

Wellington Recreation Official Adult Coed Soccer Manual



Purpose of League Play

The purpose of the league sponsored by Wellington Recreation is to provide adults with the opportunity to play soccer in a safe and friendly environment. **Friendly competition and clean sportsmanship will be emphasized.**

General Information

All managers are responsible for the information contained in this manual as well as making sure all players are aware of the information contained in this manual. All rules conform to FIFA with following exceptions under Game Rules below.

Rosters

1. All team rosters are unlimited.
2. All players must be at least sixteen years old to play.
3. Players must sign official roster before playing in a scheduled game.

Protests

All protests concerning rule interpretations must be made before game restart and require immediate payment of a \$50.00 protest fee (CASH ONLY). No protest will be allowed on judgment calls. Protests concerning player eligibility will be handled in the following manner: Any team who feels their opponent is playing with an ineligible player must notify the referee, when the player in question enters the game, of their intent to protest. The player in question must present a current state issued ID within two minutes. Failure to present an ID will disqualify the player from the remainder of the game. In case of roster check, the team must file a roster check protest with the field supervisor prior to the last play of the game. Teams playing with ineligible players will forfeit the game and players will be ineligible for the remainder of that day's events and all events the following week.

Team Responsibilities

1. Each team is required to wear like colored jerseys. Each player must have a unique numbered jersey.
2. Be on time for all games.
3. Follow all league rules as stated in manual.
4. Monitor sportsmanship of team mates and team fans/spectators.
5. Prior to game, each team must turn in a lineup that includes the following: team name, player's first initial and last name, player's number (blank lineups can be downloaded from the Town's website).

Town Responsibilities

1. Provide a minimum of one official per game.
2. Provide a safe facility for game play.
3. Provide and a game ball and goals.
4. Keep managers informed of all changes to rules, schedules, or other program information.

Game Rules

Law I-The Field:

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length not more than 80 yards nor less than 40 yards, its width not more than 40 yards nor less than 30 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.
- B. Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide.
A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
Four corner arcs each with a three (3) foot radius.
Goal area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
Penalty Box area: Ten (10) yards by twenty six (26) yards.
Goals: Six (6) feet high and ten (10) feet wide.

Law II-The Ball: Size five (5).

Law III-Number of Players:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven (7 v 7) including the goal keeper. There shall be a minimum of three (3) female players on the field (not including the goal keeper) at all times. There may be more than 3 female players on the field.
- B. There is no maximum number of players that can be on a roster though each player must have signed the official team roster. In no event, will a player, who has not signed the official team roster, be allowed to participate.
- C. One goal keeper will be used. Keepers must wear a jersey that signifies them as different from the other players.
- D. Substitutions must be made "on the fly" and **ONLY** in the **designated substitution area** near midfield. Substituted players must be off the field before new player enters field. Penalty for too many players on the field at one time will be a caution (yellow card) to the illegal player, and an **INDIRECT** free kick from the point the ball was at the time the infraction has affected play. Advantage rule applied when appropriate. Goalie substitution: Only during play stoppage and with the consent of the official.
- E. In order to avoid forfeits teams may borrow players from another teams roster up to the minimum needed to play (i.e. teams may not borrow players in order to have substitutes).

Law IV-Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
- B. Shin-guards are **MANDATORY**.
- C. Teams shall wear jerseys of like color with minimum six (6) inch numbers. Numbers shall be unique.

Law V-The Referee: Wellington Recreation will provide The Referee. The Referee may be a volunteer.

Law VI-Assistant Referee: Wellington Recreation will provide the Assistant Referee. The Referee may be a volunteer.

Law VII-Duration of the Game: The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty five (25) minutes each. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

Law VIII-The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponent must be outside the center circle on their half of the field while kick-off is in progress.

Law IX-Ball in and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA. Ball must completely cross line to be out of play.

- A. There are no punts or drop kicks. The goal keeper may only distribute ball by foot when ball is not bouncing. When goalie has control of the ball they may only distribute ball by kick (while ball not bouncing) and/or by hand/throw on their side of the field.
- B. Pass Violation: Ball cannot cross the halfway line in the air from goal kick by any player. Violation will be an indirect free kick from the midfield by opposing team. The ball may bounce or roll across the halfway line. **This will promote passing and not long kicks.**
- C. Restarts: All restarts (free kick, kick-off, goal kick, etc.) shall be **INDIRECT**.

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Ball must completely cross goal line between posts and beneath crossbar to count.
- B. The goalie can score from own half.
- C. **Mercy Rule:** Once a team goes ahead by three (3) goals, the losing team may add a player (must still adhere to the female to male ratio including goal keeper, i.e. if a team is using a male keeper the extra player would be a female and the reverse when using a female keeper). When the losing team scores or is within two (2) goals of the leading team the extra player must leave the field. Deliberate own goals will not count.

