



City of Boulder Adult Soccer Rules

BSL will follow the [rules of play established by IFAB](#) with the following additions listed below.

ROSTERS

1. All Teams must have every player on their team show up on their electronic CASA roster. Managers are responsible for printing rosters and making sure every player shows up on the roster.
2. Rosters can be found on your team account through CASA.
 - A. Each member of the team must have their picture appear on the roster and sign it electronically.
 - B. Team managers that also play must register as a player.
 - C. Men's, Women's and Coed teams may have an unlimited number of players on the roster.
 - D. If a player doesn't show up on your roster they will not be able to play in that game. NO Exceptions.
 - E. All teams are required to print their roster and bring a current roster to each game they play in. The roster will be given to the officials at the start of your game. **The roster cannot be printed more than 2 days before your scheduled game.** When printing a roster, the time and date will automatically show up on the printed roster. If a team fails to present roster at game time to the official that team will be fined \$25.00 which must be paid before their next scheduled game. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
 - F. Games will not be permitted to play if the team shows the roster on a phone or tablet. Team rosters **MUST** be printed to avoid the \$25 fine.

Guest Players:

1. Guest player cards for all leagues can be purchased for individual games through CASA. Please visit [BSL League Website](#) for registration information.
2. Guest Players are limited to purchase two guest passes per season.
3. All guest players are required to have a guest pass receipt or confirmation of the card on their phone. Guest player passes must show the official this confirmation before they play.

GAME REPORTS:

1. Officials will have game reports with them prior to the start of your game.
 - A. Players arriving late must check in with the referee, prior to playing.
 - B. The game report will be used by the official to track the score and any infractions. This report is then turned into our field supervisor so standings can be updated.

SCHEDULING:

1. All games are scheduled by the Program Coordinator.
 - A. Games will NOT be rescheduled for any reasons except adverse weather conditions or unplayable grounds. Games may be played when weather conditions are not ideal. Please always be prepared for a variety of conditions.
 - B. There may be times when games may be moved to another field. If this occurs, please check in with the field supervisor to see where your team is scheduled to play.
 - C. If fields become unplayable after the start of the game, the referee and/or the field supervisor may suspend play. After a period of time has passed and fields are deemed unplayable, games will be canceled.
 - I. Any game canceled during the 1st half will be rescheduled.
 - II. Any game canceled during the 2nd half will be considered a completed game and not be rescheduled. The scores will be recorded, and standings will be updated.
 - D. Lightning: In the event of lightning, players will be removed from the field by notification from the Field Marshall to signify that players must leave the field for up to thirty minutes and ask to go to their cars which is a safe place during an electrical storm. After thirty minutes, if lightning has subsided or our lightning detector has deemed it safe to play, play will resume. Players may be removed from fields, up to two times before the game is canceled.
 - E. Weeknight games: All weekday evening games will begin between 5:30 and 6:00 pm as designated in your online schedule. The length of games may be shortened and be deemed a complete game if visibility becomes too poor to continue safe play.

F. Competitive Parity

- I. The Program Coordinator has the right to place teams appropriately to preserve competitive parity.
- II. Teams that place 1st in their division are required to move up to the next division for the next soccer season.
- III. Teams that get last in their division will be required to move down a division for the next soccer season.
- IV. The program coordinator will use the standings of the last season to determine parity.

2. Forfeits:

- A. Any team forfeiting without notifying the BSL office by 2:00p.m., on the Friday before weekend games, or 4:00p.m. the day prior for weekday games, must pay a \$100.00 forfeit fee prior to the team's next scheduled game. Failure to pay the forfeit fee may result in the team being dropped from league play. Any team with more than 3 forfeits, during the season, may be dropped from league play and will not be considered a returning team for the next season. Notify the program coordinator at info@bouldersoccerleagues.com or 303-440-0809.
- B. If your team does not have the minimum number of players at game time it will be considered a forfeit. Please see below for specific minimums.

3. Rescheduling of Games

- A. Makeup schedules will be posted to [BSL League Website](#) typically within two business days of the cancellation. Once a game is rescheduled, it will not be rescheduled again for any reason.
- B. For the status of games due to inclement weather please check the [BSL League Website](#).
- C. Make up games will be rescheduled based upon field availability and will most likely be played on weeknights. If necessary, your team may be rescheduled to play more than 2 makeup games in any given week.
- D. No Official Present Rule:
 - I. If no officials are present, and the two teams wish to play the following must be done before game time.
 - i. The field supervisor must be notified.

