



Bentonville Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer Rules

1. **Slide tackling is not allowed.** Slide tackling with the intent to dispossess the ball will result in a yellow card.
Goal Keeper allowed legal slide
2. **Offside Eliminated.** The league will NOT call Offside.
3. All players must have a permanent number on their uniform/shirt. No exceptions. Players will not be allowed to play if they do not have a number after week 1/beginning week 2. No taped numbers allowed. Full jersey only.
4. Players must wear shin guards 100% of the time beginning week 1.
5. Games are played in an 8v8 format. Game clock starts at 9:00pm. Teams can start the game with a minimum of 5 players. Teams must end the game with 5 players. If your team does not have 5 players, your team will forfeit and lose 3 – 0.
6. Teams play two 30 minute halves. Teams need to be present before their start time so referee checks can be performed and games can start on time.
7. Player names/numbers must be submitted on the roster by Friday, September 11.
8. Roster changes are allowed up to Friday, October 23. All roster changes need to be approved by the league before the player can play.
9. Tournament Roster must be received by Friday, October 23, for team to be eligible to play in the Tournament. Only players on the tournament roster are allowed to play in the tournament.
10. Competitive teams may carry up to 3 players who are also on a roster in the other Competitive division. You may only double roster players in the Competitive division. Recreational players cannot play in the Competitive division and Competitive players cannot play in the Recreational division. (Exception: Goalies will be allowed to play across divisions but can only play goalie on the respective teams)
11. Roster limit of 16 players per team.
12. Tournament Rosters - Players will have to show a valid form of identification prior to each game of the tournament. Referees will check in players via name before the start of each tournament game.
13. FIFA Rules apply. Referee stops game to approve substitution at any stoppages.
14. If a player receives two yellow cards in a single game he is ejected from that game and the player is suspended from that the next game. Your team will play a man down after the ejection.
15. If a player receives a red card, they are ejected and suspended for at least 1 game. Team must play a man down in the game where the red card is received. If the player plays in the red card suspension games, the entire team will be expelled from the league. The player must also leave the soccer complex immediately following the receipt of the red card. All red cards will be reviewed by the league.
16. **Three strikes and out rule. A team receiving 3 red cards in a season will be expelled from the league for the remainder of the season and the team's league fee will not be refunded. The team will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.**
17. Respect the referee. Verbal abuse of a referee will result in an immediate yellow card. Further verbal abuse will result in a red card. Any physical abuse or threat to a referee will result in an expulsion. The player will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.
18. Physical violence towards another player will result in expulsion from the league for the player committing the offense. The player will not be allowed to return to the league without approval from the league.
19. Spectator abuse will not be tolerated. Throwing out a spectator will count against your team's red card totals. Teams may be forced to forfeit their game if their spectators are unruly.
20. Complaints need to be filed to the league via email within 24 hours of occurrence.