

Adult Outdoor 11v11 Soccer

League Rules

Team managers have the responsibility of informing team members of these rules and regulations and to assure Keva these rules will be followed.

Keva Sports Center Officials will use FIFA Laws of the Game, with the exceptions that are listed below. All players and coaches are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of the Keva Sports Center. All referees' decisions are final.

1. Number of Players and Substitutions

- 1.1. Online waivers are to be submitted prior to team's first game; visit www.kevasports.com to submit waiver.
 - 1.1.1. Online waivers are valid for one (1) year.
- 1.2. Teams will play with 10 field players and a goalkeeper.
- 1.3. All teams must have at least 6 players and a goalkeeper on the field to begin a match. Teams with fewer than 7 players will forfeit the match. The goalkeeper may be of either gender. See Section 5 Forfeits for details.
- 1.4. In coed leagues, no more than 5 of the field players may be men. The goalkeeper may be of either gender.
- 1.5. Substitutions are unlimited. A team may substitute prior to any throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, after a goal, and at halftime. The substituting player must be ready to go prior to the stoppage in play and all subs are up to referee's discretion. Injured players may substitute.
- 1.6. Mens Over 30 & Coed Over 30 League teams must have 100% of roster age 30 or above. No exceptions.
- 1.7. Mens Over 40 League teams must have 100% of roster age 40 or above. No exceptions.
- 1.8. Mens Over 50 League teams must have 100% of roster age 50 or above. No exceptions.
- 1.9. Referees have authority to ask player to verify age with proper identification.

2. Players' Equipment

- 2.1. Shin guards are mandatory for all players – no exceptions. Players without shin guards will not be allowed to play until the referee has checked that the shin guards are being worn.
- 2.2. Keva's cleat policy will be enforced. Bars, blades, or other modified cleats are prohibited. Visit www.kevasports.com for specific information or ask a Keva Sports Center associate.
- 2.3. Jerseys shall be similarly colored jerseys or T-shirts with numbers. In the event of a color conflict, the home team shall wear an alternate color.
- 2.4. Hard casts are not allowed – even if they are padded.
- 2.5. Jewelry, watches, and other dangerous equipment must be removed before the game.

3. The Referees

- 3.1. The referee has the authority from the moment they enter the playing area until they leave the playing area.
- 3.2. The referee's decision is final. Player or coach dissent may result in a yellow or red card being issued to the offending person. *Profane dissent will result in a red card and a minimum one game suspension.*
- 3.3. Play is stopped when the referee's whistle is blown.
- 3.4. The game clock will start at the scheduled game time. This will occur whether teams are or are not ready to play.
- 3.5. At no time are players, managers, team personnel, or supporters allowed to threaten or touch a referee. Players, managers, and supporters who do commit such an act will be immediately removed from the venue.
- 3.6. If a referee is late but arrives before the first half is over he/she must be paid in full. If the referee arrives at halftime or in the second half he/she must be paid half the contracted fee.
- 3.7. In Spring and Fall Mens Over 30 leagues a referee must be on the field for the duration of the game for the game to be valid. If the referee is late, we ask that you wait up to fifteen minutes. If he/she arrives within the fifteen minute time period you may play the game, and he/she must be paid in full. If referee is not there after fifteen minutes, and both managers agree, a qualified spectator may step out and referee the match. If no referee is

available after fifteen minutes the teams may stay and play a “friendly” match and the game will be rescheduled.

4. Duration of the Game

4.1. 45 minute halves with a 10-minute halftime.

4.1.1. With temperatures exceeding 89 degrees, there will be 20-minute quarters, with 5-minute intervals between each quarter. Players who have notified the referee may leave the field for water at any stoppage in play.

4.2. There will be no overtime. Tied scores stand as such.

4.3. The referee may terminate the game at any time due to the conduct or actions of either team or its supporters if the referee deems that such conduct or actions are detrimental to the game. The team responsible for the referee terminating the game will forfeit and the other team will be declared the winner.

5. Forfeits

5.1. Any team that does not have at least 7 registered players on the field ready to play, within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match, shall forfeit the match. The opposing team will be declared the winner of the match by a 3-0 score.

5.2. If neither team has at least 7 registered players on the field ready to play, by 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match, both teams will forfeit and no winner will be declared.

5.2.1. Teams may request that the referee remain and officiate a “friendly match” with the players on hand who desire to play. The referee will be paid the contracted fee for the match.

5.3. If a forfeit is unavoidable, the forfeiting team may notify Keva Sports Center at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled match time. By doing so, both teams are relieved of their responsibility to compensate the scheduled official.

5.3.1. Should the forfeiting team give less than 48-hour notice of impending forfeit, they alone will be responsible for compensating the scheduled official the FULL referee fee.