- ii. The absent official form must be signed by both team managers and the field supervisor. (The field supervisor will have the forms with them)
 - iii. At the game's end the form must be given to the field supervisor.
 - iv. The scores will then be entered into the official record.
 - II. If no officials are present and the two teams do not wish to play, a makeup game will be scheduled at the Program Coordinator's discretion. A rescheduled game will most likely occur on a weeknight. Please notify the Program Coordinator of this situation within 24 hours of the original scheduled game.
4. All games are played at the Pleasant View Soccer Complex located at 47th and Kalmia Rd. The exact address is 3805 47th St, Boulder. CO 80301. Parking at Pleasant View is limited, and all teams are encouraged to carpool or find alternative means of transportation to the fields.

SPECIFIC COED SOCCER RULES:

1. Full strength is eleven players including a goalie. When playing full strength (10 field players and 1 goalie), teams must have 5 women and 5 men on the field at all times. The goalkeeper may be a man or a woman and is not considered one of the field players.
2. To begin the game teams must have at least 7 players at game time; 4 men and 3 women or viceversa.
 - A. Teams must have a minimum of 3 players of one gender (male or female) at game time, or will be forced to forfeit. Meaning that you could not play with 5 men and 2 women or 5 women and 2 men as your 7. The minimum of 3 players of one gender only applies if you are playing with 7.
 - B. If you are playing with 7 players, any late players may join the game when they arrive if the number of males and females follows the below ratios.
 - C. Teams may play with 8 players; 4 men and 4 women
 - D. Teams may play with 9 players; either 5 men and 4 women or 4 men and 5 women.
 - E. Teams with 10 players must play 5 men and 5 women.
 - F. If the minimum number of players are not present, the game will be declared a forfeit. The only exception to this rule will be any weekday games. In that case, teams will have a 15-minute grace period to meet the minimum. The team with the most players will decide if they want to start play or wait out the grace period. However, the game clock will begin at game time, not when the late player arrives.
 - G. If a team has the minimum number of players at game time, the game will begin. The game will not wait until your team is at full strength.

3. Slide tackling: NOT ALLOWED IN COED LEAGUES.

- A. A slide tackle is defined as going to the ground to win the ball.**
- B. Going to the ground to save a ball when no other players are around is OK.**
- C. Any player making a slide tackle in coed will be issued at a minimum a yellow card. Red cards can be issued if the tackle was severe enough.**

SPECIFIC MEN'S 40+ SOCCER RULES

- 1. Players must be 40 years old or older.
- 2. Team's are permitted to have 5 designated players between the age of 35 and 40 years old on their Team Roster.

SPECIFIC MEN'S 48+ SOCCER RULES

- 1. All players must be 48 years old or older
- 2. Slide tackling: **NOT ALLOWED IN Men's 48+ LEAGUES.**
 - A. Slide tackle is defined as going to the ground to win the ball.
 - B. Going to the ground to save a ball when no other players are around is OK.
 - C. Any player making a slide tackle in coed will be issued at a minimum a yellowcard. Red cards can be issued if the tackle was severe enough.

GENERAL ADULT SOCCER RULES:

- 1. All players registered with CASA are subject to all rules and procedures of CASA.
- 2. All players are encouraged to review the IFAB laws of the game. <https://www.theifab.com/laws>
- 3. The City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Soccer Leagues will play by the current IFAB laws with the following exceptions:
 - A. Two, 45-minute halves, running clock. Half time is typically 5 minutes.
 - I. Games that occur on the weekdays may be shortened due to daylight.
 - II. The referees have the authority to shorten halves and end games early due to failing daylight.
 - III. All game times will be set at the discretion of the program coordinator.
 - B. Substitutions:
 - I. Unlimited substitutions are permitted in the following situations with permission of the referee.
 - II. Both Teams can substitute at the following stoppages of play:
 - i. Goal Kick
 - ii. After Goal
 - iii. Injury
 - iv. Throw-in
 - v. Half-time
 - III. Neither team can sub when:

- i. Corner Kick
- ii. Foul

C. All teams are required to sit on the same sideline of the field. This is to aid in player substitution.

D. Player Conduct:

I. There is to be no physical or verbal misconduct on the field. If a player commits a verbal or physical foul, they will be carded accordingly. Officials have been instructed to give cards for foul or threatening language. Physical contact will receive stricter penalties. Each stand-alone red card will be reviewed separately. Flagrant fouls may face steeper penalties.

