

2011 Sioux Falls Adult Coed Soccer Leagues

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I. **Game Rules**

1. If you would like to enter in your own team for the Outdoor Adult Coed Leagues, it must consist of at **least** 5 women and 7 men. The total amount of players cannot exceed 16 on the roster. 14 official players are the minimum allowed, unless SF Adult League Directors approve a change.
2. All rules for Outdoor Season apply to all the League Teams within the Sioux Falls Adult Coed Leagues unless noted for a specific League.
3. To be eligible to play in the Adult Coed Soccer Leagues, a player must meet all 3 criteria listed: 1.) Must be 18 years or older 2.) Must not be currently enrolled in High School 3.) Cannot be currently playing in the DA Youth Leagues. 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 18 or playing under false pretenses, an immediate removal from the Adult Coed Leagues will be administered.
4. Teams have the option to play more than the required number (2) of female players. Goalie position counts as a field player for the whole duration of the game. *The 2 minimum female players cannot be replaced by men.*
5. An 8 v 8 format is played. Substitutions will take place **with the referee's permission**, as stated by FIFA rules.
6. Required minimum amount of players to play a League Game: 5 men and 1 women. If a team cannot field at least these numbers, the game will be cancelled. There is **no reschedule** for a cancelled game due to lack of players.
7. Teams are allowed to borrow current rostered, USASA insured players only from the League directly above their League or the League directly below their League. All Teams are allowed to borrow up to as many players as they need to make their team's player numbers equal to the number of players on the opposing team before the game starts.

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8. Player cards must be present at each and every game in order for the player(s) and/or team to participate in the match. If a player(s) or team should forget their card(s), **THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.** In accordance with Procedure # 13, consequences will be administered if a player is found to be playing without a card.
9. Games are classified as a "League Game" or a "Friendly game". A "League" Game is defined by being an officially scheduled game with the team using only its original team players and/or pool players. A "Friendly" is defined by being a game where a team needs to borrow other current Adult League players from other teams. The Referee will stay to ref for both a League game and a Friendly. A "Cancelled" game cannot be rescheduled and the penalized team will have to forfeit their *"Bond fee" to their opponent.
10. A team that is unprepared (not enough players to play, not having official roster or not having their player cards) by the end of the 10 minute Grace period will be penalized and required to forfeit their "Bond Fee" to the League Directors. A partial amount of the bond may be awarded upon request to the opposing team. The "Bond Fee" is \$90.00 and will be included in the registration fee. A team must give 72 hours notice if they are unable to play a game, so that the director has 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. A team must replenish their bond before they play their next game.
11. If a team does not have their player cards, cannot field enough required minimum players to play, not having official roster or is not ready to play within the allotted 10-minute Grace period, the game will be cancelled and classified as a "Cancelled" game. Any games cancelled due to a team's unpreparedness, cannot be rescheduled.
12. Each coach is required to pick up their official roster during their scheduled pick up time before the season starts. This official roster is to show to the referee for each new game. On Tuesday 5:00pm following the completion of the 4th game of the season, all rosters are frozen. At this point in time, neither additions nor subtractions of players may be made to the team or rosters. In event of an injury that would prevent a player from playing the rest of the season, the Directors may approve a replacement of that player on the team's roster. The approved replacement must come from the Active Player List or Waiting List for that Season.
13. Players **must** arrive at the field at least **15 minutes** prior to their game time. All players must be ready to check in with referee at that time. The players must check in **individually** with their player card in hand and dressed to play. (Appropriate shin guards placed on the shins, playing shoes, etc.) If a player arrives late for check in, it

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will be their job to check in with the referee when they enter the field of play. If a player fails to check in properly, then the referee may issue a yellow card. At **5 minutes before** the scheduled game start time, the referee will blow the whistle to signal the captains on the field to be ready for pre-game instructions and coin toss. The referee will then signal the start of the game.