Law XI-Off-Side: There will be no off-sides for small sided play.

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. All fouls shall result in a free kick with opponent eight (8) yards away.
- B. Slide tackling is illegal and shall result in a free kick at the point of the foul. Slide tackling will result in a yellow card.

Law XIII-Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away.

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away.
- B. Penalty shots: Shall be taken at midfield (no goalie). It is the only **DIRECT** kick. All players must be behind the midfield line. No player can move until the ball is kicked.

Law XV-Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

Law XVI-Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. The ball cannot go over midfield in air from direct kick. Infraction will result in an **INDIRECT** kick for opposing team from the midfield line.

Law XVII-Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.

Misconducts

- If an altercation takes place, any player entering the field of play who was not a participant in the previous play will be removed from the game. Entering a substitute into the game will not be allowed.
- Any flagrant blow to an opponent (intentional or unintentional) will result in ejection from the game and a minimum suspension of two games.
- Any two (2) flagrant or unsportsmanlike conducts from the same team, not necessarily the same player, will result in a forfeit.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and may lead to ejection from the game.
- Swearing will not be tolerated and will lead to ejection.
- Players or spectators ejected must leave the complex within two minutes or game will be forfeit. Authorities may be called.

Consumption of Alcohol

- By ordinance, no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles are allowed in Town parks. No player, manager, coach or team representative is allowed to drink alcoholic beverages before or during a game. Violation of this rule will result in that person being unable to participate in the game or ejection from the game. The Sherriff's department is enforcing the open container ordinance. There should be no open containers at Town parks.
- Anyone found in violation of any Town ordinance at any Town parks or facilities, in which they receive a citation from law enforcement, may face possible suspension from league participation.

Communicable disease Rule (Blood Rule)

- Whenever a player suffers a laceration or wound, where bleeding or oozing occurs, the game will be stopped immediately.
- The player will be removed from the game until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is adequately covered. Teams are required to provide their own first aid supplies.
- If a legal substitute is available, he/she will replace the injured player and play will continue.
- If no substitute is available, the game clock will be stopped for a reasonable length of time (three to five minutes) to enable the injured player time to dress his/her wound.
- The player may re-enter the game only with the official's approval. This means bleeding must be stopped and/or wound covered. Any article of clothing that is saturated with blood must be removed and replaced. Replacement jerseys are not required to have numbers.

NOTE: Each team is responsible for supplying its own clothing and first aid supplies. Please come prepared.

Miscellaneous:

- Playing Conditions: Field supervisor will determine if games will or will not be played. Games will be called if safety is a concern.

- Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- Coaches, non-playing players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the players.
- No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be allowed or used in the parks during games or practices.
- Swearing will not be tolerated by fans, participants, or coaches. A spectator or participant that is loud, obnoxious, or disrupts the event will be asked to leave the premises and will be expected to comply immediately.
- Elastic Clause: The league director shall have complete charge of the Adult Sports League. Any and all situations not specifically covered by these rules shall be acted upon by the league director and all actions by the league director will be final.
- The league director reserves the right to change or amend any of the rules or regulations contained in this manual. Any questions concerning Adult Sports should be directed to:

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TOWN OF WELLINGTON SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Applicability

The Sports Code of Conduct applies to all sports organized by the Town of Wellington Recreation Department, whether taking place on Town-owned property, or on any other property that the Town has arranged to use. "Sports" include any and all activities or events listed under the category of "sports" in the most current catalog of the Recreation Department's offerings. The Town may add or delete activities from this category in the Town's discretion.

Definitions:

Town: The Town of Wellington

Coach: The person designated as a team's spokesman. This person may be either a player or non-player.

Field of Play: The part of a court, field, ring or other sports venue that is considered within the boundaries of regulation play of a particular sport.

Field Supervisor: A Town employee in charge of the operation and staff of a scheduled sports game, match, or event, as well as this code of conduct.

Coordinator: The Town's Recreation Coordinator/Sports or such other person as head of the Recreation Department may specify.

Official: A person who the Town has arranged to be present at a sports venue for the purpose of administering the rule of the game, match or event, as well as this Code of Conduct.

Parent: The legal guardian or other family member responsible for a child who is under the age of eighteen and is participating in a sport sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Participant: Any coach, player, parent, spectator, official or any other person involved in any way with any sport sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Participation: Any involvement in a Recreation Department sport, including spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, or attending a sporting event.