- i. Stand-alone red card: **The minimum suspension for a red card will always be at least 1 game.** However, suspensions and fines could be greater depending on the severity of the infraction. Red cards may include a minimum \$50.00 fine at the discretion of the program coordinator. This fine must be paid in full to get the player card reinstated. **If a player receives 3 red cards in a season, the player is suspended for the remainder of the season and must pay all fines before the start of the next season.**
- ii. If a player receives 2 yellow cards in a game this will equal one red card, the player will be suspended from the current game and the next game.
- iii. Any player accumulating 5 total stand-alone yellow cards, 4 stand-alone yellow cards and a red card or 3 red cards during the season is suspended for the remainder of the season, plus a fine of \$100.00 to get the player card returned. A USSF fiscal year/season begins with our fall season (August-October) and ends with our spring season (March-June)
- iv. Any player receiving 8 yellow cards in the USSF fiscal year shall be suspended for 1 game.
- v. All leagues yellow/red card history will carry over from the fall to the spring season. The history will be deleted at the end of the spring season.
- vi. Fourth incident of suspension, player(s) will be suspended for the next soccer season (minimum)
- vii. After a red card is issued, the player must leave the soccer complex within 5 minutes or face further penalties.
- viii. Each incident will be reviewed individually by the Boulder Soccer League Referee Committee and may be subject to a greater penalty.
- ix. **Referee Abuse Prevention PENALTY SUMMARY – [click here](#)**

E. Illegal Players: If at any time, during the game, an illegal player is identified, the game is declared a FORFEIT to the team using the illegal player.

- I. The team using the illegal player must pay a \$100.00 fine prior to playing their next game.
 - II. The team, with the illegal player, will also be placed on probation and if a second offense is committed during USSF fiscal year (August-July), the team will be dropped from league play and will not be considered a returning team for the next season.
- F. Game Balls: Each team is required to provide a game ball. The referee will determine which ball to use.
- G. Uniforms: Each team must have numbers on their jerseys. Uniforms of all players must be a like in color. This rule will be strictly enforced after the 2nd game of the season.
- I. If a team fails to get similar color jerseys with numbers they will be required to wear pinnies during their game. Pinnies can be borrowed from our field supervisor however, they will need to be returned to the field supervisor after the game.
 - II. Shin guards are required of all players.
- H. Facility supervisor on duty will typically be located in our golf cart near the fields of play. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to find the supervisor.

FINES:

1. BSL must process all fine payments. Fines can be paid following the links on the [BSL League Website](#). Contact 303-440-0809 or email info@bouldersoccerleagues with any questions. Do not attempt to pay fines to anyone else.
2. Fines must be paid before 4pm on Friday or by 4 PM the prior day for weekday games if you wish to play in your game.
3. After a fine is paid player will be reinstated
4. Players must serve their entire suspension before being reinstated.
4. Questions about fines please contact info@bouldersoccerleagues.com .

TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Team standings are maintained by the Program Coordinator. Please check the standings frequently and make sure they are recorded correctly. Game scores transfer between several individuals and sometimes are recorded incorrectly. Please notify the Program Coordinator if a score has been recorded incorrectly.
2. Standings are updated typically within 48 hours and will be posted on the soccer web page at [BSL League Website](#)
3. Final Standings for all leagues will be determined by the following:
 - A. Total points

B. In the event of a tie the following criteria will be used:

- I. Goal differential
- II. Total goals for
- III. Total Forfeits
- IV. Disciplinary Record (Least Amount of Red / Yellow Cards)
- V. Coin toss

C. Relegation and Promotion: This will be determined by the standings at the end of the regular season (first 10 games) The team with the worst record will be relegated to a lower level division and the team with the best record will be promoted to a higher level for the following season. The program coordinator reserves the right to promote or relegate teams as they see fit to enhance the quality and competition of the Boulder Soccer league. It is also in the discretion of the program coordinator to choose not to promote or relegate teams due to divisions sizes.

City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Player Code of Conduct

Definitions

Manager - A person designated as the team spokesperson. One who is either a player or non-player

Player - A person who actively participates in the game, whether it is playing or sitting on the bench, and who is on the roster.

Spectator - A person who comes out to watch the games for entertainment with no physical involvement.

Official - A person on the field to administer the official rules.

Participation - Any involvement in the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department activities such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, registering for classes, or attending non-sporting events.

Recreation Activity - Any class or event sponsored by the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department.

Program Coordinator - The full-time Parks and Recreation employee designated to organize and supervise the activity.

