

# **STYSA 8v8 ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE RULES**

The 8v8 Co-ed League will be played under FIFA Rules with the modifications and additions stated below:

**Ages:** Players must be 18-years-old (but not playing in Youth Program at STYSA) or older. Depending on number of participants and age ranges, multiple leagues could be formed.

**Team Formation:** teams will be formed at a meeting among team captains and Adult League Director.

**Length of Game:** The game will consist of four (4) 15-minute quarters. Breaks will be 5 minutes. The breaks will be cut in time accordingly to accommodate all start times for the afternoon. Please remember to be there on time and considerate to all the players in the league.

**Referees:** This league is a “fun and recreational” league. Teams will need to call their fouls, offsides, etc. using an “Honor” system. Having a referee will increase costs, escalates games to more competitive format, and the main purpose of this league is for recreational purposes.

**Format:** 8v8. There must be a minimum of one (1) female on the field at all times; regardless of position played. A team must play down to seven (7) if the team does not have a female on the field of play. Exception to this rule: if both teams are male-only, or only male players are present, they both will play 8v8.

**Minimum Players:** All teams must have a minimum of six (6) players to start the game. One (1) of those six (6) players must be a female. There is a 5-minute grace period; teams with less than 6 players will forfeit the game.

**Roster:** A team can have a maximum of fourteen (14) players on a roster. Expectations of roster limits must be presented in writing and will be determined on a case by case basis. Expectations will be submitted to STYSA. Rosters will be handed out to team captains prior to start of season.

**Guest Players:** A player can only be on one roster for one team in the league. Guest players are allowed in games where a team does not have enough players to compete. Only STYSA-registered players are allowed in this league. NO WALK-ONS.

**Fields:** Games will be played at CSP fields 1 through 4, depending on availability (Saturday and Sunday afternoons).

**Goal Size:** 7 feet tall x 21 feet wide

**Ball:** Home team (1st on schedule) provides ball size 5.

**Equipment:** Shin guards are mandatory! Metal studs cleats are prohibited.

**Start of the Game:** No coin toss will be held. The Home Team will choose the end to attack, and the Away Team will kick off to start the game.

**Substitutions:** Unlimited substitutions are allowed for either team. Substitutions will be made for any team “on the fly” and must not interfere with play.

**Slide Tackles:** For the safety of all players and participants – slide tackles are NOT allowed at any time. If penalized, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

EXCEPTIONS: Goalkeepers may slide, but must attempt to play the ball with their hands.

Slide tackles from behind or with both legs extended have now been outlawed due to the injury and danger to other players that it causes. Any player involved in this type of tackle will be disciplined and can be subjected to suspension or expulsion from league. Team Captains must report this issue to Adult League Director.

Remember this is a **RECREATIONAL** soccer league. It should be **FUN! Safety** is the number one concern and players need to play under control at all times.

**Yellow & Red Cards:** It is a **recreational** league. Even though there will be no cards, if deliberate and persistent fouling occurs, the team captain needs to take player off the field.

**Injuries:** Any player who is bleeding must leave the field. Time will **not** be stopped for injuries.

**Goalkeeper Release:** Punts and drop kicks **are not** permitted. The ball must be distributed by a throw, normal place kick or kick from a dribble. **If penalized**, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team outside the penalty area. The goalkeeper may NOT handle the ball if intentionally passed to him from the feet of his own teammate.

**Standings:** Standings are kept only for seeding purposes for end of season tournament.

**Scoring Point System: Win=3 Tie=1 Loss=0**

**Tie Breakers:**

1. Head to Head (or record among tied teams where applicable)
2. Goal differential
3. Least goals against
4. Most goals scored

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### **End of Season Tournament Rules**

The 8v8 Co-ed Tournament will be played under FIFA Rules with the modifications and additions stated below:

**Length of Game:** The game will consist of two (2) 20-minute halves. Halftime will be 5 minutes.

**Illegal Players:** Any player that has not signed the original roster/waiver prior to the start of the season is considered an “illegal” player. All players during the tournament must be only on one (1) team. **No guest players are allowed.** Any “illegal player” will be disqualified from the match, and the team with the “illegal player” will automatically forfeit the game. Do not bring “ringers” for the tournament! Remember, it’s a recreational league!

**Championship Match Extra Time:** There will be two (2) five (5) minute extra periods played. “Golden Goal” applies; the first team to score wins. If the score is still tied after the two (2) Extra Time periods; the teams will go to Penalty Kicks (PK).

**Penalty Kicks:** There will be five (5) kickers. One (1) of the five (5) kickers must be a female (unless team does not have one during the match).

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**Soccer League Disclaimer:**

The STYSA Adult Soccer League’s mission is to provide recreational and leisure activities to all parties involved. As a participant in this league, you represent STYSA and the community. Be respectful of all players, fans, spectators, and league representatives. Please refrain from using foul and offensive language; regardless of what language it is spoken in. Team captains are responsible for the conduct of their teams. If team captain is absent from game, any player on the roster can assume the captain’s position for such game.

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The STYSA Adult Soccer League’s has a “**Zero Tolerance Policy**” towards fighting. Any player engaged in fighting will be suspended for the remainder of the season, without refund and may warrant exclusion from future seasons.

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Any questions or issues that need attention, please email [stysasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stysasoccer@gmail.com)

**Please observe Park Rules also (see attached)**

**ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL GAME, AND HAVE FUN !!!**

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## **GENERAL CHAPPAPEELA SPORTS PARK RULES**

1. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM HARD1 (ABSOLUTELY NO SEAFOOD ALLOWED).
2. NO GLASS CONTAINERS.
3. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.
4. NO OBSCENE BEHAVIOR OR PROFANE LANGUAGE WILL BE TOLERATED.
5. SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED PER CITY ORDINANCE 309-5138 C.S.
6. DRUGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. THE LAW WILL BE ENFORCED.
7. LITTERING AND DUMPING TRASH IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
8. NO FIREARMS, FIRES, FIREWORKS, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, OPEN BURNING OR USE OF ANY DEVICE WITH AN OPEN FLAME SUCH AS CANDLES, STERNO, ETC. ALLOWED. FIRE MARSHALL CODE WILL BE ENFORCED
9. NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDINGS AND/OR ON THE SPORTS FIELDS, UNLESS USED BY THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES. PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE WALKING TRAIL AND COMMON AREAS. PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN BE PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PET.
10. NO MOTOR HOMES OR RV'S ALLOWED.
11. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED. VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.
12. NO LOUD MUSIC (LIVE OR RECORDED) IS ALLOWED. ALL CAR STEREOS SHOULD BE TURNED LOW WHEN ENTERING THE PARK

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