



Adult 7v7 Soccer League Rules of Competition

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ALLISON SPORTSTOWN FALL ADULT 7v7 SOCCER LEAGUE

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Name of the League

The league shall be named the Allison SportsTown Fall Adult 7v7 Soccer League. Herein after may be referred to as "The League."

1.2 Mission

Allison SportsTown's mission is to provide the four-state region with a premier multi-sport complex for the enhancement and development of recreational and competitive athletics for all ages. We are committed to promoting sportsmanship, respect, integrity, self-discipline, and character development.

1.3 Management of the League

The League shall be managed and operated by the Allison SportsTown Staff.

1.4 League Contact Information

Director of Soccer Operations: Tymber Scott – tymber@sgfsports.com

General Manager: Stacie Wells – stacie@sgfsports.com

Operations Coordinator: Jennifer Coleman – jennifer@sgfsports.com

1.5 League Website

The league website homepage can be found at allisonsportstown.com.

1.6 Matters Not provided For

Allison SportsTown administration shall have the final authority in all matters not specifically provided for by these rules and policies.

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SECTION II: TEAM APPLICATION & ADMISSION

2.1 Adult 7v7 League Divisions

The league will host the following divisions:

- Men's Advanced
- Men's Intermediate
- Women's
- Adult Coed

Divisions for Men's, Women's, and Coed are made according to the number of teams that sign up each year in each category.

Players register as teams for each division. Individual placement is also available in accordance that current teams accept individual players. All player registrations shall be in correlation with the current Allison SportsTown regulations as specified herein.

Allison SportsTown reserves the right to accept or reject any application. Allison SportsTown will not discriminate against any player or volunteer based upon race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or disability.

2.2 Registering Players and Teams

Each player registers to play by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee by the registration deadline. This form is available on allisonsportstown.com.

2.3 League Structure

Allison SportsTown will organize competition for each division. Each team will play up to 8 games depending upon the number of teams in the division. Teams will play once or twice per week for the season. Dates for the league are posted at allisonsportstown.com.

Games are typically played on Sundays but are subject to change depending on field/referee availability. Practices are not provided in team fees; however, practice fields are available throughout the week for an additional fee.

2.4 Good Standing

Each participating player must be in "good standing" with the league. Players who lose their status of "good standing" because of misconduct will not receive a refund of fees paid.

2.5 Application Deadlines

All applications to participate in The League must be received along with full payment on or before the registration deadlines established by Allison SportsTown. Allison SportsTown may accept late applications if room exists in the division in question.

2.6 Acceptance of the Allison SportsTown Rules

All persons applying to participate in The League agree to accept and abide by the League rules and policies and any decisions made by the league administrators. Lack of knowledge of these rules will not relieve any coach, team, official, parent or player participating in the league or seeking entry into the league, from the responsibilities and possible penalties herein.

All coaches, team officials, parents, and players, by participating in The League agree that they are bound by these rules. All the rules for "The League" will be posted on the Allison SportsTown website.

2.7 League Fees

All league fees are due by the announced due date for all divisions. No player/team will be assigned to a the league until his/her fees are paid in full. Once accepted, the league fee is nonrefundable. Any player dropping out of the league will not be reimbursed for games missed.

2.8 Returned Checks

The League shall charge a \$50 service fee for all returned checks.

2.9 Season Schedule

The registration deadline is outlined on the Allison SportsTown website and registration communication.

Games typically begin mid-September and continue through mid-November.

Games will be played on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Game times are subject to change but will be scheduled between 4PM and 11PM.

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SECTION III: TEAM ROSTER & FORMATS

3.1 Teams

Teams are predetermined for the Allison SportsTown Adult 7v7 Soccer League. Each team must assign a team “coach” responsible for team registration, jerseys, and communication. The exception is when an individual player registers. This individual will be placed on a team in accordance with the team accepting the individual player. Once accepted to a team, the team coach is responsible for communicating with the individual participant.