No player shall:

- * At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player, or spectator.
- * Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
- * Be guilty of obscene gestures, objectionable demonstrations, or dissent of an official's decision.
- * Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player.
- * Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor on any player, official, or spectator.
- * Be guilty of using foul language (swearing) or abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.
- * Appear on the field under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he/she is inclined to cause harm to him/herself or another player.

Officials are required to suspend the player immediately from further play and report the player to the Program Coordinator.

Minimum Penalty: Removal from the game, suspension from the team's next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all City of Boulder recreational activities for life. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

No player shall:

- * Discuss with an official in any manner the decisions reached by an official. Exception: The manager or captain may confer with the official(s) in a reasonable and civil manner.
- * Smoke while coming off or going onto the field of play in any recreation facility.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

1. Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for the violation of Code of Conduct will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

2. Any player removed from a game must leave the field, court, or facility immediately. This includes any and all city property and any other property used by the City of Boulder for programs. Failure to do so will carry a maximum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.

3. Any person on probation who violates the Code of Conduct will be placed on suspension until the case can be heard by the Parks and Recreation Department.

4. Any person wishing to appeal a decision reached by the Parks and Recreation Department should do so by calling the department at 303-441-4137 to set up an appointment to discuss the decision reached within 72 hours of the incident.

5. Any ejected player must pay appropriate fine and sit out the designated number of games prior to playing again.

No Official Present Rule:

In the event that an official fails to be present and the two teams wish to play:

1. The field supervisor must be notified.
2. The absent official form must be signed by both team managers and the field supervisor.
3. At the game's end the form must be given to the facility supervisor.
4. The scores will then be entered into the official record.

In the event that an official fails to be present and the two teams do not wish to play, a make up game will be scheduled at Program Coordinator's discretion.

Failure to comply will result in suspension of playing for the remainder of the season.

CITY OF BOULDER PARKS AND RECREATION-SPORTS

ADULT SPORTS

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The objectives and purposes of the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department Adult Sports Leagues shall be to foster, develop, promote and regulate amateur sports in the City of Boulder; to establish rules and regulations governing all teams participating; to engage in any activity that will be beneficial to the participants and the leagues' well-being, and to extend the sports as wholesome recreational activities.

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Boulder Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change any and all rules, regulations and policies whenever due cause warrants a change. When a change is made, all managers of teams affected by the change will be notified immediately.

GENERAL POLICIES

The regulations stated under General Policies will govern all adult sport leagues: basketball, softball, volleyball, kickball and soccer.

Animals: No animals will be allowed in any sport complex.

Bottles and Kegs: No bottles or kegs are allowed at the sport complexes.

Pleasant View Soccer Complex – No alcohol is allowed this includes the parking lot too.

Sportsmanship and fair play will be the hallmark of all adult sport programs.

The Rules Committee that governs all Boulder Parks and Recreation Adult Sports will be composed of the Recreation Administrator and the Program Coordinator for the respective sport.

TEAM REGISTRATION

In the event that we receive the maximum number of team entries during registration, the following priority will be used for teams on the waiting list.

One, teams that played in the same league and classification last year or teams moving up a classification.

Two, teams that were first added to the waitlist.

Three, teams that contain the highest percentage of City of Boulder residents.

Entry Fees and deadlines vary with each sport or league; please refer to the entry fee listed under each sport. Entries must be received by the published deadline or late fees may be incurred. Teams will not be considered entered until their entry fee has been paid in full.

Dividing Teams: The Boulder Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right and authority to place teams into leagues or divisions so competitive parity can be achieved.

Limit of Team Entries: The number of team entries will be limited due to facility availability. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. To assure team entry, team and player fees must be paid at the time of registration as designated on the specific league information.

ROSTERS

Each player must sign the roster/waiver form before playing to be considered an eligible player.

Teams may have as many players on its roster as desired. All rosters must be turned in either typed or printed in a neat manner. Teams may add players at any time during the season unless designated by specific league rules.

Refunds: Absolutely no team entry or player fees will be refunded once the deadline has passed.

Players may play in as many leagues as they want but only on one team per league. Players must sign a roster/waiver for each team they play with.

Participants must be 18 years of age in order to play in the Adult Sport Leagues.

Current varsity athletes in the particular sport from either high school or college are ineligible during "on" season

Release of Liability: It is the manager's responsibility to see that each player is aware and agrees that there are certain inherent dangers and risks involved in playing and participating in the sports of basketball, softball, volleyball, kickball and soccer. All players must realize that they may be exposed to possible injury in connection with participation in the sport. All players are to be notified that the City of Boulder, the affiliated facilities, affiliated teams, and any staff members will not be held responsible for injuries.

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