

Mesa Recreational Soccer
Rules & Regulations
Spring 2009

1. **Rules**

- A. "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA.
- B. Modifications as approved by CYSA –South.
- C. In-house rules as adopted by Mesa Soccer Association.

2. **General Requirements**

- A. Coaches (including assistant coaches giving instructions) and substitute players shall remain within the "Coaching Zone", the area ten yards each side of the half line, during the game. All other spectators will remain outside this area.
- B. The home team is the team listed first on the schedule. The home team shall have choice of sides. Teams shall be on opposite sides of the field. Home team shall provide a suitable game ball.
- C. Coaches shall be responsible for cleaning up their area after each game.

3. **Players**

- A. All players are required to use shin guards at all times.
- B. Players with casts are ineligible and will NOT be allowed to play.
- C. Players must remove all jewelry.

4. **Coaches**

- A. Coaches must have a current 2008-2009 Administrator/Coach card.
- B. Coaches are responsible for the set up and break down of the field.

5. **Games**

- A. Substitutions allowed as follows:
 - i. By either team after goal
 - ii. By either team prior to goal kick
 - iii. By team with possession of ball prior to a throw in
 - iv. When your opponent substitutes
 - v. When the Referee stops play for an injury
 - vi. On a caution; only the cautioned player may be substituted at that time
- B. All games shall be considered to have started at the scheduled time with a running clock. Any delay in start time, or delay of play, for any reason, shall be deducted from the time of the game involved, not from any following game. Games shall start as soon as possible after the scheduled start time as both teams can field at least the minimum number of players. Any team delaying the start of the game by more than five (5) minutes shall forfeit that game. If neither team is able to field the minimum number of players within the five (5) minutes, then both teams shall forfeit.

C. **No Slide Tackles**

Divisions	Spring 2009	Ball Size	Game Length x 2	Halftime	Off-Side Rule
DIV 7 - U6	5v5	3	20	5	NO
BOYS DIV 6 - U8	6v6	3	25	5	NO
BOYS DIV 5 - U10	6v6	4	25	5	NO
BOYS DIV 4/3/2	6v6	5	30	5	NO
GIRLS DIV 6 - U8	6v6	3	25	5	NO
GIRLS DIV 5 - U10	9v9	4	25	5	YES
GIRLS DIV 4 - U12	6v6	5	30	5	NO
GIRLS DIV 3/2/1	8v8	5	30	5	YES

6. **Conduct and Disciplinary Actions**

- A. Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and fans on their sidelines. Players, coaches, parents and fans shall conduct themselves in a proper and respectful manner. Anyone using alcohol or drugs, yelling profanities or conducting themselves in a manner which the Referee or the Field Coordinator deems inappropriate or an interference with the players shall be asked to leave. The Field Coordinators and Referees shall have the final authority for the enforcement of this rule. Refusal to comply or repeated infractions may result in disqualification of the team.
- B. If a **player is ejected** from a game for **violent conduct or serious foul play**, he or she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game.
- C. A **coach who is ejected** due to misconduct will be asked to leave the field immediately and will be required to sit out the next scheduled game.
- D. If a player receives 2 yellow cards (or a red card that is not a serious foul) during a game, he or she will have to sit out the next scheduled game.

8. **Protests**

- A. No protests will be accepted. The referee's decision is final.
- B. The referee's judgment with regard to the happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game, the physical condition of the field and its acceptability for play and those prerogatives granted the referee by the "Laws of the Game" will not be challenged.

Weather

Rain or other weather conditions during league play shall not delay play unless the referee deems the field unsafe. In the event of inclement weather or unsuitable field conditions, games may be cancelled.