



TROY RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2016 ADULT SOCCER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Calendar of Events

June 7*	Initial Deadline for Roster Forms (for first game) NO EXCEPTIONS!
June 7*	Schedules Posted on City website
Week of June 13	Season Begins
July 11	Final Day to Add/Delete Players to Team Roster

*New Date

The official 2016 F.I.F.A. Rules shall govern all league play except as noted:

www.fifa.com (Laws of the Game)

- A) A team may begin or finish game with seven (7) certified players. Players arriving late may enter the game at a stoppage of play after notification to the game official. Co-ed teams must have a minimum of 5 females on the field at all times unless playing short players and in that case, males can out number females by only one.
- B) Substitutions may be made:
1. after a goal is scored;
 2. at half-time;
 3. when a goal kick has been awarded to **either** team;
 4. when a goal kick is awarded to the other team **and** they substitute;
 5. after a player is injured (but only for the injured player);
 6. when a throw-in is awarded to your team.
 - a. Opposing team may substitute only if the team awarded the throw-in substitutes.
- C) REMINDER – If, in the judgment of the referee, a player who is moving towards his/her opponents' goal, with an obvious opportunity to score a goal, is intentionally and physically impeded by unlawful means, i.e., an offense punishable by a free kick (or a penalty kick), thus denying the attacking player's team the aforesaid goal-scoring opportunity, the offending player shall be sent off the field of play for serious foul play in accordance with Law XII (n). Specifically, if a player is unlawfully and physically or deliberately held back (by his jersey, shorts, or arm or by means of obstruction) by the goalkeeper or another player from the opposing team while the player is advancing straight for the goal with no obstacles in his/her way and with an obvious chance of scoring, the referee **must** send the offending player off **immediately**. Not a caution.

- D) Slide tackling is permitted in Men's 18+ and 30+A divisions only. Slide tackling is prohibited in women's 30+, 40+, 50+ and men's 30+B, 40+, 50+. If in the judgment of the referee, a player slide tackles, the player will be sent off immediately (exception, men's 30+B is a yellow card).

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Team managers shall be responsible for the eligibility of all players on their respective teams and shall sign and present to the Recreation Department office all necessary forms. S/he may be asked to prove eligibility of any of his/her players.
2. All players must be registered on a roster/waiver form as supplied by the Troy Recreation Department. The roster shall be on file in the Recreation office on or before the designated date to be eligible for the first regular scheduled game of the season. **Falsification of any player information**, signature on the team roster/waiver may result in a two (2) year adult athletic league suspension followed by two (2) year probation from ALL adult athletic programs in Troy.
3. RESIDENT LEAGUES ONLY

RESIDENCE means that place at which a person habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects, and maintains a regular place or lodging, with the intention of maintaining such residence. A Troy resident shall not be deemed to have lost such residency by virtue of enrollment and attendance at an institution of learning. A person must be a resident in the City of Troy up until at least the first regular scheduled game in their respective league to be classified as a resident.

In addition, persons employed on a full or part time basis as of May 1 of the current year by a company located within the City of Troy, and who perform their employment duties within the City of Troy, shall be deemed residents. Any deviations from this may be considered by the department on an individual basis. Persons deemed to be a resident by virtue of their employment must submit at a minimum, a letter on company letterhead, from the president, owner, general manager, or personnel director of his or her place of employment verifying the fact, beginning date, location and nature of such employment. Failure to submit this letter will result in the rejection of the player form. The person who signs the letter must not be a member of that team. The department reserves the right to require additional proof for residency or employment verification if it deems necessary.

Non-residents will be charged a \$30.00 fee. This fee is non-transferable and is payable when the player registration form is submitted. This fee is non-refundable even if a player later obtains resident status. Each team may carry an unlimited number of non-residents on their roster at any time.

4. Any ineligible player used in a game or listed on a team roster will be suspended for a minimum of one game and may be suspended from the league **indefinitely**. The manager of the team will also be suspended, as both manager and player, for a minimum of one game from the date of the suspension and the team will forfeit all

games in which the ineligible player participated. The team may also be expelled from the league with forfeiture of all fees paid.

