



**Town of Prescott Valley
Parks and Recreation Department**



**8v8 Co-ed
Soccer Rules**

Sportsmanship

Recreational sporting leagues offered by the Town are designed to be leisurely in nature with an emphasis placed on sportsmanship and fair play. Participants are encouraged to be competitive and to always abide by the intent of the league. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.

Registration

All communication between the league and teams will be done through the team manager. Managers are expected to check their email regularly. This will be the main form of communication between the league coordinator and team managers. Players may be added to the roster any time prior to the tournament (see tournament for eligibility rules). Players may only be on one roster. Players may not be deleted from a roster for any reason.

All players must be added to the online roster or sign the physical liability waiver prior to participation. In the event that a physical form is used, the player must be added to the online waiver before the following week's game.

Players must sign in before every game at the site supervisor table. This will be used to determine playoff eligibility.

Spectator/Sideline Control

It is the responsibility of the team manager to control players and spectators. Teams are subject to disciplinary action for inappropriate sideline behavior. League coordinator reserves the right to remove teams or players for persistent sideline issues.



PRESCOTT VALLEY
ATHLETICS

Game Rules

Duration of Play

Teams will play two 25 minutes halves with a 5-minute halftime. Tie games during the regular season will be considered a draw.

Number of Players

Each team will consist of 8 total players (1 goalkeeper 7 outfield players). A minimum of 6 players is required to start a game. If a team falls below 6 players at any point, the game will be ended immediately. The team with the eligible number of players will be awarded a 3-0 win for the forfeit.

Equipment

Teams should either have official uniforms or the same-colored shirts at each game. This will help differentiate teams. Any team without jerseys or matching shirts will be given pennies to be used during the game.

Shin guards are required. Shin guards should be entirely covered with long socks. Shoes are required, soccer cleats or turf shoes are recommended. Metal cleats are not allowed.

Substitutions

Substitutions shall be made only during a dead ball situation. Once the referee blows the whistle, the substitution can be made.

Slide Tackles

Slide tackling another player or near another player is not allowed. Players may slide to reach a ball if there are no other players around. It is at the referee's discretion to determine whether a slide is legal or not. If a player is determined to have intentionally slid near another player, a yellow card will be issued to the sliding player.

A goalkeeper may slide to challenge an attacking player, block a shot, save a ball, etc. Goalkeeper must be within the penalty area to do so. Sliding outside of the penalty area will result in an automatic foul.

Goalkeeper

When the goalkeeper receives the ball in open play, they may not punt the ball beyond the halfway line. If the goalkeeper punts the ball, it must stay within the goalkeeper's own half or touch another player before crossing the halfway line. Violation results in an indirect free kick to the opposition.

The goalkeeper may throw the ball beyond the halfway line. The goalkeeper may also place the ball on the ground and kick it beyond the halfway line.

A goal kick restart may be kicked beyond the halfway line.

Offside

No offside rule will be used in 8v8 co-ed soccer.

Fouls and Misconduct

A direct free kick is awarded when a player:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Tackles an opponent
- Holds an opponent

If any of these fouls are committed by a player in their team's penalty area, the opposing team is awarded a penalty kick. Indirect free kicks are awarded if a player:

- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of an opponent
- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands
- Commits any other unmentioned offense

Yellow cards are awarded as a caution or warning to a player and can be issued for the following offenses:

- Dissent by word or action
- Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- Delaying the restart of play
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick, or throw-in

Red cards are used to send a player off the field, and can be issued for the following offenses:

- Serious foul play
- Violent conduct
- Using offensive or abusive language and/or gestures
- Receiving a second caution (yellow card) in the same match

Free Kicks

Free Kick is broken into two categories, direct and indirect. A direct kick can be shot directly into the opponent's goal without touching another player. An indirect free kick is indicated by the referee raising his hand during the kick. An indirect kick can only go into the goal if it has subsequently been touched by another player before it enters the goal. The ball must be stationary for both types of kicks.

The Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded either when a defensive player fouls an attacking player or commits a handball in his/her team's penalty area. The penalty kick is placed at the penalty spot, and all players on both teams must remain outside the penalty box during the shot. They may enter the box immediately after the shot is taken. The goalkeeper may move horizontally along the goal line before the shot is taken, but he may not come off the line until the ball is struck.

The Throw-In

A throw-in is awarded when the possessing team plays the ball out of bounds over the touchline. While taking a throw-in, a player must release the ball with both hands simultaneously and keep both feet firmly planted on the ground. If these conditions are not met, play is stopped, and the throw-in is given to the opposing team. Players are not allowed to score directly off a throw-in.

The Goal Kick

A goal kick is awarded when the offensive team plays the ball out of bounds over the defensive team's goal line. After the ball is out of play, the defender or goalkeeper may place the ball anywhere within the goal box and kick the ball back into play.

The Corner Kick

A corner kick is awarded to the offensive team when the defensive team plays the ball out of bounds over its goal line. The ball is placed within the corner area and is kicked back into play by the offensive team. Players can score directly off a corner kick.

Co-ed Rules

Each team will be able to field a maximum of 8 total players. Teams will be required to always have a minimum of 3 women and 3 men on the field. Players may play in any positions on the field.

All legal field representations:

3 men, 5 women	3 men, 4 women	3 men, 3 women
4 men, 4 women	4 men, 3 women	
5 men, 3 women		

Bookings

All yellow card offenses will be punished by a 3-minute penalty for the player. The team that the carded player represents will play 1 player short for the 3-minute duration.

All red cards (straight red or double yellow) will be punished by ejection of player and the team playing a player down for the remainder of the game. Ejected players must exit the facility prior to the game restarting. Ejected players will serve 1 additional game suspension.

The league coordinators reserve the right to modify suspension duration or remove players or teams from the league completely, based on disciplinary issues.

Point System

All scorecards must be initialed by each team's respective manager. Once a scorecard is initialed, it becomes official. No contestation will be considered.

A standard point system will be used to determine playoff berth.

- Win=3 pts
- Draw=1pt
- Loss=0 pts

Tiebreakers for playoff berth will be as follows:

- Head-to-head
- Goal Differential
- Coin toss

Playoffs

Top 4 teams in the league will qualify for playoffs. Players must play a minimum of 2 league games to qualify for playoffs. At least one regular season game played must be prior to week 6. Playoff games will have a modified game duration of 20 minutes halves with a 5-minute half time. Playoff games may not end in a draw. If teams are tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go directly into penalty kicks. Standard penalty kick rules will apply.