5.3.2. If a team pays the referee before the game and the opposing team does not show up, the referee is to give the fee back to the paying team. Keva will then be responsible for collecting the fee from the forfeiting team.

5.3.3. The opponents of forfeiting teams retain the rights to the field for the scheduled date and time for scrimmage or practice time. No official will be provided through Keva Sports Center.

5.3.4. Other than weather related cancellations, games will not be rescheduled.

5.4. Should a team forfeit two games within one season they will be expelled from the league without refund or credit of registration fees. All remaining games will be forfeited to opponents who may utilize the scheduled field times for practice or scrimmage purposes.

5.5. No refunds or credits of registration fees will be given to either team for forfeited games.

6. Complications Due to Weather

6.1. Lightning or thunder in the vicinity of the field is grounds for immediate interruption of play. Play may not continue until at least 20 minutes pass without the re-occurrence of thunder or lightning.

6.2. Any game that is called off prior to the completion of the first half of play due to the weather will be rescheduled and the official will retain the referee’s fee in full. Teams will be responsible for compensating the referee with half the referee fee at the rescheduled match. Keva Sports Center will be responsible for paying the other half of the contracted referee fee.

6.3. Any game that is called off due to the weather at half time or after will result in the score at the stoppage of play standing as the final score.

7. Player Conduct Rules

7.1. A player who intentionally commits any of the following offenses will be penalized and a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from where the infraction occurred:

7.1.1. Jumps at an opponent.

7.1.2. Holds an opponent.

7.1.3. Pushes an opponent.

7.1.4. Intentionally plays the ball with hand or arm.

7.1.5. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.

7.1.6. Charges an opponent.

- 7.1.7. When tackling an opponent, makes contact with opponent before touching the ball.
- 7.1.8. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
- 7.1.9. Trips or attempts to trip an opponent.
- 7.1.10. Spits at an opponent.
- 7.2. Any of the following fouls committed by a player will result in an indirect free kick:
 - 7.2.1. Dangerous play (high kick, sliding, etc.).
 - 7.2.2. Obstruction.
 - 7.2.3. Offside.
 - 7.2.4. Handling the ball by the goalkeeper after an intentional pass played with the foot of a teammate.
 - 7.2.5. Handling the ball by the goalkeeper again after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any player.
- 7.3. **High & Hard Rule:** Any hard kick that is made above waist height when opposing players (other than the goalkeeper) are near the path of the ball will be ruled illegal. This rule does not apply when the kicking player is shooting directly on goal with only the goalkeeper in the path of the ball. Infractions are dealt with as follows:
 - 7.3.1. Persistent violation of this rule by the same player may result in a yellow card.
 - 7.3.1.1. This rule will be enforced in all 11v11 games.
- 7.4. **Red and Yellow Cards** – Any player red carded will be ejected from the game and will serve a minimum one game suspension. The team will play down a player for the rest of the game the red card was issued. If a player is issued two red cards within one season he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season. A red card will also be issued if a player receives two yellow cards within the same game. The player will serve a minimum one game suspension. If a player receives three yellow cards in separate games throughout a season, a one game suspension will be issued.
- 7.5. Slide Tackles shall be considered dangerous play and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. (Slide tackling is allowed in the Fall and Spring Mens Over 30 league).
- 7.6. Fighting will not be tolerated. Violators will be issued a red card, and may be prohibited from any future participation through Keva Sports Center.
- 7.7. Any player or manager that must be removed from league play or the venue because of misconduct will not be refunded for league fees.

8. Miscellaneous

- 8.1. Alcohol: Due to Madison City Park athletic facilities rental regulations, alcohol shall not be consumed or present at the field of play before, during or after a scheduled match. Violation of this rule may lead to a team's immediate and permanent expulsion from Keva Sports Center and its' leagues.
- 8.2. Keva Sports Center management reserves the right to expel a player or coach from league play for gross violations of the Laws of the Game or the League Rules.
- 8.3. Management reserves the right to change the League Rules at any time to make outdoor 11v11 league play safer and more enjoyable for all participants and spectators.
- 8.4. A \$300 deposit must be paid prior to the registration deadline in order to register a team into a league. The deposit will be credited toward the registration fee. Fees will not be refunded to any team canceling within 3 weeks of league starting.
- 8.5. League fees include Wisconsin sales tax.
- 8.6. All league fees must be paid in full before the start of the first game. A \$25 late fee will be assessed to the team if balance is not paid prior to the first game, and the team will not be allowed to play in game two until the balance is paid.
- 8.7. Teams must be prepared to play games on days/times not specified.
- 8.8. No refunds will be given instead of rescheduled games.
- 8.9. If games need to be cancelled because of weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, each team manager will be called at least two hours prior to kickoff. After this time it is a game time decision to be made at the field depending on conditions.