



LEAGUE INFORMATION

7v7 LEAGUES

Men's 7v7 Open, 7v7 Coed Open and 7v7 Women's

The City of Irvine will not assume responsibility for injury. **EVERYONE PARTICIPATES AT THEIR OWN RISK.** League play will be governed by FIFA rules except where City of Irvine rules modify or supersede those rules, as outlined in this document. A Player Code of Conduct is strictly enforced to insure fair and wholesome play from all players.

I. LEAGUE INFORMATION

- a. Teams will be scheduled a total of ten games, earning 3 points for each win, 1 point for each tie and 0 points for a loss. League champions will be determined by the most total points after ten games or by a playoff. Ties will be broken using head to head record, goal differential head to head, goal differential in all games, and fewest goals allowed.
- b. League winners from each bracket will receive championship awards. (14) Players from the roster will only be receiving these awards at the manager's discretion.
- c. All game schedules and standings will be posted at www.teamsideline.com/irvineathletics
- d. Game times will be 6:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. If any changes are made to start time or field locations, team managers will be notified with an email and/or phone call. Please call the League Office at (949)724-6825 with any scheduling questions.
- e. **Whenever in doubt about field conditions of rain outs, the manager should call the City of Irvine MUDD Line after 3pm at (949) 724-6833 or www.CityofIrvine.org/MUDD**
- f. Teams interested in purchasing additional supplement medical insurance can do so by visiting www.SCMAF.org and clicking on the "insurance" tab.

II. TEAM ROSTERS

- a. All managers will be responsible for maintaining a current team roster.
- b. Rosters are limited to 22 players for 7v7.
- c. Roster additions may be made up until your 7th league game provided there is space left on your roster. **After the 7th league game, roster changes will be accepted only for seriously injured players or some other extreme circumstance** when satisfactory proof is presented to the league coordinator. Added players must sign the team roster and obtain a player ID card before legally playing in a game.
- d. Roster additions will be accepted by emailing roster additions to the league coordinator at MSoto@cityofirvine.org . ID cards can be obtained at the Bill Barber Park Portable office.

- e. 7v7 men's soccer division teams are allowed up to two (2) female players per roster.

III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a. Players must be at least 18 years old before playing.
- b. All players must have a City of Irvine soccer ID card. Soccer ID cards can be purchased for \$10 at the Adult Sports League office:
Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park – Portable Office
4 Civic Center (use San Juan lot)
Irvine, CA 92606
Hours: Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

IV. LEAGUE RULES

League play will be governed by FIFA rules except where City of Irvine rules modify or supersede those rules, as outlined in this document.

- a. There will be no offside.
- b. 7v7 leagues will play 25-minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. Team will change sides for the second half. The designated away team will kick off the first half. The home team will kick off the second half. Kick-offs may be taken in any direction. Games will be considered official once the second half has started.
- c. Goal kicks will be taken from any part of the goal line.
- d. No-Go Zone: Players may not enter the no-go zone, including the imaginary plan extending above the zone. The no-go zone extends approximately 8 feet from the goal mouth and is approximately 14 feet wide. This zone will be a clearly marked arc.
 - If defensive players violate this rule during active play when the ball is near the no-go zone or being shot on goal, the offensive team will be awarded a penalty kick, which will be taken from midfield with no defense. The kicker can be anyone on the field of play when the foul is called.
 - If a defensive player enters the no-go zone at other times that affect the play of the offence (for example, crossing through the zone to challenge an attacker with the ball far from the zone), the attacking team will be awarded an indirect free kick 6 yards out from the front of the no-go zone.
 - If an offensive player violates this rule, the defense will be awarded a goal kick.
 - Incidental encroachment of the no-go zone shall not be penalized if it does not directly affect the play of the ball or affect a goal scoring opportunity.
 - If the ball comes to a stop in the no-go zone, it will be a goal kick.
 - To be safe, do not enter the no-go zone!
- e. Goal size is approximately 4 ½ feet by 9 feet.

- For the first games of the night, it is the responsibility of each team to put the goals out. At the end of the night, each team must put the goals back in the designated spot. Park staff will unlock goals at the beginning and will lock goals at the end of the night. Failure to do so can result in points being taken away from teams who fail to comply. .
- f. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick. Defenders must remain six (6) yards from the ball on all free kicks.
 - g. A goal may be scored on a kick-off, a corner kick and a goal kick.
 - h. There are no goalkeepers in 7v7 soccer.
 - i. Penalty kicks will be taken from the center line; penalty kicks are a dead ball shot on goal. The opposing team will be awarded a goal kick if the penalty kick goes out of bounds or rebounds off the goal post.
 - j. No slide tackling against an opponent will be allowed. Slide tackling may result in a yellow card. This rule applies to situations where a player alters his/her direction of play by another player sliding to prevent a ball from going out of bounds or a shot on goal. Sliding for the ball will be allowed where no opponents are within 3 yards. Playing the ball while sitting or lying on the ground will be allowed providing no opponents are within 3 yards. Referee discretion applies.
 - k. Any player deliberately attempting to prevent a shot on a goal using his hands on the ball (outside the no-go zone) may receive a yellow card (subject to 5 minute suspension) and the attacking team will be awarded a penalty kick.
 - l. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play without notification of the referee. However, the field player must leave the field before the substitute enters the field of play.
 - m. For a 7 person coed team the following ratio of male to female are acceptable: 4 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 2, 3 to 3, 2 to 3, 3 to 2.
 - n. All jewelry must be removed before playing. This includes earrings, necklaces, watches, rings and wrist bands. Any other equipment the referee deems dangerous, the player must remove prior to entering the game field.