14. **No Jewelry** except for Medical ID bracelets or wedding bands. Wedding bands must be taped to prevent injuries, if requested by the Referee.
15. All teams must provide (2) two good condition soccer game balls for every game. Your team name/personal name should be written on the balls for identification purposes.
16. If a Referee fails to show for a game AND there is not another Referee present or willing to ref, both teams shall have the option at that time to reschedule their game or to play. If a Referee fails to show for a game but there is a present and willing ref, then the game will be played as originally scheduled. If a team chooses to play the originally scheduled game without a ref, all points from that game will be counted.
17. If a Referee fails to show for a team's game 2 or more times and the teams choose to play, then the team may be given a monetary refund for the Referee No show. Half Referee Pay is awarded.
18. Game time officially will be the time displayed on a cell phone. All game times will start on the official scheduled time except in case of injury and/or inclement weather. A 10-minute Grace period is allowed for inclement weather.
19. **15 minutes before game time**, each coach must present the referee with an official stamped copy of the team's roster. Then as stated in Rule #13, each player will check in **individually**.
20. The halves of play will consist of 45 minutes, with a starting grace period allowed of 10 minutes past official scheduled game time. After the **10-minute** grace period, if the game is not started on time because of a team not prepared to play (not enough players, missing all player cards/rosters, etc.) the referee will blow the whistle to signal the game will be declared a cancellation.
21. **BORROWED PLAYERS-** Any borrowed players must have valid current stickered player cards to play in any game. The Borrowed players must also have a copy of their original team's roster. Players from the original team playing the game, get first playing preference; borrowed players are to be used as subs. ***ONCE YOU BORROW PLAYERS, THE GAME AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES a Friendly.**

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22. All games will end at 10 minutes before the next official scheduled game, EXCEPT in the case of injury.
23. During high heat days, the referee MAY choose to allow a 1-minute water break during the 45-minute halves. The clock will continue to run during the water break. The Referee may also shorten the halves of the game due to high heat, weather related issues, etc. All parties (Referee, both team coaches) must have a mutual agreement to shorten the halves.
24. **NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED**, except by the goalkeeper in an attempt to save a goal. The slide must start inside penalty area for it to be within legal limits. Infringement of this rule will be called as a foul with a direct free kick restart. Persistent infringement of this rule will be cautioned with a yellow card.
25. 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 the player(s) receives **2 yellow** cards, it is automatically considered a **red** card. The disciplinary committee will be notified and the player's card will be revoked until a decision is made.
26. The Referee may issue a red card for foul and abusive language, serious foul play, spitting at or on, or conduction violent conduct towards a referee, player, or spectator. That player may 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 #27 & #28).
27. *As the definition of Abuse and Assault is written within the United States Soccer Federation Policy Manual and as the SF Adult Coed Leagues follow –*
- (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.

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(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.

28. 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)

29. All other rules will be followed as FIFA, United States Soccer Federation and SF Adult Coed Soccer Leagues mandates.

II. Procedures

1. The SF Adult Coed Soccer Leagues have a variety of Leagues for different playing styles. 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 B and C Leagues are 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.

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2. All Team Packets submitted to Adult League Directors for a new season are accepted in FIRST COME, FIRST PLACED only by the official deadline for that season.
 3. Rosters will be allowed up to 16 players. All rosters will be frozen after 4th game of season is played. This is defined as no additions or subtractions of players can be made after 4th game. In event of a serious injury or pregnancy that would prevent a player from completing the rest of the season, the League Directors may approve a replacement of that player on the team's roster. All rosters must be approved by the Directors with an official stamp on roster.
 4. No refunds will be given after season has started*. If there is a permanent injury that prevents player from completing the rest of the season, a prorated refund may be given and the player will be de-rostered for that season. All refunds must be approved through SF Adult Coed Soccer League Directors. *If a potential player starts his/her paperwork and money, and does not complete it by the first game, and then chooses not to play only a 50% refund will be given as administrative costs apply.
 5. Any monies (entry fees, fines, seasonal fees, etc) loss due to disciplinary action **will not** be refunded.
 6. All Players submitting their Individual Player Applications to the Directors will be considered Free Agents.
 7. When individual players (Free Agents) are submitting player applications to the Directors for new season, this also will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST PLACED basis. Free Agents **will not** be considered for placement until the completed player application (also if needed, a US Amateur form with money), is handed in to the office. The Free Agents will be picked up by teams according to the player's preferred league only **and/or** the order that application was received. Free Agent Player applications handed into office **CANNOT** be placed on a REQUESTED TEAM! Player must contact that coach directly. If a Free Agent's application is not picked up by a team, it may be:
 - a) placed on the Active Player list for the rest of the season
 - b) place on the Waiting List and rolled over to next season.
- ***All players that would like to play on a specific team must contact the individual coaches to be placed on that preferred team.
8. Any Returning or Free Agents will not be placed on any roster until all required forms with money are turned in.
 9. Weather Policy: Thunder and rain will be determined on a case by case basis first by the Game Referee and then if needed, the Directors. If during game play, there is a

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perceptible lightning strike within 30 miles, the game will be suspended for 10 minutes. To determine continuing with game play, the weather conditions will be re-evaluated at the end of the 10 minutes wait period. If the lightening continues after the 10 minute wait period, game will be cancelled. All possible game cancellations because of the weather will be assessed by the Directors 2 hours before game time. Games can only be rescheduled once. Notification of any cancelled or delayed games are sent out via email, web site, and text messaging service.

