

2009 Area 4U Adult Soccer Rules & Regulations

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this season's Soccer Program sponsored by Area 4U of the American Youth Soccer Organization. As a player, you will be participating in the popular sport of soccer. This program is provided for your fun and enjoyment. Your cooperation, good sportsmanship and communication with our league office are important in making this season a success. On behalf of AYSO Area 4U, we would like to wish every team a successful season.

1. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

Division 1	U-30	Coed Recreational
Division 2	O-30	Coed Recreational
Division 3	----	Men's Competitive

2. ROSTER

A PLAYER MUST BE A REGISTERED AYSO ADULT PLAYER AND ON A TEAM'S ROSTER TO PLAY IN ANY GAME. The Adult League Board of Directors will form teams. Requests may be made but will not necessarily be honored as to team placements.

- A. Players are not permitted to play on more than one team during any one season.
- B. AYSO staff will randomly call on team rosters to check for player validity. Any player information, which is not correct on a team's roster could result in the dismissal of that player or team from the league. Captains should at all times keep Up-to-date records of their team's roster. This practice can eliminate any questions as to whether a team member is eligible to play or not.
- C. Division 1 and 2 will have a maximum roster of 10 players (7 male, 3 female), minimum (6 male, 2 female).
- D. Division 3 will have a maximum roster of 10 players, 8 minimum.
- E. Complete teams can register provided they have the required number of players.
- F. Rosters will be arranged according to geographic location.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

All Adult League players must be a registered volunteer for AYSO (coach, referee, board member) spouse, parent or sibling of a registered AYSO child. Players are not permitted to play on more than one team in the same season. ANY PERSON CAUGHT PLAYING FOR TWO TEAMS IN THE SAME SEASON MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF THAT PLAYER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

- A. Any violation of these rules could lead to forfeiture of the game. The Adult League Director has the final decision as to the extent of any punishment.
- B. A field supervisor may check your team roster at game time. A violation could cause a game forfeiture.

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- C. For clarification purposes- A player may be asked by the official or field supervisor to fill out the information on the score sheet. It is recommended that all participants carry a Photo I.D. for eligibility reasons.
- D. If an illegal player is suspected, AYSO does reserve the right to take appropriate action.

4. COMMUNICATION

- A. It is important that all players are informed as to the game schedule and league rules and regulations. It is the Captain's responsibility to communicate with the members of their team. A phone tree system may be used for this purpose.
- B. Captains or their designee are required to attend league meetings from time to time to review and approve rules, regulations and schedules.

5. CONDUCT

SOME FORMS OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL WARRANT AUTOMATIC EJECTION WITH NO WARNINGS GIVEN. Misconducts (receiving a red card, after two yellow cards) to an individual for unsportsmanlike conduct will warrant automatic ejection of said player, from the premises. Two warnings to teams or fans will warrant automatic ejection of fan from premises.

- A. Any player ejected from a game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game, in addition to the game in which player was suspended.
- B. A second offense will be reviewed by the Adult League Director for any further disciplinary action.
- C. No player, or spectator shall:
 - Threaten an official.
 - Lay a hand upon, shove, or strike an official.
 - Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at official's decision.
 - Refuse to abide by official's decision.
 - Be guilty of physical attack on any player, official, or spectator.
- D. Any player removed from a game must leave the premises immediately.
- E. The Field Supervisor or Adult League Director reserves the right to make the final decision in all matters.

6. TIE GAMES

Tied league games will end in a tie.

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7. LEAGUE STANDINGS

Total points will determine standings at the end of the season. Scoring for games is 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. For tied teams (2 or more) who have split between them, the team with the highest total goal differential between the tied teams (when they played each other) will take the higher position in the standings. If a tie still exists overall league goal differential will be then be used. In addition, any team that has forfeited any game against the team(s) that they are tied with will automatically take the lowest position in the standings.

League standings will be updated and available the following Monday of each week on the League website www.WichitaAdultSoccer.com

8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on the premises at any time. Teams are responsible for their spectators and players. Players suspected of drinking prior to the match may be removed from participation if deemed unable to play in a safe manner.

First offense- Team: Forfeiture of next game.
 Player: Suspension from next game.

Second Offense- Team and/or player dropped from the league.

9. INSURANCE

Soccer Medical insurance (injuries or loss occurring directly from playing in Area 4U's adult league) is provided by the league through USASA.

10. PROTESTS

A. No protests will be heard. Think FUN, FAIR and SAFE!!!

12. SCOREKEEPING

The officials will do Scorekeeping at the field. Timekeeping will be done on the field with the referee or assistant referee. Team captains must properly fill out the official game card with all their eligible (officially registered) players at least 10 minutes prior to game time. The field supervisor should handle general information.

13. DIVISION 1 AND 2 COED RULES:

A. **FIELD TEAM:** Consists of six (6) players (including a keeper). A minimum of five (5) players is required to start a game. Teams must maintain a minimum of two (2) women on the field at all times. If the team can not field a minimum of two (2) women, the team may play short by two (2) men. If there are no female players

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at the start of the game, the game is a forfeit. Teams cannot play with more than five (5) men at any time.