Player: A person who physically participates in a sport or is on the roster of the team or group participation in the sport.

Probation: A period of time during which a person who has previously violated the Sport Code of Conduct may have not further violations.

Recreation Department: The Town of Wellington's Recreation Department.

Sport: Any Recreation Department organized activity or event that is listed under the category of "sports" in the most recent catalog of offerings or a new yet to be advertised activity that is run by a recreation staff member who is specifically designated by organizational chart as a member of the sports team.

Spectator: A person who watches a sport for entertainment with no physical involvement.

Sportsmanship: Conduct, such as fairness, respect for one's opponent and officials, and graciousness in winning or losing, that are appropriate to one participating in a sport.

Sports Venue: An area improved with fencing, buildings, bleachers, goals, turf or other landscaping, lines or other markings or any other facilities intended for use by players, officials, spectators or anyone else participating in a sport. Examples of sports venues include fields, courts, tracks, gymnasiums or field houses, arenas, pools, ice rinks and bowling alleys.

Suspension: Loss of the privilege to participate in any manner in a Recreation Department sport.

Unsportsmanlike: Exhibiting poor behavior through negative, disruptive or inappropriate actions.

Prohibited Acts:

No participant shall:

1. Physically attack any other participant or any Town staff person. This includes but is not limited to striking, shoving, kicking or otherwise touching or subjecting another person to physical contact in a threatening or alarming manner.
2. Refuse to abide by an official's decision and/or contest such decision in an unsportsmanlike manner.
3. Use obscene language or gestures, harassing, insulting, taunting, or challenging language, racial, ethnic, sexual slurs, or unsportsmanlike demonstrations of dissent concerning an official's decision.
4. Use unnecessary roughness in the play of a game against an opposing player.
5. Throw or cause to be deposited any object onto the field of play.
6. Violate the Town of Wellington's open container ordinance, or other state or local alcohol or drug laws, while at a sports venue, or enter the field of play while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Smoke on any indoor sports venue, or while coming off or going on the field of play, or while on the field of play, whether indoors or outdoors.

8. Display other unsportsmanlike conduct before or after games or events, or while at a sports venue during a scheduled activity, game, match or event.

Enforcement:

The minimum penalty for smoking shall be a warning, and the maximum penalty shall be ejection from the game. For all other violations, the penalties shall be as follows:

1. Minimum Penalties: Ejection from the current sports activity or event and suspension from the next scheduled game, activity, or event. Any participant who is ejected must leave the sports venue immediately. This means going far enough away that he or she cannot be seen or heard by any participant within the sports venue. Minimum penalties may be imposed onsite by an official or field supervisor.
2. Medium Penalties: Suspension for up to the remainder of the scheduled season of up to one year, and one or more years on probation. After review of the alleged violation by Recreation Department staff, medium penalties may be imposed if 1) another infraction has occurred by the individual resulting in a penalty within the past calendar year; 2) the individual violated more than one section of this Code during the current incident; and/or 3) in the judgment of staff, the severity of the infraction justifies penalty beyond the minimum but not to the maximum level. Medium penalties may be imposed in addition to minimum penalties.
3. Maximum Penalties: Suspension for one to five years. Maximum penalties may be imposed if, after review of the alleged violation by Recreation Department staff, it is determined that the severity of the violation justifies the maximum penalty, based on negative impact to the program, other participants, spectators, and/or staff. Maximum penalties may be imposed in addition to minimum and/or medium penalties.
4. Any behavior that is also a violation of law may result in criminal charges.
5. Any participant who engages in three or more of the prohibited acts described above during any twelve-month period shall be suspended for up to five years, followed by two years of probation.
6. Any participant who engages in a prohibited act while on probation shall be suspended for one to five years.

Appeals:

Appeals of any enforcement decision may be made by submitting a written statement of appeal to the Recreation Coordinator within fifteen (15) calendar days of the issuance of the decision to be appealed. If an enforcement decision is not appealed within fifteen days of issuance, it shall be considered final.

The statement of appeal shall include a description of the decision in question and related events, and the basis for the appeal. The appealing party may provide any additional information he or she believes is relevant in support of the appeal.

The Coordinator will conduct such investigation as her or she determines to be appropriate, given the basis of the appeal and the related facts, and may conduct an informal hearing on the matter in his or her discretion. In the alternative, the Coordinator may convene an Appeals Board made up of Town staff whom have no personal involvement in the decision being appealed, and such board shall conduct an appropriate investigation.

The Coordinator or Appeals Board, if one is convened, shall issue a written decision on the appeal within thirty (30) days from the filing of the appeal. The written decision shall include an explanation of the basis for the conclusion reached.