



Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department 2020 COED 8V8 SOCCER RULES

FHSAA Rules with the Following Exceptions

Updated as of: 9/15/20



1. The Port Orange Parks & Recreation Department and specifically the league director has complete control of all activities at the field and they have the authority to ask anyone to leave the area for loud, obnoxious or 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: there is no alcoholic beverages allowed on city property or obvious on field tobacco use during games.**
2. All teams must have a designated captain/coach/manager.
3. 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 players actions. This will be at the discretion of the league director.
4. 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 of finish a game, teams must have 6 total players (one of which must be a woman). 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.
5. A game consists of a continuous clock running 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.
6. If a team is down by 5 or more goals with 10 minutes or less remaining in the second half the game will be over.
7. 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.
8. Each team is expected to clean up their sidelines.
9. Each team must shag their own ball during games. Staff and officials will not retrieve balls. Including balls that go in the lake/woods.
10. There will be no use of profane language during games. Badgering or taunting of opponents, officials, or spectators is prohibited. First incident will be a warning from either the official, league director or staff. Second incident will be an ejection from the game.
11. **There is NO off sides rule.**

12. 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.
13. 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 director's 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 athletics to schedule a meeting with the Soccer program director for reinstatement back into league play.
14. 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 director.
15. Teams who receive 3 yellow cards 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.
16. 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.
17. After the first week of games there will be no refunds. Players may register until the 6th regular season game. Every player MUST be registered for the team the player plays on. All players must be 18 years old prior to playing in their first game. All team rosters will be at the field and staff will be checking players. The league director has the right to deny or approve any/all roster changes. Players may switch teams only 1 time and must be before the closing date, a player can only play on 1 team at a time.
18. Fields, referees, soccer balls, and goals are provided for the games.
19. No electronic usage during games. This includes cell phones and music with or without headphones.
20. **There will be no protests- this is a recreational league.**
21. All rain-outs will be rescheduled by the Port Orange Recreation Department. If a game is called for rain at 40 minutes or after, the game is considered complete and will not be rescheduled. Friday games may be necessary late in the season. It will be the manager's responsibility to inform their players of rainouts and make-ups. Rain-outs will be communicated through the RECALERT system. Please sign up for the RECALERT by texting RECALERT to 55678.

22. A Team Trophy will be awarded out to the 1st and 2nd place teams for regular season league play. Championship t-shirts will be given to the tournament winners.
23. Animals are NOT allowed on the playing field.
24. 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.
25. All players must wear shin guards and proper soccer cleats-no metal cleats- before being allowed to play. If a player is wearing a brace, it must be completely padded.
26. Normal soccer rules are played regarding a goalie handling the ball. Violations will result in an indirect free kick from penalty arc.
27. 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).
28. Defending players must be at least 12 feet from the ball on all free kicks.
29. The winner of the coin toss may choose either first possession of the ball or side of field. The other team then gets to choose the remaining option. First possession & side of field then change at the start of the second half.
30. 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 or kicking or attempting to kick the ball when it is in his/her possession.

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

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