V. FORFEITS

- a. If five (5) or more players do not show up after a 5-minute grace period, then the game will be considered a 1-0 loss to the team's record.
- b. A team is found to have used an illegal or non-rostered player. This is a league office decision.
- c. In the opinion of the referee/ staff, a manager does not have complete control of his/her team.
- d. A team continues to delay the game.
- e. A team or spectator continues to harass the referee and/or players or if the referee feels the situation is such that physical harm may come to him/her, other players, or spectators.
- f. Any player is consuming any alcoholic spirits during the game; this includes on or off the field, or in the stands.

If a team knows that they will forfeit a game, the team manager is required to notify the league office. Failure to do this or more than one forfeit will result in a \$30 forfeit fee per game for the 7v7 soccer league.

VI. TEAM VIOLATIONS

- a. The referee finds a team with a player that is not registered on roster/or doesn't possess valid player ID card and has knowingly attempted to play without properly registering.
- b. Yellow card to team manager and player must exit the game and not be eligible to play until proper registration verification can be determined by league coordinator.
- c. Players are ALL expected to properly register themselves with the Orange County Great Park.

VII. PLAYER CONDUCT

- a. Any player receiving two yellow cards or one red card will be ejected from that game. Any player who is ejected may face additional suspensions after evaluation by the league office. If a player receives two red cards during the season they can be suspended for the remainder of the season. The league office may suspend any player receiving four yellow cards throughout the season in multiple games. Any player receiving a red card will serve a 7-day suspension from all City of Irvine games including games on the same day, on other days, and in other leagues or divisions unless told otherwise by the league office. A red carded player will have to sit one game per league, if for some reason; both leagues aren't in the same 7 day period. If you receive a 2 game suspension, it can be seen as a 2 week suspension, 3 games is 3 weeks and etc. The league can upgrade/downgrade cards and suspensions if necessary. League office can administer red cards.
- b. Only the team manager may communicate grievances.
- c. Any dangerous play, excessive profanity, or derogatory remarks by a player or manager shall result in the player(s) being shown a red card and being ejected from the game.
- d. Any player receiving a red card (administrative or not) must leave the field of play and may also leave the park where the match is taking place. That is at the discretion of the referee and/or park staff. The red carded player cannot be substituted and the team will play one person short for the remainder of the game.
- e. Players may be ejected at any time: before, during, or after a game.
- f. Only the team manager may appeal suspensions. Appeal must be written and received by the league office within two working days of the infraction. A decision on the appeal will be made within 48 hours after it has been received. If a suspended player plays in a game, the team will be charged with a forfeit loss and the player will be suspended for at least another game.
- g. Any player who is ejected twice in one season may be suspended for the remainder of the season and possibly more.
- h. Any player guilty of offensive, insulting, or abusive language toward any referee or park staff for any reason will be suspended immediately from playing for a length of time determined by the league office.
- i. Disciplinary action may be taken by the referee or City staff toward any player using profane or abusive language before, during, or after the game.
- j. Any player who physically abuses or threatens to push, shove or strike a referee or staff member shall be permanently banned from participation in adult sports with the City of Irvine and can be legally prosecuted for assault.

- k. Any player guilty of fighting may be suspended up to 10 games. The instigator of a fight may be suspended up to one year. Punching, or attempting to punch participants, officials, spectators, or City staff will lead to a one year suspension; with the possibility of a lifetime ban.
- l. Referees and City staff have the authority to prohibit any player from playing in a game if, in their judgment, said player appears intoxicated and is endangering the players. It is illegal to consume alcoholic beverages at any City of Irvine park.
- m. Any manager or acting manager who refuses to assist the referee in identifying players will be suspended and the game will be forfeited.
- n. A player(s) who receives a yellow card must leave the field 5 minutes. The player may be substituted for but it is not required to replace the player(s) who received a yellow card. If the team elects to not replace the player(s) they will play down a player.
- o. Any player receiving two yellow cards in one game will be suspended from that game. Any further suspension(s) will be determined by league office.
- p. Problematic teams and players may lose the privilege to play in the City of Irvine Soccer League.
- q. For managers: it is up to you to keep your team under control at all times. If the referee needs assistance with anything, assist them. Failure to keep your team under control can result in a forfeit for the team, and possibly a suspension for the team manager.

VIII. TEAM AND MANAGER PROTESTS

- a. Team managers have a 48 hour window from the completion of a game to file a formal protest with the league office. These protests can include player eligibility, score disputes, or rule infractions that apply specifically to the City of Irvine soccer league. Protests filed after the 48-hour period will be dismissed.

VIII. EQUIPMENT

- a. Each team must provide at least one (1) size 5 game ball.
- b. Teams must have the same color jerseys and/or shirts with a permanent number on the back. Tape is not allowed.
- c. If there is a conflict of jersey colors, it is the responsibility of the designated home team to have an alternate color ready. Failure to switch or making the away team switch may count as an automatic loss.
- d. Managers must wear a captain's arm band making themselves identifiable to the official.
- e. Shin guards are required.
- f. Each player may wear indoor soccer, artificial turf, cleats or tennis shoes. No metal/ or other hard molded studded cleats deemed dangerous by the referee will be permitted. (Referee discretion).

X. FIELD POLICIES

- a. Your team must adhere to City of Irvine field policies (field closures per the Muddline, City of Irvine Park staff instruction, etc.) or you and your team may forfeit the privilege to play in future City of Irvine leagues. This applies to all days whether you have a game scheduled or not.