- a. **All participants in any soccer league should be prepared for player identification checks throughout the season. All players should have their driver's license in their possession at all times. Failure to provide a current valid Michigan driver's license (with photo) or a State of Michigan picture i.d. may result in forfeiture of game.**
- b. Professional Soccer Athletes will not be allowed to play in the Troy Adult Soccer League. A professional is deemed a person receiving payment for services.
- c. Team roster limits are as follows: 20 players maximum per team (24 for Women's 30+, 40+, and Men's 30+, 40+ divisions).
- d. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY** – The men's leagues are for men only and the women's leagues are for women only. Players must be at least 18 years of age (30 for 30 & Over, 40 for 40 & Over Leagues) by the time they sign and submit a player registration form. Age exception (participants in the 50+ divisions can participate if turning 50 in calendar year). Participants in a "SPECIALTY LEAGUE" (i.e., 30 & Over, 40 & Over, Coed) may also play in ONE OTHER LEAGUE (i.e., a female age 31 can play in the 30 & Over Women's League and the Women's 18 & Over League). **EXCEPTION** – A player cannot play on two teams in the same league/division of play.

PLAYER CONDUCT

1. Players displaying unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a game will be subject to future suspension from league or playoff play. The official has complete authority before, during, and after games, both at the playing area, as well as parking lot. Players exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior may be ejected from the remainder of the game/match. Ejected players may be asked to leave the game area immediately. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture of the game/match. Player(s) under suspension are not allowed at the game site, playing area (park or school site) until suspension expires.

Any player ejected from a game for any reason shall be automatically ineligible to play in at least the next regularly scheduled game (may not be subject to rescheduled games). His/her case will be reviewed by the Recreation Department to determine if additional suspension is justifiable. Should the suspension occur in the last regularly scheduled game(s), the suspension may extend into the playoffs and the following season. **A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in any five game period shall be excluded for the remainder of that game and at least the next regularly scheduled game. A substitute will be allowed for a player if their first yellow card was received in a previous game. NO substitute will be allowed if a player received two yellow cards in the same game.**

2. If a player is suspended for a second time due to vulgar (obscene) and abrasive language toward an official or player, that player will be suspended from playing in the league program **INDEFINITELY**, pending a hearing.

3. **THREATS** to any official or City employee will not be tolerated. If a threat is made to an official or City employee, that person(s) will be suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing.

FIGHTING will not be tolerated. If a fight occurs, the player(s) involved will be suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing.

Any person, who **physically touches** or makes an **obscene gesture** at an umpire/official/City employee, will be suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing.

All cases are subject to review by the Recreation Department to determine length of suspension. Suspension may also occur through the playoffs and carry over to following season.

If a hearing is required, a written communication will be sent to the manager within 10 days of the incident. Player is suspended until the hearing takes place and a decision is made. The individual involved in the incident will have seven (7) days from the date of the communication to request a formal hearing/appeal. Failure to respond will result in the Recreation Department staff determining length of suspension.

HEARING BOARD to consist of the following individuals:

- One current manager from a team not within the division of the infraction
- Umpire-in-Chief/Referee Supervisor
- One representative from a surrounding Parks and Recreation agency
- Monitor – Recreation staff person

The suspension board would then make a recommendation to the Director and Superintendent of Recreation Department for final approval. This decision is then final and there are no further appeals. Any suspension other than the normal game/match suspension will also have a probation period (to be determined).

1. **TAUNTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Taunting is unsportsmanlike conduct and disqualifies the offending bench personnel or contestant from (at a minimum of) that game until the next regularly scheduled game. A warning may be given, but is not required, before ejection. A game official OR Site Coordinator can rule on the taunting violation. Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters. Examples of taunting that would lead to ejection include, but are not limited to, “trash talk”; physical intimidation outside the spirit of the game; reference to sexual orientation; “in the face” confrontation by one player to another; and standing over/straddling a tackled or fallen player.
2. If, in the judgment of the referee, a team is “out of control”, that game may be stopped and forfeited.

CANCELLED GAMES

1. The referee reserves the right to cancel a game because of darkness, inclement weather or poor field conditions.
2. A game called by the referee for any reason and half of the game has been played the game will be considered a regulation game and will not be rescheduled. If half the game has not been played, then the game will be rescheduled. Halves are forty-five (45) minutes in length.
3. If a half-hour has passed after the scheduled start of a game, due to inclement weather, etc., the game will be cancelled and rescheduled.
4. If fifteen minutes has passed after the scheduled start of a game, and the field referee has not arrived and a competent substitute cannot be procured, the game will be cancelled and rescheduled.

