

# RIVERFRONT SPORTS ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

FIFA rules apply with the exception of:

1. The league coordinators reserve the right to intervene whenever and however necessary to maintain the proper conduct and atmosphere during the league. Team representatives are responsible for maintaining control of their players and fans. Children must be in the stands with their parents at all times. If they cannot stay in the stands and are constantly playing on the field you will be asked to leave the facility.
2. Games consist of two 27 minute halves with a 3 minute halftime. We run **on-time**, teams are given a 5min grace period and then must either start the game or forfeit.
3. Substitution is on the fly and players must enter at midfield.
4. All players and coaches must remain on the side line in their team area (away from the end lines and on opposite sides of the field). **ONLY** players are allowed on the sideline.
5. All free kicks are indirect requiring 5 yds. from opponents.
6. Slide **tackling** is absolutely prohibited with the exception of keepers inside the box. Once the keeper is outside the box they are a field player and cannot slide.
7. Keepers must distribute the ball with a throw or kick from the ground (no punts or drop-kicks).
8. If the ball hits the ceiling it is an indirect kick from the spot where it hit.
9. Fouls in the box will result in a penalty kick (taken from half field- 1v1 with keeper-play is dead after 5 seconds or a shot- no rebounds). If no goal is scored a goal kick is played.
10. **Accumulation of 4 yellow cards** will result in a one game suspension (cards do carry over into the playoffs).
11. **Red cards** will result in a 1 game/week suspension (team will play a man down in the current game) – offending player will sit the following game/week. Red cards carry over to every division. You cannot play in any games in any division during suspension.
12. **Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason and may result in league suspension. The league coordinators reserve the right to suspend players indefinitely for fighting.**
13. **NO SPITTING!!** No spitting on the field. Please respect the facility and the others that use it (including very small children). **Repeated violations will result in cards given.**
14. Roster changes must be submitted to Carey Newman—changes must be made before the payer can play—playing a non-rostered player will result in a forfeit in the competitive division—A (Unless opposing team captain allows the player). In all other divisions a team must have at least 4 rostered players to play. Teams can pick up 2 players if they are short handed, but more than 2 results in a forfeit. You may be rostered on 2 teams in the same division with the consent of both team's captains.
15. Players must be at least seniors in high school who have finished their high school season. Anyone younger than that should be playing in the high school league.
16. Regular season games will end in ties. Playoffs or tournament games that are tied at the end of regulation will go to a penalty shoot out. Penalties will be taken 10yds from the goal and FIFA rules apply.

In conclusion, the staff at Riverfront Sports desires to enrich and facilitate the development of ALL areas of our lives (physically, socially, emotionally, mentally, and athletically). SPORTSMANSHIP in athletic competition here at Riverfront is a PRIORITY! Fighting will not be tolerated. Most of our league consists of students, husbands, and fathers. Officials are to be treated with RESPECT. We ALL make mistakes, so just keep playing the game and be a good example for others. COACHES, you are ultimately responsible for the conduct of your team. Follow the rules of soccer. Enjoy playing soccer, it's a great game, but more importantly it's a GENTLEMEN'S game. Thank you from the entire Riverfront staff.

**PLAY BEAUTIFUL—JOGA BONITO**