

BRANSON PARKS AND RECREATION
7 v 7 Adult Soccer League - League Rules

Except for the rules covered in these by-laws, Branson Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer will be governed by FIFA rules.

GAME RULES:

- Games will consist of two equal halves of 25 minutes with a 5-minute intermission.
- Games postponed due to rain will be made up at the end of the season. Decisions to postpone/cancel games are at the sole discretion of the Branson RecPlex Staff and designated appointees.
- Each team must submit a roster at the start of the season. There are 15 players maximum allowed on a roster. NO player is permitted to play unless listed on the team roster, have player card and having signed both the Liability Waivers and the Code of Ethics. Rosters are locked and may not be added to after the 4th game of the season. Roster fraud results in forfeit.
 - Roster Protests must be made prior to the game being played.
 - A review of the protest will be made prior to the next scheduled match.
 - Photo ID must be presented in the event of roster protest.
 - Rosters and scoresheets must include the player's first and last name. NO nicknames will be accepted.
- All teams will be required to select a team coach/captain. These individuals will be responsible to enforce the compliance of all league rules, submit rosters, pay league fees, etc.
- Game time is forfeit time. A team must have four eligible players available at game time or a forfeit will result. NOTE: To be considered "available" for a game, a player must be on the playing field in sight of the referee.
 - A grace period of 5 minutes will be allowed for the 10:30 pm game only. Kickoff must occur at 10:35 pm for the purpose of this rule.
 - There will be no grace period allowed for the 11:30 pm or 12:30 am games.
- Each team will field a team of six players and 1 goalkeeper. Goalkeepers must have a distinctive color jersey, separate from the rest of the team.
- Goalkeepers are not permitted to punt or drop kick the ball. The goalkeeper may distribute the ball with his hands only.
- Field size is reduced from the standard recommended dimensions.
- The size of the goals will be 12'.
- Slide tackling is not permitted. Players must remain on their feet in challenging for a ball, (subject to a referee's discretion). This is an automatic yellow card!
- Substitutions can be made at will during out of bounds restarts only when referee signals for the substitution and the player must enter the field from the mid field line.

- Offside penalties will not be enforced.
- **Players may not wear metal cleats of any sort. Plastic tipped cleats or plastic molded cleats ONLY!**

PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT:

- Profanity will not be tolerated. The first person to use profanity on a team will be issued a yellow card. A red card will be issued for any subsequent use of profanity by anyone from that same team.
- Any player receiving a yellow card is subject to mandatory substitution until the next available substitution opportunity. If a substitute is not available, the player must still leave the game until the next regular substitution. The offending player's team will play one player short until the player is allowed to return.
- Any player penalized with a red card (or two yellow cards in a single game) will be dismissed from the current game and the next two subsequent games. Severe situations may warrant the removal from the league. Such situations will be decided at the sole discretion of the Branson RecPlex Staff.
- Any player who starts a fight will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season. Other players who are involved in a fight will draw an appropriate suspension as determined by the Recreation Specialist.
- Any intentional physical contact to the referee, field supervisor and/or Branson Parks and Recreation staff will result in immediate suspension for life from all Branson Parks and Recreation programs.
- Each team is asked to supply a game ball to be approved by both the referee and the opposing team.

PLAYOFFS:

- If regulation ends in a tie, one 5 minute overtime period shall be played to determine a winner.
- If the game remains tied after the 5 minute overtime period, penalty kicks will determine a winner.
 - Coin flip to determine who shoots first.
 - A total of 5 penalty kicks. If no winner is declared after 5 kicks, players continue to kick until a winner is determined (Sudden Death).

Any rules not covered in this packet are left to the discretion of the Recreation Specialist in charge of the program.