FORFEITS

1. Games in June and July will begin at 6:30 pm while games in August will begin at 6:15 pm; forfeit time will be five (5) minutes after game scheduled time. The referee's watch will be the "official" time.
2. A team forfeiting three (3) games will be automatically dropped from the league for the remainder of the current season. This does not include a missed mandatory manager's meeting or a forfeited first regularly scheduled game due to not enough player registration forms submitted by the initial deadline.
3. Score for any forfeited game will be 5-0 in favor of non-forfeiting team.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. A win will be worth three points; a tie worth one point; and a loss worth zero points.
2. Co-ed Scoring - Goals scored in the Co-ed leagues will be counted as follows: Goals scored by a female are worth (2) points and goals scored by a male is worth (1) point.
3. Awards for the team sponsor are given to the regular season champion and runner-up. Individual awards are provided to the regular season league champion. If a tie exists in the final standings for first place and all other places, the tiebreaker method will be applied to determine final positions. No championship game.
4. No Playoffs are conducted in any league.
5. Neither the Troy Recreation Department nor its representatives will be responsible for any injuries incurred as a result of individuals participating in the Adult Soccer League program.

6. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on any of the Troy parks, playgrounds or ball field locations is prohibited. Any player violating this rule will cause an automatic team forfeiture of the game involved. Should the team losing the game be in violation of the rule a loss will be added. A second violation will result in team suspension from the league and forfeiture of all fees and privileges.
7. Motorcycles are restricted to the parking areas of each field location and are not to be driven on parks, playgrounds or soccer fields.
8. It is the manager's responsibility to relay all messages to his/her team and know the interpretation of all game and league rules.
9. All players wearing glasses must have unbreakable-type lenses. The wearing of a hard cast of any nature, hand splint, or other type of potentially dangerous protective device shall be prohibited, regardless of how padded. The wearing of a soft bandage to cover a wound or protect an injury shall be permitted. The wearing of a protective knee brace or an "air-filled" type cast on the lower extremities may be permitted.
10. BLOOD RULE: A player, coach or referee who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the referee's judgment. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required.

The referee shall:

- a) stop the game and allow treatment if the injured player would affect the continuation of the game;
 - b) immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player;
 - c) apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, short-handed player and re-entry if necessary.
11. The soccer supervisor or park attendant will hang and take down soccer nets. Teams are required to bring their own soccer balls. Before the game begins, both managers and referee will decide which ball to use during the game.
 12. Each manager must complete the game score sheet (provided when schedules are picked up), before each game. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit (not enough eligible players on the score sheet to start the game). An official has the authority to check eligibility of a player(s) at any time during a scheduled game. Managers are not allowed to remove or add any player to team roster on game day. **Ineligible or suspended players listed on a scoresheet will result in that team forfeiting that particular game – no exceptions!**
 13. Managers are responsible to check the final score. Any discrepancies should be directed to the referee. Once the referee has signed the score sheet, the game is official/final. The referee will be responsible for submitting the score sheet to the soccer supervisor or park attendant.

14. Each team will be responsible for referee fees before the start of each game. **Each team pays a total of \$70/game.** Forfeiting teams must pay the **FULL** officials fees (\$140).
15. No playing/practicing on game site fields. Teams may find an open area to practice on, as there will be no reservation system. If a team is caught practicing on a game site field, a warning will be issued to the team. If caught a second time, the team will receive a loss in the league standings.
16. Players or referees may not park any vehicle in the residential area that is located to the west of fields #1 and #2 at Firefighters Park. This area will be patrolled by police on game days and tickets will be issued. In addition, a player(s) will receive a three (3) game suspension and a referee(s) will forfeit their game fee back to the teams.
17. Safety considerations must always be evaluated by managers and referees. The majority shall decide playability of the field. Neither the City of Troy, nor the Troy School District, nor the officials will be responsible for any injuries incurred as a result of individuals participating in the Troy soccer program. If the Oakland County tornado siren goes on signifying a “tornado warning”, all games will automatically cease. If the game’s minimum time requirements were met for an “official” game, the score will be final. If the minimum game standards were not met, the game will be “replayed” (from the start of the game) at a later date.
18. Matching team uniforms with numbers are required! Players should have a large number on their shirts with no duplicate numbers on their teammate’s jerseys. The players’ names and numbers shall be placed on the game score sheet by the team manager. The manager must then give their completed score sheet to the field referee before the start of the game.
19. All players must wear shin guards. Any player, who refuses to wear shin guards completely covered by socks, will not be allowed to play.
20. Goalies must wear a different color jersey.

THE OFFICIALS’ DECISION ON QUESTIONS OF FACT ARE FINAL. THE REFEREE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY POINTS NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN THE RULES.