10. All Game times MAY be subject to change due to unforeseen conflicts and/or weather-related issues.
11. Any scheduled game where the first half of the game is played and the second half has started will be considered an official completed game (and is not eligible for a reschedule). (All Leagues)
12. Player cards are valid for 5 years after issue date. If a player loses a card within that 5-year period, a \$5.00 fee will be charged for a replacement card. A Drivers License or valid ID must be shown to get new replacement card made. After the 5-year period has passed, a new card must be made to replace old one. You must bring in your old expired card to have the \$5.00 fee waived.
13. If a player is found to be playing WITHOUT a player card, the consequences below may be administered:
 - 15A. *the player will be suspended 1 game*
 - 15B. *the referee that allowed the player to play without a card will be written up and evaluated at the end of the season.*
14. If a team cannot field the required 8 original players for more than 50% of their games then that team will be penalized and have to forfeit their "Bond Fee" for every game they come not prepared and NOT BE ALLOWED to be a team for the next season. The team will be disbanded and all players may find new teams to play with.
15. Points and Standings for the Sportsmanship Program will be taken and recorded within the Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons only.
16. The Home Team with a conflicting jersey color must forfeit their colors to the opposing team. All players are required to bring a WHITE shirt and a BLACK shirt to each game in case of a jersey conflict. A shirt is a required piece of equipment.
21. See Sportsmanship Awards Program material for more information on the Program.

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III. Administration

1. US Amateur Insurance forms, US Amateur Insurance Fee and Player cards must be renewed for ALL PLAYERS every September 1st, at the beginning of the fall season according to USASA renewal deadline. Every League player must renew their card at this time and pay the \$25.00 insurance renewal fee. All new players entering the Leagues during the rest of the insurance year that did not play Fall, must fill out the USASA Insurance form and pay the \$25.00 fee.
2. Email from any of the Directors, Official email soccer box (coedsoccer.sfasl@midconetwork.com), Texting, Facebook Group Messaging and the Sioux Falls Adult Soccer League Web site (www.sfadultsoccer.com) are the Official forms of communication.
3. 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. Amber Mikuska- Co-Director, Secretary, and Roster Manager.
 - 6D. Terry Nemees- Accountant
4. Each team must provide the following individual to represent them after the 1st game of the season is played: 1. A red card/ disciplinary representative
5. The Adult Leagues Disciplinary Committee consists of (1) Representative from each team in every Leagues and including all Directors.
6. Each active coach is eligible to be on the Quorum Panel to vote on League issues and game rule changes.
7. *Red Card Procedure: When the 1st red card is issued a **\$25 red card fee and a *1 game suspension may be assessed before the Player card is returned to player. If a 2nd red card is issued to the player within the same season, a \$50 red card fee and a *2 game suspension may 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 may 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. Any player receiving a Red Card may pay the fine and sit out required game suspension OR request, in writing, a "Forgiveness hearing". This hearing is brought before Disciplinary Committee either by a physical meeting of Committee members or email discussion. This Committee reviews all red card offenses within the Leagues and make disciplinary decisions if needed. The Disciplinary Committee may choose to*

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override the red card fee upon final decision of Committee. If the Referee requests a harsher punishment, The Committee will meet to review the request.

8. Seasonal meetings will be held at the end of each season, if needed. An annual March meeting will be held to review and amend any game rules.
9. ***Ignorance of the Rules, Laws and By Laws of these Leagues will not be tolerated as an excuse for breaking said Laws and By Laws.***
10. ***All players upon entering into these Leagues agree that they will abide by the rules of FIFA, the USASA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors.***
11. ***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.***
12. 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 Amber Peters Mikuska. . 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. Amber Peters Mikuska- Secretary, Co-Director, Roster and Card Manager.
 - 12D. Gina Pfieffe- ReceptionistThe Co-Directors will receive a paid hourly rate each month equivalent 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- will receive an hourly rate pay as this is based upon the average hours worked in any given season.
 - 12E. Angelique Verver- Vice President- Information and Web Site Manager- will receive an hourly rate pay as this is based upon the average hours worked in any given season.
 - 12F. Amber Peters Mikuska- Secretary- Roster and Card Manager- will receive an hourly rate as this is based upon the average of hours worked in any given season.
 - 12G. Gina Pfieffe- Receptionist - will receive an hourly rate as this is based upon the average of hours worked done in any given season
13. The Referee Assignor for the SF Adult Soccer Leagues is paid \$6 per game and in addition to a set salary for an OnCall Responsibility for any given current season playing. This is paid depending on the games, times and frequency of these games.

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14. The Referees for the SF Adult Soccer Leagues are paid \$35.00 per game for outdoor seasons.
15. Any out of office work will be paid on an hourly basis.