



## **CITY OF KERRVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SOCCER BY-LAWS**

### **COVID-19 DISCLAIMER**

Due to COVID-19 there will be extra precautionary measures set in place to ensure the safety of our players, teams, and referees. City staff are following the Open Texas guidelines by the Governor's office. All spectators are encouraged to stay in their cars or set up in the parking lot however it is not required. Individuals should avoid being in a group larger than 10 individuals. Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects. Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, all spectators should consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). If available, spectators should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks. The sideline substitutes are encouraged to also maintain social distancing as well until they step on to the field. Hand sanitizer will be available on site as well.

### **JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING RULES**

1. Managers and players of teams shall at all times be under jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department in all matters pertaining to the rules, eligibility, conduct and schedules. Parks and Recreation Specialist and the Recreation Coordinator are herein considered Commissioners of the League.
2. Each player should treat their fellow athletes, referees, spectators, and other staff with respect and courtesy at all times. Any profane or malicious comments directed at any of the aforementioned people will not be tolerated.
3. Poor sportsmanship is considered the following: arguing with referees, yelling at opposing players, and using profane remarks or gestures. These are just a few. Poor sportsmanship can result in an ejection from a game and/or league if necessary. Refunds will not be given for teams that forfeit the league due to behavioral issues.

### **OFFICIALS**

1. All officials have complete charge of the games. Decisions of the officials are final.
2. Officials also have the jurisdiction to stop ANY unsportsmanlike conduct of players, coaches, managers or anyone on the field. If such conduct continues, the offender(s) will be asked to leave the grounds and could result in red cards and further suspensions at the discretion of officials and Commissions. A player who is suspended from League play will not be allowed to assist his/her team in any fashion. If the offender does not comply within two (2) minutes, the officials will declare a forfeit for the offender's team.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

1. A player must be registered at the Parks and Recreation Office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of his/her participation with any team (providing he/she has not played with another team). To be registered, a player/full team fee shall have been paid and a waiver form shall be signed.
2. For the sake of consistency, once the season begins, full rosters of 13 players are final. ID's will be shown at the beginning of the season to assure teams are using consistent rosters.
3. Exceptions will be made for teams with player(s) suffering **season-ending injuries**. If this is the case, a team can add a player in the injured person's place with permission from the league commissioner.
4. Prior to registration deadline, any eligible player of a disbanded team shall be considered a free-agent and eligible for signing.
5. If an event such as a team disbandment occurs players that still want to play have the opportunity to become a free agent to the league commissioner's discretion.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

1. No metal cleats will be allowed. Players may wear regulation soccer shoes, tennis shoes or rubber/plastic turf-type cleated shoes. Any rubber/plastic turf-type cleated shoes must have the toe cleat removed before any participation. Shoes will be checked before each game.
2. Players will not play barefooted or without shirts.
3. Game jerseys should have a number on the back, all of a similar color with the goalkeeper wearing a color that will distinguish him/her from other players. Duplicate numbers are not allowed. Number 0 and 00 are legal.

## **CONDUCT OF GAMES**

1. Defending goal will be determined by a flip of the coin prior to each game.
2. All Adult League games will be two (2) 25-minute halves and a 5-minute half time. Any additional time is to the discretion of the official.
3. At any time, a game will be halted if one team is 10 goals ahead of the other. However, if both teams wish to play out the game as a friendly, the two teams may do so.
4. Rained out games will be rescheduled and set by the league commissioner.
5. If there is any doubt as to whether a game is canceled due to weather, CAPTAINS may call the Parks and Recreation Specialist on the day of the game.
6. Only officials have the authority to cancel games at game time due to inclement weather. The judgment of an official whether to play or cancel the game due to weather is final and may not be protested.

## **TEAM ROSTER**

1. TEAM ROSTERS WILL BE LIMITED TO THIRTEEN (13) PLAYERS.
  - a. Unless otherwise allowed by the League Commissioner

2. A team consists of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A team may start with six (6) players minimum the other team will play with eight (8) players. If the player number falls below six (6) because of an ejection, the game is forfeited.
3. Team will receive a forfeit if they are not prepared to start at 5 minutes past kickoff time.
4. Substitutes must be reported to an official before they are considered to be legally in the game.
5. No smoking will be allowed on the playing area. Pick up your trash before you leave. Trash barrels are provided, USE THEM.

### **CITY OF KERRVILLE GUIDELINES**

1. City of Kerrville Ordinance prohibits anyone disrupting a City organized function by fighting, using profanity (verbal, gestures, etc.) or any other unsportsmanlike behavior.
2. City of Kerrville Ordinance 89-10 prohibits alcohol at the playing field thirty (30) minutes before, during and for thirty (30) minutes after City sponsored games.
3. City of Kerrville Ordinance strictly prohibits glass containers in the City Parks and Recreation areas.

### **GAMESMANSHIP/GAME RULES**

1. Pushing of any kind towards another player is warranted a **straight yellow card**. All players involved in the action will be given a card. No exceptions.
2. Yellow and Red cards will accumulate throughout the season. Below are the rules about cards and how they will be enforced.
  - a. If a player is given two yellow cards during a match he/she will be ejected from the contest.
  - b. If a player is given a red card during the match he/she will be ejected from the game and serve a 1 match suspension.
  - c. If a player accumulates 6 points during the regular season he/she will serve a 3 game suspension.
  - d. Yellow cards = 1 point ; Red cards = 3 points
  - e. Once playoffs start all points are erased however, if a suspension has started in the regular season it will carry over to the playoffs.
  - f. Player can have suspension for the season if an accumulation of 12 points is made.
3. NO offside on goal kicks.
4. NO offside on throw-ins.
5. NO slide tackling of any kind. Player will be given a **straight yellow card** for attempting/committing a slide tackle.
6. All calls and cards are to the discretion of the referee crew & are not to be objected during the match. IF there is a problem with a referee discuss it with the league commissioner. Do not approach the referee during the match.

## **ADDRESSING THE OFFICIALS**

1. The playing team captains are the **ONLY** team representatives who may approach the official.
2. Parks and Recreation representatives have the authority to suspend a player for flagrant rule violation. The representative has the authority to suspend any further play and declare a forfeit for a flagrant rule violation from the sideline.
3. If, after a game, a player(s) pursues an official for the purpose of complaining about calls, making profane or derogatory gestures or remarks about how the official has officiated the game, that player(s) will be suspended.
4. Do not get too close to the ref. Any intentional contact with ref will result in ejection.
5. During controversial matters teams will go to their sidelines while the refs discuss the ruling.
6. Refs and players are to show respect for each other. Repeat offenders of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR FANS UNDER CONTROL! You are responsible for the conduct of your spectators.**

## **PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATIONS**

1. To reserve a field, a person must come to the Parks and Recreation Office during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). No reservations will be made by phone.
2. Fields can be reserved for a maximum of an hour and a half, and not more than twice in a calendar week. Reservations may be made one week in advance; i.e. Monday for next Monday, Wednesday for next Wednesday.
3. No reservations will be taken immediately prior to scheduled soccer games.

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