3.2 Roster Size & Game Day Roster

The League’s roster size shall be no greater than 18 with a minimum of 7 players. This grants each team a complete line change along with additional substitutes as needed. The minimum number of players required to start the game is 5.

3.3 Player Eligibility

Eligibility of players shall be in accordance with Allison SportsTown regulations, unless otherwise specified and approved by The League. Each player must complete a waiver of liability form prior to playing any game. This waiver is good for 1-year and will not need to be signed again until the 1-year deadline. This means that the individual player will not need to sign a waiver for every session.

The Allison SportsTown Adult 7v7 Soccer League is an 18+ league. Players under the age of 18 will not be permitted to play in the adult league.

Proof-of-birth shall be provided upon request.

3.4 Multiple Roster Players

Players may only play for one team within a division, i.e., they may not dual roster. However, teams can borrow players from other teams if they do not have the required minimum number of players to start the game OR they have less than 2 substitutes.

Example*: If a team only has 4 roster players available to play, they may borrow 4 additional players to fill the game day roster (field players + substitutes) equal to 2 substitutes. If a team has 7 rostered players available for the game, they may borrow 1 additional player to make a total of 6 field players and 2 substitutes. If a team has less than 4 rostered players available for the game, they are required to forfeit for final scoring. However, they may recruit players to play for fun.

*For coed teams, they may borrow players up to 4 substitutes to allow for 2 male subs and 2 female substitutes. No matter the number of male substitutes, coed teams may borrow a player to ensure the female players have 2 substitutes available.

Borrowed players must be in the Allison SportsTown registration system and have signed the liability waiver.

The exception to this rule is when a team's goalkeeper. Goalkeepers may dual-roster and teams may recruit a goalkeeper that plays on another team even if they have 2 or more substitutes.

If a team is caught not complying with the borrowed player rules, they will be forced to take a forfeit for the game unless the additional borrowed players are approved by the opposing team captain before the game start.

3.5 Divisions

The League is divided into smaller divisions based upon the gender and competitive level of the team. These divisions may vary depending on participation levels.

3.6 Game Formats

Allison SportsTown Adult 7v7 Soccer League plays 7v7 (6 field players and one goalie).

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SECTION IV: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Reporting of Scores

Scores are kept after the games in the Allison SportsTown Adult 7v7 Divisions. The league will report weekly standings and announce a division winner at the end of the season. Each game will either have a winner, loser, or tie and will receive respective scoring points.

4.2 Game Day Rosters/Cards

The referee will complete a game card for each game to record the score, penalties, and other irregularities, such as coach or spectator problems. The Allison SportsTown staff shall make the team roster forms available to the referee at the match prior to each game.

At the request of any player, the referee shall confirm that the players on the field match each team's roster. Players not on the roster shall not play if not registered with Allison SportsTown. Players registered in that division on another team may play as substitutes on a team that is short players but only with the consent of the opposing team or if the team short players forfeits the win.

4.3 Inclement Weather Communication

In the event of lightning or other severe weather conditions, play will be stopped, and guests will be directed by officials and/or coaches to secure zones until it is safe to resume play. Adult 7v7 games will be suspended or canceled in the event of heavy rain or lightning.

The staff member on duty will evaluate the weather and decide how to proceed. If the bad weather looks to continue throughout the evening, the staff member could cancel all games for the night. If the bad weather looks like it was a one-and-done incident that happened only in the first half of a set of games, then the staff could suspend the game for 30 minutes and then order it resumed.

4.4 Rescheduling Policy

Allison SportsTown will reschedule make-up games on an open field during the season set by Allison SportsTown or at the end of the season.

4.5 Schedule Requests

All scheduling requests must take place during/at registration. We will attempt to accommodate all reasonable requests. However, once the schedule is set, rescheduling becomes difficult. We will attempt to make any/all reasonable reschedule requests but cannot guarantee rescheduling. If a player or team is unable to attend a scheduled game and no reschedule is possible, the game is a forfeit.

