). Players are solely responsible for contacting the Directors as soon as possible to let them know of a permanent/debilitating injury or pregnancy that prevents them from playing the rest of the season and to obtain their refund. All refunds must be approved through Directors. *Refunds will be issued within 60 days of the request.*
6. Any monies (entry fees, fines, seasonal fees, etc) loss due to disciplinary action **will not** be refunded.
7. All Individual Players signing up through SPRS will be considered Free Agents unless a team name is denoted under the note section in SPRS.
8. FREE AGENTS -When Free Agents sign up under SPRS for the new season, these players will be on FIRST COME, FIRST PLACED by the official deadline. The Free Agents may be picked up by teams according to the player's preferred league and/or the date that the registration was submitted. All Free Agents are placed on the Active Player Waiting List in order of submission and then this List is submitted to the coaches to pick up permanent Players for the teams. Free Agents will not be

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placed on a team's roster until they have completed the SPRS player registration and paid for their fees in full. If a Free Agent's application is not picked up by a team, it may be:

- a) Continued to be on Active Player list
- b) Held in our files on Waiting List and rolled over to next season.

*\*\*\*All players that would like to play on a specific team must type that team's name within the note section during registration; contact the individual coaches to be approved and to be placed on that preferred team.*

- 9. Any Returning Player or Free Agent **will not** be placed on any official roster until all required forms are completed, paid all player fees into the office and/or paid all fees on the SPRS.
- 10. 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.
- 11. All Game times MAY be subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts and/or weather related issues.
- 12. If any player is found to be playing, and it NOT ROSTERED, the consequences below will be administered:
  - 12A. The player will be suspended for 1 full game.
  - 12B. The Referee may be written up and evaluated at the end of the season.
  - 12C. A \$25 fine will also be assessed, and payable before that player can register with the league again.
- 13. Standings will be taken only for possible team movement between the Leagues.
- 14. US Amateur Memberships and Player cards must be renewed for ALL PLAYERS every January 1st, at the beginning of the Indoor II season according to USASA renewal deadline. Every League player must renew their card at this time and pay the \$35.00 membership renewal fee. All new players entering the Leagues during the rest of the membership year that did not play fall, must complete the USASA Membership on SPRS and pay the \$35.00 fee.
- 15. Email from any of the Directors, Official email soccer box ([coedsoccer.sfasl@midconetwork.com](mailto:coedsoccer.sfasl@midconetwork.com)), Texting, Sports Pilot, Facebook Group Messaging and the Sioux Falls Adult Soccer League Web site ([www.sfadultsoccer.com](http://www.sfadultsoccer.com)) are the Official forms of communication.

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16. Each team must provide the following individuals to represent them after the 1st game of the season is played:
  1. A red card/ Disciplinary Committee representative
  2. Team Coach. These may be the same person.
  
17. **Red Card Procedure:** When the **1st red card** is issued a **\*\*\$25 red card fee and a (1) game suspension** will be assessed before the Player card is returned to player. If a **2<sup>nd</sup> red card** is issued to the player within the same season, a **\$50 red card fee and a (2) game suspension** will be assessed before the card is returned to player. If a **3rd red card** is issued to the player within the same season, a **\$75 red card fee and a (3) game suspension** will be assessed before the card is returned to the player. All game suspensions can be carried over to the next season if not fulfilled within the original season. The SF Adult Leagues Disciplinary Committee can choose to override only the **red card** fee, if the player requests an appeal hearing. The Player may request (1) appeal hearing. If the Referee requests a harsher punishment, The Committee will meet to review the request. This Committee may review all **red card** offenses within the Leagues and make disciplinary decisions if needed.
  
18. If a player chooses to request an appeal in regard the Disciplinary Committee's decision. A \$50 Appeal fee is required, along with a written request. This appeal will be brought in front of the SDASA board for further review.
  
19. The current SF Adult Soccer Leagues Directors and Executive Board stands as such with a (3) year staggered term.
  - 6A. Jen Slater Unruh-Co-Director, President, Treasurer and Registration Manager.
  - 6B. Angelique Verver- Co-Director, Vice President, Information and Web Manager.
  - 6C. Gina Ginithan- Co-Director, Secretary, and Roster Manager.
  
20. The Adult Leagues Disciplinary Committee consists of (1) Representative from each team in every Leagues and including all Directors.
  
21. Each active Coach is eligible to be on the Coaches Quorum Panel to vote on League Issues, and the changing of Rules and Bylaws at the AGM.
  
22. ***Ignorance of the Laws and Bylaws of these Leagues will not be tolerated as an excuse for breaking the said Laws and Bylaws.***
  
23. ***All players upon entering into these Leagues agree that they will abide by the rules of FIFA, the USASA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors.***

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24. ***Recognizing the possibility of physical injury, associated with soccer and in consideration of the United States Amateur Soccer Association accepting me 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 my participation in the programs and/or being transported to or from the same.***
25. League Seasonal meetings will be held at the beginning of each season, if needed. An annual January meeting (AGM) will be held to review and amend any bylaws or rules for the coming year.
26. The Sioux Falls Adult Soccer Leagues have officially changed from a volunteer run organization to a Non-Profit Corporation in October 2008. Due to the change over from volunteer to Non Profit Corporation, the Co-Directors are paid positions. Co-Directors and Board of the SFASL are Jennifer Slater Unruh, Angelique Verver and Gina Pfeifle. The assigned positions are:
- 12A. Jennifer Slater Unruh- President, Co-Director-Registration and Application Manager.
  - 12B. Angelique Verver- Vice President, Co-Director- Information and Website Manager.
  - 12C. Gina Ginithan- Secretary, Co-Director, and Roster Manager
- The Co-Directors will receive a paid an hourly to their position, level of responsibility and work load they have assigned to them and/or voluntarily complete.
- 12D. Jennifer Slater Unruh- President- Registration and Application Manager
  - 12E. Angelique Verver- Vice President- Information and Web Site Manager
  - 12F. Gina Pfeifle- Secretary-Receiveables Manager
27. The Referee Assignor for the SF Adult Soccer Leagues is paid \$6 per game and in addition a salary for an On Call Responsibility, as needed, for any given current season playing. This is paid depending on the games, times and frequency of these games.
28. The Referees for the SF Adult Soccer Leagues are paid \$45 for each COED game and \$45 for each Competitive game during the Indoor Season.
29. Any out of office work will be paid on sub-contractor basis (salary basis).