

Over-50 8 v 8 SOCCER LEAGUE 2011 at SLU High School

League Rules and General Information

This league is 8v8 including goalie. It will be played crosswise on one half of the full size soccer field.

Location: SLU High School – turf field (2 fields played sideways on football/soccer field)

Starting times: 7:55 and 9 AM on Sundays. May need Friday nights to finish the league after snow –out and one week delay in starting

Playing time: Each game consists of one 1 hour period. (Although this may be reduced to as little as 55 minutes if necessary)

To clarify the paying time, there is no automatic halftime. The game is 60 minutes. If after 30 minutes have been played, if either team wants to switch directions and/or take a 2 minute break (although that will be part of the 60 minutes) they have that option.

Equipment: Each team is to have at least one game useable size five (5) soccer ball. Uniforms shall be, at minimum, matching color jerseys. If there is a conflict in colors, the home team shall change jersey colors. The goalie is to have a jersey color this is noticeably different from those jerseys of both teams

Turn rosters in to Don Doran by 2nd game.

Age Requirement: Players should be 50 years of age or older. The 50th birthday may occur during the current season. To avoid confusion the end of June 2011 is considered the end of the season. **Goalies may be 40-50, but if so are not allowed out of goal area.**

Point system: League standings will be determined on a point system based upon wins, losses and ties. A forfeit is a 2-0 win for the non-offending team. WIN = 3 POINTS LOSS = 0 POINTS TIE = 1 POINT

Fouls: Fouls are to be called **only** by either one of the players directly involved in the play or by the manager of the team member who in his judgment committed a foul. Please remember there are no referees and we are expecting each player to understand this is a gentlemen's sport. Each player is expected to control their attitude and actions. Managers are expected to exert extra judgment and control. Please remove players, even for a few minutes, who need time to correct their attitude. Occasionally there will be a ref. If so the players still call their own fouls as described above. The ref will intercede only if the players can't agree.

NO SLIDING TACKLES

NO OFFSIDES

NO REFEREES

NO SLIDE TACKLING. Sliding is allowed if it is not a tackle. To clarify, if a slide is not to steal/kick a ball at an opponents feet or win a 50-50 ball, and is not dangerous it is ok. Examples: saving a ball from crossing the goal line or sideline or to score a goal or make a pass. (If it is not a tackle)

A foul in the penalty area awards a **direct kick**. The kick is to be taken from the eighteen (18) yard line centered on the goal. The kicking team, at its discretion, can move the ball backward, away from the 18 yd. line. The defending team can set a wall a minimum of ten (10) yards from the ball.

A blatant and obvious handball that would prevent a goal will result in the awarding of a goal. This is an instance where usually the offending player is the last player before the goal line. Two (2) intentional handballs (anywhere on the field) by the same player will result in the immediate ejection of that player for the remainder of the game. Teams continue to play with eight players.

Kick-ins: It is optional to kick the ball in instead of a throw in. If a kick is chosen it may not be played on a fly into the offensive goal box.

Substitutions: Sub on the fly so as not to gain an advantage

Regular FIFA rules apply unless otherwise noted

Goalie Rule: The goalie cannot receive a ball into his hands that is intentionally played by the foot or hand (throw-in) from a player on his team.

FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! For any incident of fighting, all players involved, no exceptions are to be removed from the game for a cooling off period of no less than 5 minutes. If a player throws a punch or a flagrant elbow they are automatically and immediately ejected from the game. All players involved in fighting are to be removed even the party who "did not start it".

The success of the league is dependent on all who participate. All incidents of fighting will be reported even if no action is needed. Likewise overly aggressive or consistently dangerous play should be reported. We will address a situation in which repeated unacceptable behavior occurs. Repeated reports concerning a player could result in that player's disqualification from the league.

Reporting game results is the responsibility of the winning team or the home team in the case of a tie. Report your score to Greg by phone or email as soon as possible. The league members would like to see early results each week.

League Organizers

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Inclement Weather/ Poor Conditions: Website updated as soon as a decision is made. Team managers will be emailed also.