

# RECREATIONAL DIVISION RULES

**RULES OF PLAY** – The rules played will be as per FIFA, unless otherwise noted.

**ABSOLUTELY NO SLIDE TACKLES.**

**UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT** – Allowed as per FIFA. If there is a jersey conflict, the home team, listed first on the schedule, will be responsible for the change to the alternate color. Each team is responsible for providing two game balls.

**SUBSTITUTION RULE** – Players involved in substitutions must enter and leave the field at the midfield line on their team's side of the field with the consent of the referee. Substitutions will be unlimited and will be allowed as follows:

- Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession.
- Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- After a goal.
- At the beginning of the second half.
- Anytime approval is granted by the referee, as in the case of injury. When injury occurs, only the injured player may be substituted. The opponent may substitute a like number.
- For a player who has been cautioned. The opponent may substitute a like number.

**CAUTIONS (yellow cards)** – The jersey number of a cautioned player will be recorded by the center referee.

**CUMULATIVE YELLOW CARDS** – A second yellow card to a player or coach in a single match is equal to a red card. That player or coach shall leave the field for the remainder of the match and shall sit out the next scheduled match.

**GAME LENGTH** – All games will consist of two 30 minute halves, with a 5 minute halftime in between.

**RUNNING TIME** – Time will not be added by the referee, unless extreme emergencies occur. Intentional delay of games by players may result in a player being cautioned (yellow card).

**SCORING** – Scores will not be recorded.

**PROTESTS** – No protests will be allowed. The decision of the referees and officials are final.

**TOURNAMENT FIELD HEADQUARTERS** – Tournament field headquarters will be established at the cinder block building near the concessions. Schedules will be posted and referees will check-in at the referee tent located to the northwest of the cinderblock building.

**FIELDS** – There will be a separation of teams and fans. Fields will be posted for teams on one side and all of the fans on the other side.

**WEATHER** – Stopping a game due to weather will be up to the discretion of the referee. Canceling a game due to weather will be up to the Tournament Committee. Any game terminated after the end of the first half will be final.

**OTHER RULES AND GUIDELINES** -- Any situation not covered by these rules shall be decided by the Tournament Committee and shall be final and binding.

**NO SMOKING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED AT FIELD LOCATIONS!**

**THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR BOTH VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE OF REFEREES. WE RETAIN THE RIGHT TO EJECT ANY COACH, PLAYER, OR SPECTATOR DURING THE TOURNAMENT THAT DOES NOT OBEY OR RESPECT REQUESTS OR RULINGS OF THE REFEREE.**

*Play the game for the game's sake  
Be generous when you win  
Be graceful when you lose  
Be fair always, no matter what the cost  
Obey the laws of the game  
Work for the good of your team  
Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace  
Believe in the honesty of your opponents  
Conduct yourself with honor and dignity*

*-- The USYSA Players Code*