- B. Metal or Steel Cleats: Steel or metal cleats will NOT be allowed.
- C. Division 1 and 2 games will be played on a U-10 sized field.
- D. **SLIDE TACKLING**, whether accidental or not, is not allowed and will result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opposing team, and misconduct (yellow) for the player who committed the slide tackle if in the opinion of the referee it was done with reckless, careless, or excessive force. Sliding in open field space with no other players in the active area of play is allowed. The Goal Keeper is the only player allowed to slide tackle in order to save a goal. A defensive slide tackle within the attacking penalty area will be sanctioned with an appropriate misconduct and a penalty kick restart. 2005 FIFA law change: any tackle that endangers the safety of the player from any angle (i.e. 360 degrees) will be sanctioned as “Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct” and the player who committed the foul will be sent off (Red Card).
- E. Forfeits: Game time is forfeit time. Any team who forfeits their game must pay a \$35 forfeit fee to AYSO Area 4U no later than the next scheduled game or that game will also be deemed a forfeit.

14. DIVISION 3 MEN’S COMPETITIVE RULES:

- A. **FIELD TEAM DIVISION 3:** Consists of six (6) players (including a keeper). A minimum of five (5) players is required to start a game
- B. Metal or Steel Cleats: Steel or metal cleats will NOT be allowed.
- C. Division 3 games will be played on a U-10 field.
- D. **LEGAL SLIDE TACKLING** is allowed. 2005 FIFA law change: any tackle that endangers the safety of the player from any angle (i.e. 360 degrees) will be sanctioned as “Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct” and the player who committed the foul will be sent off (Red Card).
- E. Forfeits: Game time is forfeit time. Any team who forfeits their game must pay a \$35 forfeit fee to AYSO Area 4U no later than the next scheduled game or that game will also be deemed a forfeit.

15. PLAYING RULES – FIFA Laws of the Game with the following additions

- A. Substitutions: Your team is allowed to make a substitution when:
 - there is a goal kick by either team.
 - your own team has a throw-in
 - the other team has a throw-in and if the other team substitutes first.
 - if an injury occurs – player for player only
 - there is a delay of game and at the referee's discretion.
- B. Penalty Kicks: Men or women may take kicks. The keeper is determined at the time of the penalty.

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- C. Shin-Guards: All players are required to wear appropriate sized shin-guards at all times they are on the field, no exception!
- D. Time:
Division 1 and 2: Two thirty (30) minute halves with running time.
Division 3: There will be two thirty (30) minute halves with running time.

The officials will only give time outs due to injury and/or official stoppage of time.

- E. Forfeit Time: Game time is forfeit time.
- F. Half Time: There will be a 5-minute half time, unless the game has been delayed and the officials and/or supervisor rule that the second half must start sooner.
- G. Player Disqualification: A player shall be disqualified when they are issued their second yellow card or their first red card. Any player disqualified from a game will be required to leave the premises immediately and automatically be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game. Depending on the misconduct further action may be taken. A review of the misconduct will be done by the Adult League Director.
- H. Field Conduct: In order for the field supervisor to keep better control of the game, we ask that all teams observe the following conditions:
 - 1. While the ball is in play, no player or participant shall interfere and/or approach a referee with the exception of the team captain.
 - 2. Children must be supervised at ALL times. Children are required to stay off the field of play.
 - 3. Spectators shall occupy the opposite site of the field in respect to the team.
- I. Game Without Officials: AYSO Area 4U schedules official(s) for every game. If for any reason there is no official at your game site, don't panic, another official will be called as soon as possible.
- J. Game Rain Out: Revised games can be held on any day including- Saturday. Your team coach will be notified.
- K. Uniforms: All players must have the same color shirt/jersey to play in a game. Uniforms must have numbers permanently affixed and No taped or written numbers **NO SHIRT, NO PLAY!**
- L. Jewelry: Casts (plaster, metal or other hard substance in its final form), exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets, earrings and neck chains, or any other item judged dangerous by the officials or field supervisor, may not be worn during- the game. This is a modification to FIFA Law.

16. **AGE**

Adult - 19 years as of July 31st of the current year and older and not participating as a player with any other soccer organization or program.

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17. SCHEDULES

- A. Schedules will be posted on the league website (www.WichitaAdultSoccer.com) the week before your season begins.
- B. Make sure our staff has a correct email address for your team at all times.
- C. You will not be guaranteed game times, etc. Games will be scheduled usually starting at 1:00 p.m. In some cases, teams may be required to play on a day not normally scheduled due to holidays, rainouts, etc.

18. BALL

A top quality #5 soccer ball will be used by the league. Each team shall have a properly inflated ball for each game.

19. INJURED RESERVE:

Teams that suffer three season ending injuries may appeal in writing with the names of the injured and causes of injury, to the Adult League Director and request one (1) additional replacement player.

20. FIELD SET-UP AND TAKEDOWN:

Teams scheduled to play the first game of the day will be responsible for setting up the goals.

Teams playing the final game of the day will take down the goals.

Failure to comply may award one penalty goal to the other team.

21. GAME TIMES:

Games will be played Sunday at 1:00 pm. In the event Region 105 has had to reschedule their games to Sunday due to a rainout. Games will be rescheduled. Information will be posted on the league website (www.WichitaAdultSoccer.com)

22. FIELD LOCATIONS

Region 105 – Southview Park 2215 W. 45th Street South – Wichita, KS
Game to start @ 1:00p.m.