

Section 1. Pregame Rules:

- A. All games will be played on short sided fields in a 6vs6 format with U-10 sized goals (6.5' x 18.5')
- B. All players must be registered within the current season (Current Volunteer Form)
- C. Teams must have matching shirts or jerseys otherwise Penny's will be worn
- D. Each team must field a minimum of five players rostered to that team. Teams unable to field a team with at least five of their own players will forfeit the match. (See section 6)
 - a. If a team is found to be using an unregistered player, the offending team will automatically forfeit the match and the team will be eliminated from playoffs
- E. Each team must field a minimum of one female player at all times. Teams who cannot field the appropriate number of female players will forfeit the match. (See section 6)
- F. Games will start at the listed time. Forfeits will be determined five minutes after game time.
- G. Referees must be paid prior to the start of the game.
- H. All games will consist of two (2) 25 minutes half's, 5 min halftime break.
- I. Referees Fees are \$15.00 per team or \$30.00 per full game, even forfeited games.
- J. The team that forfeits the game is responsible for the full Referee Fee of \$30.00.

Section 2. Rules of Play

- A. AYSO Tehachapi Mountain Adult League adheres to the FIFA laws of the Game with the following exceptions:

- a. **No slide tackling.** Slide tackling will result in an automatic Yellow card, and that team will play down one player for 2 minutes.
 - 1. Within the penalty area goalkeepers are permitted to slide.
 - 2. Sliding to save a ball from going out of bounds is permitted granted there are no other players around you. The idea of "around you" is at the referee's discretion. If it's close, keep your feet
- b. **No Offside** infraction
- c. GK cannot punt or drop kick the ball. Must be rolled, thrown or passed into play.

Section 3. Yellow and Red Cards

- A. Any player receiving a yellow card is required to substitute immediately
- B. Red cards of all kinds carry with them a one game suspension
- C. Teams with 5 or more yellow cards or 2 or more red cards will result in automatic review by a three person discipline committee. Findings will be communicated and can include, but are not limited to, loss of membership.

Section 4. Substitution

- A. On the fly substitutions can be made. If a substitution is made it will be made from the halfway line on the field.

Section 5. Player Sharing

- A. The sharing of players between teams is allowed during regular season play. Only Registered players can play on another team.

Section 6. No Shows and Forfeits

- A. Regardless of advanced notice, if a team cannot provide their opponent with a game (even if that game is a pickup game) at the scheduled time then that game will be considered a NO SHOW (Forfeit). A team with two or more no shows (Forfeits/No Show) will be ineligible for playoffs.
- B. If a team cannot satisfy the pregame requirements they will forfeit the game and a pickup game will be played instead
- C. a. If a game pick- up game is played each team will still pay the referee and the game will be officiated
- D. For this set of rules a No Show and/ or a Forfeit will have the same meaning.

Section 7.

Violent Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy

- A. Any violent conduct or conduct that can lead to violence is in violation of AYSO Tehachapi Mountain Adult League Zero Tolerance Policy. In the case of a Zero Tolerance incident, The League will initiate a Zero Tolerance Review which consists of:
 - a. Creation of a three person review committee made up of unbiased AYSO Adult League board members
 - b. Solicitation of incident reports from both team managers as well as the referee
 - c. A discipline review and formal decision. All decisions are final. No protests.
- B. If a player or players are deemed in violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy they will be permanently removed from the league without refund and indefinitely barred from participating
- C. The team which the player(s) participates on will be under review as well and may be subject to suspension or removal from the league
- D. Any team with a player in violation of the Zero Tolerance policy will not be eligible for playoffs
- E. No Smoking, No Alcohol, No Foul Language allowed on fields.

Playoff Rules

- A. Only teams in good standing with the league will be eligible for playoffs play.
- B. Only players registered to your team roster may play for your team during playoffs
- C. Playoff points system is as follows:
 - Win = 3 points.
 - Tie = 1 point.
 - Losses = 0 points
- D. Tiebreakers are as follows: Points. Head to head result. Goal differential (max of 3). Goals against. Penalty kicks
- E. Knockout games (including finals) that end in a tie, will do 2 (two) 10-minute half's, if still tied then will do a penalty shootout.
- F. Penalty shootouts are three shooters and must alternate gender (Ex: Male, Female, Male). After three shooters it is sudden death
 - a. Shooters cannot be repeated until all players of that gender have taken a penalty.
 - b. If a team has a limited number of one gender, that person/those persons will continually take the kicks...