4.6 Forfeits

5 players must be present per team to start the game. If a team does not have sufficient players to play the game, the game is forfeit for purposes of final standings. However, the teams can divide the players present into two equal halves and play the game anyway for fun.

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SECTION V: RULES OF PLAY

5.1 Full Copy of the Laws of the Game

A full copy of the laws of the game are published at allisonsportstown.com. All players, coaches and team personnel are subject to all laws, except as modified by these rules.

5.2 Equipment

Players in the Adult 7v7 Soccer League do not have to have numbered jerseys, but all shirts/jerseys must be the same color. Each team must have a primary and secondary color jersey in case of a color conflict. The home team will be required to change jerseys.

The goalie must have a different color jersey/shirt than field players. Shin guards are required in all divisions in Adult 7v7 league.

5.3 The Duration of the Game

Games consist of (2) 25-minute halves with a 5-minute half-time. Games that are interrupted by lightning or other severe weather will be rescheduled if the incident occurs in the 1st half. If the inclement weather happens in the 2nd half, the game will be considered complete. No stoppage time will be allotted at either half.

5.4 Substitutions

Substitutions are unlimited and may occur at any point throughout the game. Players must be 3 feet from the sideline before the subbing player can enter the field. The referee is not required to notify the player when they can enter play.

5.5 Referees

Each match is controlled by a one to two referees, who have all authority to control the game as outlined in FIFA Law 5 with the exception of the laws listed here.

5.6 Goalkeeper Restrictions

A goalkeeper may not punt or drop kick the ball in the in the Adult 7v7 League.

A goalkeeper may not play a ball with his/her hands when it was intentionally passed from the foot of a teammate. (Indirect free kick from the penalty line.)

5.7 Final Scoring

At the end of each game, one team will be declared the winner. The team with the most goals scored at the end of the game is declared the winner. Winners will receive 3 points and the losing team will receive 0 points. If the game ends in a tie, each team will receive 1 point.

Game results are recorded, and a division winner announced at the end of the season. If two teams in a division end the season with the same number of points, the division winner will be selected by number of tie breakers outlined below:

- Head-to-head result
- Goal differential
- Most shutouts
- Most wins

Additional Rules that Differ from FIFA Rules:

- No slide tackling is allowed.
- Offsides is not enforced.
- If a red card is issued to a player, they are required to miss their next game.
- Players evicted for fighting or fouling with intent to injure will be suspended for the remainder of the game and two additional games. Additional suspension time may be allotted as determined by the Allison SportsTown staff.
- The ball does not have to move forward at kick-off.
- Penalty kicks are taken 12 yards from the goal line.
- Players must be 8 yards from the penalty spot.
- Coed teams must have at least 2 females on the field at any given time.

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SECTION VI: DISCIPLINE & CODE OF CONDUCT

6.1 Coaches and Spectators Responsibilities

All coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all soccer laws pertaining to misconduct. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of The League. Any coach or team official can be held responsible for any individual associated with his/her team at any game.

6.2 Profanity and Unsporting Conduct

Inappropriate language or conduct by any individual will not be tolerated either on or off the field. Such conduct may result in expulsion from within sight or sound of the game. Inappropriate language shall mean all words describing human body waste, sexuality, or religious or racial epithets which in the opinion of the referee or staff member are spoken solely for the purpose of complaint or offense.

6.3 Compensation

No player shall receive any compensation for services rendered to a team or receive any promises of compensation.

6.4 Smoking & Alcohol

There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking or use of tobacco products in the player/coach area or surrounding spectator areas.

6.5 Referee Authority

The referee(s) are in complete charge of the field and adjacent areas from the time they arrive at the game site until they depart. The referee is empowered to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed.

The referee may terminate a game for coach, player, or spectator misconduct. Teams causing the termination directly or by association will forfeit the game.