



Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department COED 8V8 SOCCER RULES

FHSAA Rules with the Following Exceptions

Updated as of: 3/2/23



1. The Port Orange Parks & Recreation Department and specifically the league supervisor has complete control of all activities at the field, and they have the authority to ask anyone to leave the area for loud, obnoxious, disorderly behavior, drinking alcohol, or disregarding the rules. This will include all players, coaches, and spectators. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture of your game and suspension. **Warning: No alcoholic beverages allowed on city property. No tobacco products allowed on the field.**
2. All teams must have a designated captain/coach/manager.
3. There will be a maximum of 8 Teams for this Spring 2023 League. Game times will be 6:30pm and 7:30pm start times.
4. A game consists of a continuous running clock for two 25 min halves. Halftime will consist of a 5-minute break. Ties are allowed during regular season play. In the case of playoffs, if game is tied, a one 5-minute overtime will be played. If game is still tied, a 5 player shoot out will occur. The official will flip a coin to see which team will kick first.
5. After the first week of games there will be no refunds.
6. Fields, referees, soccer balls, and goals are provided for the games.
7. All players must be 18 years old prior to playing in their first game. All team rosters will be at the field. Coaches may add players to their roster until the 6th game of the season. After that you must get approval from the league supervisor to add a player. The league supervisor has the right to deny any/all roster changes. Players may switch teams only 1 time and must be before the 6th game. A player can only be on one team roster.
8. Captains/coaches/managers are responsible for informing players and spectators of all rules. Due to this responsibility, captains/coaches/managers may be ejected or suspended because of their player's actions. This will be at the discretion of the field supervisor.
9. There is a maximum of 8 team players on the field at a time, 7 field players and a goalie. A team of 8 players must always field at least 2 women. To start or finish a game, teams must have 6 total players (5 men and at least 1 woman). You can play down to 5 men and 1 woman until someone else shows up but to be a full team capacity, you need to have 6 men and 2 women. If one or both teams do not have enough to start, there will be a 10-minute grace period for the first game time only. You are allowed to play 6 men and 1 woman. You can always play with more women than men.
10. There is NO MERCY Rule: Teams will play the full time allotted for the game.

11. Only registered team members are allowed on the sidelines. Teams will sit on the inside of the field and spectators must sit on the far sideline. No one is permitted to sit behind the goals.
12. Each team is expected to clean up their sidelines.
13. Teams must shag their own soccer ball during game play. Staff and officials will not retrieve soccer balls. This is including soccer balls that go in the lake/woods.
14. There will be no profanity during games. Badgering or taunting of opponents, officials, or spectators is prohibited. First incident will be a warning from either the official, league supervisor or staff. Second incident will be an ejection from the game.
15. **There is NO offsides rule.**
16. Players (except goalies) cannot intentionally leave their feet to go to the ground for any reason (i.e. slide tackling). A violation will be called immediately, resulting in an indirect free kick.
17. Players who receive a yellow card must temporarily leave the game with a new player allowed to substitute. Players who receive a red card will be ejected and the team will play a player down for the remainder of the game. 2 yellow cards equal 1 red card. Ejected players will be suspended for at least 1 game or more, per the league supervisor discretion. Ejected players must leave the facility immediately. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game. Players who receive two red cards in the same season will be removed from the league. Players removed from the league MUST contact league supervisor to schedule a meeting for reinstatement back into league.
18. Flagrant, willful misconduct, or fighting will be cause for immediate removal from the league without a refund. Any fights will result in automatic league suspension and forfeit of the rest of the games for the season per the discretion of the league supervisor.
19. Teams who receive 3 yellow cards or 1 red card and 1 yellow card in a game regardless of who received the cards will result in an automatic game forfeit. No matter how much time has passed/is left in the game or the score.
20. Jerseys are not provided for the teams. All players must have like colored jerseys. Players with non-matching jerseys can only play if the opposing manager/coach/team captain agrees to it.
21. No electronic usage during games. This includes cell phones, earphones or headphones with or without music.
22. All rainouts will be rescheduled by the Port Orange Recreation Department. If a game is called for rain at 25 minutes or after, the game is considered complete and will not be rescheduled. Rescheduled games may fall on other nights of the week. It will be the manager's responsibility

to inform their players of rainouts and make-ups. Rainouts will be communicated through either the RecDesk system, email, or group text to the captains. Please sign up for the RecDesk alerts by selecting the option in your registration profile for receiving text alerts.

23. Awards: Team shirts will be awarded only for the 1st and 2nd place teams during the tournament. Tiebreaker for seeding for playoffs goes head-to-head, goals for, goals against, and then coin flip.
24. Animals are NOT allowed on the playing fields.
25. Forfeited games can be played as a scrimmage (unless last game of night) but does NOT count toward standings. There will be no official during scrimmage games.
26. **All players must wear shin guards and proper soccer cleats-no metal cleats-** before being allowed to play. If a player is caught without shin guards during play, they must come out of the game and the other team has a PK. If a player is wearing a brace, it must be completely padded.
27. Normal soccer rules are played regarding a goalie handling the ball. Violations will result in an indirect free kick from penalty arc.
28. Substitution: Flying substitutions are allowed. This means that teams may sub at any time during the game. However, the player coming off the field must be completely off before the player entering the game can step onto the field. An illegal substitution will result in an indirect kick from where play stopped (no closer than 15 yards from the goal).
29. Defending players must be at least 12 feet from the ball on all free kicks.
30. The winner of the coin toss may choose either first possession of the ball or side of field. The other team then gets the remaining option. First possession & side of field then changes at the start of the second half.
31. All violations outside the penalty box will result in an indirect free kick. All defensive violations inside the penalty box will result in a penalty kick. Violations include:
 - a. Handling the ball.
 - b. Pushing, holding, or screening an opponent.
 - c. Jumping at or kicking an opponent.
 - d. Tripping or using the knee on an opponent.
 - e. Charging an opponent violently.
 - f. Charging the goalie inside the penalty area.
 - g. Dangerous play or unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - h. Interfering with the goalie or impeding him/her in any manner until he/she releases the ball.
 - i. Kicking or attempting to kick the ball from the goalie when it is his/her possession.
32. **There will be no protests- this is a recreational league.**

The standings will be posted on the City of Port Orange website. <https://www.port-orange.org/534/Adult-Sports>

If you have any questions regarding the League rules, please call our main office 386-506-5851 or Michael Niederlander, Athletic Supervisor, at 386-506-5854.

