

# **The Gathering Place @ Community Church of Greenwood**

## **Co-ed Adult Soccer Rules**

### **A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. A spiritual message and prayer will be provided prior to the start of each game.
2. **TEAM FEES ARE DUE IN FULL BY THE END OF THE SECOND GAME.** The GP Adult Sports Director reserves the right to declare a forfeit for any team not paid in full.

### **B. ROSTER**

1. All players **MUST** complete and sign the official roster. If a player is not on the roster, the player is ineligible. Any team that plays an ineligible player will forfeit all affected games.
2. The official roster **MUST** be completed by the beginning of the second game.
3. **NO** roster changes can be made after the team's second game. Special requests may be made to The GP Adult Sports Director up to 24 hours before a scheduled game. Limited to 1 per league session.
4. False or incorrect information on rosters is grounds for a team to be dismissed from the league without a refund.
5. Team rosters are limited to 12 players, with minimum 2 of those being female.
6. Players may only play on **ONE** team. No player may play on multiple teams (either in the regular season or the tournament). An infraction of this rule will result in the team's forfeiting of the game.
7. A team's captain may request a roster check at any point between the pre-game devotional and five minutes following the conclusion of the game. If a team is found to have violated any roster rule, the referee and/or GP supervisor may report the infraction to The GP Adult Sports Director for a ruling.

### **C. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. Players must be at least 18 years of age. Proof of age is required. Exceptions may apply if granted by The GP Adult Sports Director up to 24 hours before a scheduled game.
2. Players must be in good standing with The Gathering Place.

### **D. EQUIPMENT**

1. Each team **MUST** wear a similar-colored jersey.
2. Cleats of any kind are not allowed.
3. No hard knee braces or dangling jewelry (including earring hoops) are allowed.

## E. GAME

1. There is a 5-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD AT THE START OF A GAME. Teams unable to play after that time will forfeit the game.
2. Six players are on the field at any given time, with a maximum of 4 being male and a minimum of 2 being female.
3. Games consist of two 25-minute running clock halves with a 5-minute half time. The clock will stop only during special situations called by the referee.
4. OVERTIME – Decided by penalty kicks in the tournament only (best of 5). A regular season game may end in a tie.
5. Substitutions are allowed at any time.
6. Any part of the boundary net is out of bounds. The opponent will receive a kick from the spot from where the ball and net meet.
7. No slide tackling.
8. No punting.
9. Direct kicks are allowed.
10. No pass-backs to the goal keeper
11. Unlimited scoring per player for competitive league; a limit of 3 goals per player for recreational league.

## F. FORFEITS

1. A forfeit may be declared by the referee in favor of the team not at fault for violations governing forfeiture in the Official IHSAA Rule Book and these supplemental rules.
2. Any team forfeiting 2 games will be dismissed from the league without refund.
3. Teams may start a game with 5 players (at least 1 female) on the field. Teams may drop down to 5 players (at least 1 female) on the field for any reason. A team must have 1 female to start a game.
4. If a team must start with 5 players (with at least 1 female), the team with the correct amount of players at the start of the game does not have to drop down to 5 players, but may play with 6. Teams may play 6-on-5.

## G. CONDUCT

1. This is a Christian Church league and the attitudes and actions of players and spectators should be of highest quality.
2. The Gathering Place is a drug, alcohol and tobacco Free Zone.
3. THIS IS A ZERO TOLERANCE LEAGUE. Trash talking, foul language, swearing, and rough play will not be tolerated. Anyone striking at, fighting with, harassing, or in any way intentionally causing bodily harm to another person in conjunction with this league (player, referee, staff, spectator) may be immediately and indefinitely suspended from all Gathering Place activities at the discretion of the GP staff.
4. In order to preserve the safety of everyone at The GP, in the case of a violation of Rules G.2 and G.3 above, The GP reserves the right to seek help from the Greenwood Police Department, if needed.
5. Suspended participants may seek reinstatement by submitting a request to The GP Adult Sports Director asking for review and reinstatement.

## H. CAPTAINS

1. Team Captains are responsible for the following:
  - Informing players of all rules, regulations and guidelines for conduct
  - The conduct of all members and spectators of his or her team
  - Keeping email addresses and phone numbers current with The GP Adult Sports Director
  - Collecting all team entry fees and making sure balances are paid in full by the end of the second game, with ONE payment.

## I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The GP Supervisor is in charge of all decisions except when it involves a referee's decision as to the play of the game.
2. The GP Adult Sports Director has the authority to make rulings on any matter related to this league.