

# DSC ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

## Rule 1 - The Players

7v7 (6 field players + goalkeeper), with no less than 5 players on the field at all times. All players must be registered and signed the team/individual waiver form. **Substitutions:** Each team may substitute players at any stoppage during the game if it is their possession. Players must be at midfield to substitute. **No substitutions on the fly.**

## Rule 2 - The Players' Equipment

Players wear their team's uniform, consisting of the same colors with unique numbers 6 inches or bigger on the back, shin guards covered by socks. Jewelry and other accessories are prohibited. The Goalkeeper shall wear jersey colors distinguished from all other field players and from the Referees. No metal cleats allowed.

## Rule 3 - The Referee

The decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play and interpretations of the Rules are final.

## Rule 4 - The Duration of the Game

A regulation game consists of two halves of 30 minutes. With a halftime period of no more than 3 minutes. Playoff and tournament games may be shorter depending on the event and allotted time.

## Rule 5 - The Start and Restart of Play

A **Kickoff** from the Center Mark starts play at the beginning of each half and after every goal. A player who starts play may not again play the ball until it touches another player. A goal may not be scored directly from the kickoff. At the start of each game, the home team takes the kickoff for the first half kickoff and any overtime period. Teams switch goals and the visiting team takes the kickoff for the second half.

**All Free Kicks are indirect (except Penalty Kicks).** Before the team takes the free kick, the ball must be stationary. All opposing players are at least 15 feet from the spot of the free kick (or, if within 15 feet of the opponent's goal, along the goal line). The spot of the free kick is at the place of the infraction.

## Rule 6 – Midline Rule

A **violation** occurs when a goalkeeper propels the ball in the air across the Halfway Line toward the opponent's Goal without touching the ground, another player or a referee on the field of play. The ball will be placed at the midfield line at the spot of the infraction. **This only applies to goalkeeper possession/distribution, i.e. goal kicks, punts and throws. A ball passed back to the goalkeeper by a teammate or played without picking up is considered playing as a normal field player.**

## **Rule 7 - The Method of Scoring**

A team scores a goal when the whole of the ball legally passes over the Goal Line. A goal may not be scored directly from a kickoff.

Win = 7 points

Tie = 3 points

Loss = 0 points

Tie Breaking Procedures: 1) Head to Head 2) Goal Differential

Tournament: In the case of a Tie **games are settled by Penalty Kicks taken by the players on the field at the end of regulation time.**

## **Rule 8 - Fouls and Other Violations**

FIFA Laws of the Game apply to all infractions, including but not limited to: kicking, pushing, tripping, handling the ball, etc. All free kicks are indirect **except when occurring within the Penalty Area, which will result in a Penalty Kick.**

There are no Offsides.

**No slide tackling, or dangerous sliding allowed in any division of play. This includes sliding by the goalkeeper. Repeated violations shall result in yellow cards.**

Yellow-carded player is required to substitute.

2nd yellow or 1st red card; player sits the remainder of the game and that team plays short the remainder of the game. Player will serve 1 game suspension and must attend D&P board review meeting prior to being allowed to play again.

Dacula Soccer Club seeks to provide a family friendly environment and encourages family members and children to provide support. With this in mind, DSC has instigated a no swearing rule so that parents and children are not offended or embarrassed by comments made by players on the field. The referees will warn the captains of both teams at the coin toss that swearing, cursing or foul language offense results in automatic yellow card. No other warnings will be given. Foul and/or abusive language towards referees, as directed by FIFA, carries the punishment of a red card.

2 Yellow cards = Red card

**3 Yellow Cards accumulated by an individual during a season will result in a one game suspension.**

Team accumulation of (5) yellow cards = 5 point standings deduction. All red cards = 5 point standings deduction.

Fighting is not tolerated-Players involved will be terminated from the game and possibly the league.

## **Rule 9 – Players ONLY on the player’s bench**

Spectators, family members, etc., must watch game from opposite sideline as the players.

Signed:

Dated: