



# O'Fallon Parks and Recreation

## Adult Soccer 8v8 Program Rules

Players are expected to follow the rules of the league. Referees are strongly encouraged by our leagues to enforce rules governing foul language and unsportsmanlike conduct. If you are ejected from a game for any reason, you will automatically receive a one game suspension. In doubleheader leagues this is either the second game of the doubleheader or the first game of the following week. A rainout is not a game and does not serve the suspension.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, BEVERAGES, OR PERSONAL COOLERS ARE ALLOWED AT O'FALLON FAMILY SPORTS PARK

The O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer leagues will operate under the official FIFA Soccer rules with the following league amendments and inclusions.

### **PLAYER AND TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **A. LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE FOR ADULT SPORTS**

Listed below are the levels of discipline to which the O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Department subscribes. Adult sport activities are an integral part of the leisure-time pursuits. However, they must maintain a sportsmanlike discipline, which accepts authority as well as competition. Each individual is responsible for the actions of their entire team.

**LEVEL 1:** Any swearing, abusive language directed to any official, supervisor, participant or spectator may cause ejection from game. After being ejected from the game, if the person continues harassment of the same or different individuals, it will cause ejection from the facility. Ejection from any game will result in that player or coach being automatically suspended for the next game.

**LEVEL 2:** If the individual either continues action stemming from Level 1, and his/her actions are serious enough (in the eyes of the program supervisor) or the individual threatens (verbally) anyone, especially the officials in charge, they may face a three (3) game suspension.

**LEVEL 3:** If the individual either continues action stemming from Level 1 or 2 or if the individual attempts a physical confrontation with anyone at the event, especially an official or program supervisor, it may lead to a one (1) year suspension.

***Examples:*** swinging a fist and missing; trying to hit, in any way, anyone; or causing something else to have contact with either another individual and/or their possessions.

**LEVEL 4:** If the individual continues action stemming from Level 3 or if the individual causes physical contact by himself/herself with anyone connected with the program in any way, the person may be expelled from the league or activity permanently. This also includes property/personal damage.

#### **B. TEAM CONDUCT**

- Persistent poor behavior by any team will result in the dismissal of that team from the league.

#### **C. COACHES & MANAGERS:**

- Each coach/manager is expected to make all players aware of the Player and Team Code of Conduct and will be held accountable for the players on the team and their actions.

## **Playing Field/Approved Equipment**

### **FIELD SETUP:**

- Games will be played at O'Fallon Family Sports Park turf soccer 9v9 sized fields.
- 9v9 field layout is the YELLOW lines

### **CLEATS/SHOES/GUARDS:**

- No metal spikes shall be worn. Players must have athletic style shoes to play, preferably turf soccer shoes.
- FIRST Offense: If any player has metal spikes on, that player will be asked to leave the field and change shoes.
- SECOND Offense: by a team in a game that player will be ejected.
- Shin Guards are not required but strongly encouraged

### **TEAM APPAREL:**

- Jerseys will NOT be provided by OPRD.
- Teams will decide team shirt color, with a backup shirt of another color.

## **Players/Rosters/Eligibility**

### **REFEREES & STAFF:**

- The referees and staff have the authority to deny the participation of any player, who in their opinion, appears to pose a threat to themselves and/or others due to intoxication or influence by a controlled substance - this shall not be considered an ejection; however, the individual will not be allowed to return to play another game on the same date. Decisions of the umpire and / or the League Coordinators are considered final.
- Only the coach will be allowed to question the decision of the referee within reason. The questioning must be done in an orderly manner. Any acts of unsportsmanlike conduct including the use of profane language, abusive or insulting language, shall forfeit the game by the offending team.

### **TEAM ROSTERS:**

- A team may carry 16 players on their official roster.
- **Once a roster is finalized by GAME 3, any changes must be made in writing, submitted, and approved by Kristen Pelley, the League Supervisor.**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Each player must be 18 years of age by the **first** scheduled game for each division to participate
- All players must be listed on the official roster on file with the O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Department to be eligible to play.
- If a team uses a non-rostered player and the opponent protests the game, that team will forfeit that game.
- If a team believes that the opposing team is using a non-rostered player, the team captain must lodge a protest with the referee prior to the final out of the game.
  - In any protest, a FULL roster check will follow
  - Players must each must present a valid photo I.D. to the referee/league representative

- Official(s) will make note of the original player in question. Protesting team must follow up with the League Supervisor, Kristen Pelley decision can be ruled on site OR with a written protest before an official ruling will be made.
- **Failure to produce a valid photo ID will result in that player being considered illegal, and a forfeit will result.**

**NOTE:** Individuals that are listed on the Free Agent list, are considered as rostered players for all teams, and therefore cannot be protested. However, a Free Agent may only legally play for one team per division per night.

### **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- Each team must have 8 players, 7 field players and 1 goalie.
- To start a game, each team must have at least 7 players

### ***COED SUPPLEMENTAL RULES***

- Teams play with 8 players; at least 2 must be female on the playing field
- Both teams must have at least 7 players, with 1 being female to begin play

## **Game Play**

### ***Time Limits/Complete Games/Forfeits/Playing Rules***

#### **TIME LIMIT:**

- At game time the **CLOCK WILL BE STARTED**, no exceptions. If unable to start by the time **15 minutes has elapsed, then the game is declared a forfeit.**
- Games will consist of two 25-minute halves.

#### **COMPLETE GAME**

- A complete game will consist of 35 minutes.
  - Any inclement weather causing a game to be cancelled during play, will be rescheduled if not considered a complete game
- Any cancelled games due to inclement weather will be rescheduled later in the session

#### **FORFEITS**

- Any team that does not have at least 7 players for the game, will forfeit and game will NOT be rescheduled

#### **RESCHEDULES:**

- Games that were cancelled due to unforeseen conditions will be rescheduled later in the session
- For each following occurrence, games may be rescheduled for a different night or cancelled with a pro-refund of league fees, and the current standings will be used to determine the winner of each league.

#### **PLAYING RULES:**

##### **Substitutions**

- Substitutions can be done on any dead ball with the referee's permission.
- Illegal substitutions will result in a yellow card

##### **Sliding and Slide Tackling:**

- Slide tackling is NOT allowed

- Determination of a “Slide tackle” is at the discretion of the Referee
- Goalkeepers are exempt from this rule inside their own penalty area where they can play within the standard FIFA rules
- Sliding and making contact with an opposing player, regardless of contact with the ball, will result in a direct free kick, or penalty kick if within penalty box.

### **Yellow and Red Cards**

- 4 yellow cards in one season will result in a one game suspension
- Yellow card accumulation will not carry over to a new session
- Any team that receives 4 yellow cards in one game will play down one player for the remainder of the game; If a 6<sup>th</sup> yellow card is obtained, the offending team will receive a forfeit.
- All Red card offenders, soft reds or hard red, will receive a one game suspension
- **ANY PHYSICAL Fighting will result in immediate removal of that player from facility and a 3-game suspension.**

## **Post Season Playoffs**

Playoffs are evaluated on a season by season basis.

**Required ID checks in all postseason games by officials, league coordinator, or league supervisor.**

**All players must present a valid ID and be on the official team roster in order to participate in playoffs.**

*All playoff games will follow time limits as regular season games except for the championship game, which will result with a winning.*

### **LEAGUE TIE-BREAKERS**

1. Fewest number of team forfeits will always be the first tiebreaker
2. Between two teams:
  - Head to Head competition between the teams tied.
  - If two teams still tied, the team with the greater margin of victory head to head.
  - If still tied, this process will be repeated beginning with the team with the best record in the standings and continuing with each subsequent team until the tie is broken.
3. Three or more teams (until only two teams tied, then follow two team process):
  - Head to Head competition between the teams tied.
  - Margin of Victory with all tied teams.
  - Fewest goals allowed head to head.
4. If still tied, this process will be repeated beginning with the team with the best record in the standings and continuing with each subsequent team until only two teams remain tied.

## **Cancellations/Rainouts**

*Cancellation/Rainout Hotline: 618-622-1439*

A cancellation due to unplayable conditions or unforeseen conflicts, will be rescheduled. Completed games will follow the completed games rules as previously stated.

- The O’Fallon rainout hotline will be updated **by 4pm at the earliest** for any game cancellations
- Any cancellations will be put on the Hotline; ***do not contact Parks and Recreation for cancellation information.***
- If severe weather ensues during games, the decision will be made by the referees and site managers.
- If a game is cancelled while in progress, the game will follow Game Rules previously stated as a complete game or incomplete game. ***Everyone must leave the playing field immediately and proceed to a safe area.***

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