

Adult Soccer

Information and Rule Book

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Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide parks, recreational, and cultural services to the Oklahoma City residents and visitors so they can have improved health, wellness, and quality of life.

Goals and Objectives

The City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation offers non-sanctioned soccer leagues for the recreational enjoyment of the participants.

General Information

- ✓ All players must be at least eighteen (18) or older to participate in the league.
- ✓ Team should have at least eight (8) players but are allowed to start with six (6) and must finish with no fewer than six (6) players, including injuries.
- ✓ Games will be played at the Wendel Whisenhunt Sports Complex, 3200 S. Independence Ave. OKC, OK 73119.
- ✓ Games will consist of two(2) twenty five (25) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time.
- ✓ All calls and judgments made by the referee are final. All protests must be brought to the attention of the league coordinator for a final ruling.
- ✓ Anyone, player or person associated with the team, that is asked to leave the facility due to unsportsmanlike behavior will receive an automatic one game suspension and could face further disciplinary action as determined by Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation staff.

Game Time

- ✓ To find game schedules please visit <http://www.teamsideline.com/okc>
- ✓ It shall be the responsibility of each coach to see that the team appears for each of its scheduled league games. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game.
- ✓ There is a ten (10) minute grace period for teams. If a team does not have enough players by the end of the time, then the result is a forfeit.

Weather Policy

The Site Coordinator or Recreation Program Coordinator has the final say on whether a game will be temporarily suspended or postponed due to weather conditions or poor field conditions. For the full weather policy please visit <http://www.teamsideline.com/okc> under downloads tab.

Roster Requirements

- ✓ Complete team roster must be submitted before the start of the team's first game. Rosters will not be accepted unless all information is completed. Teams may have fourteen (14) players on the roster.
- ✓ All roster changes must be made in person at the Woodson Gym through the onsite supervisor or Adult Sports Programmer.
- ✓ All team members on the roster **MUST** sign the Adult Release Form before they can play.
- ✓ **All team rosters will be frozen three (3) weeks prior to the completion of the regular season.** (After the 4th game)
- ✓ If, at any time, a team is unable to complete the season due to a lack of eligible players, such shortage being the result of injuries or employment transfer, the Adult Sports Programmer may allow a team to add additional players.
- ✓ Teams using ineligible players will automatically forfeit all games in which said player participated. All players are required to have some form of identification with their pictures on it at all games. If the opposing captain, manager and/or the onsite supervisor/scorekeeper suspects that an ineligible player is being used, that player's I.D. will be checked. If that player is ineligible, or no I.D. is produced, an immediate forfeit shall be called.
- ✓ Player(s) who violate this rule shall be removed from the game immediately.

Equipment and Uniform

- ✓ All teams in the league must have like-colored jerseys with different permanent numbers. There will be a two (2) week grace period on jerseys at the beginning of the season. Any problems concerning jerseys will be handled on an individual basis by the onsite supervisor or the Adult Sports Programmer and their decision shall be final.
- ✓ Teams must wear soft spike cleats
- ✓ Players must wear shin guards. If they do not have shin guards they cannot play until they have shin guards.
- ✓ GAME BALL: The City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation shall provide the official game ball.
- ✓ No jewelry is allowed during the game.
- ✓ Plaster or other hard substances in their final form may not be worn during the game. Any exposed metal may be considered legal if covered by some sort of material or padding and taped.

Make Up Games

- ✓ A. Make-up games may be scheduled at any time. Original schedules may change, so please check www.teamsideline.com/okc web page regularly or call Tom Odhiambo if you have any questions.
- ✓ B. Managers, Captains and coaches should call as soon as possible so you have sufficient time to notify your team.
- ✓ C. The responsibility of finding out make-up times is the duty of the team manager, captain or coach.

General Rules

- ✓ No Offsides
- ✓ An intentional foul will result in a yellow card.
- ✓ Two (2) yellow cards will result in a red card.
- ✓ Players will receive a straight red card for using excessive force, endangering other players, violent actions, and use of abusive language
- ✓ The clock will continue to run during the game and there will be no stoppages.
- ✓ Players will sit for one game if they receive a red card. The league committee may extend the length of punishment depending on the severity of the offense.
- ✓ All fouls and calls will be determined by the official and all calls are at their discretion.
- ✓ A player, coach, or referee who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from further participation in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required. The referee shall:
 - ✓ Stop the game and allow treatment if an injured person would affect the continuation of play.
 - ✓ Immediately call a coach, trainer, or other "authorized person" to the injured player.
 - ✓ Apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, re-entry, and short-handed player if necessary.
 - ✓ Teams should bring their own first aid supplies. The City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation only supplies band aids and ice packs.

Tiebreakers

The following will be used in the event of a tie between two or more teams during league play:

- ✓ Best win/loss record between tied teams
- ✓ Point differential between tied teams
- ✓ Point differential for entire season
- ✓ Total points scored during season
- ✓ Least amount of points allowed during season
- ✓ Head to head
- ✓ All tiebreakers will revert back to the first tiebreaker to determine second place once the first place team has been determined.
- ✓ If a team forfeits for any reason during the season, that team will be eliminated from the tiebreaker process.

Awards

All games shall count toward league standings.

- ✓ League standings will be used to seed teams in the end-of-season tournament.
- ✓ Individual awards will be given to the team that wins the tournament.

Code of Conduct

The City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department's Zero Tolerance Conduct Policy:

- ✓ No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, or threaten to strike another person.
 - Player will be suspended from all sports indefinitely until a final decision is made on the length of suspension.
- ✓ All players will abide by the officials' decision. A player ejected from the game will at the least get a one game suspension and run the risk of being suspended for multiple games or the remainder of the season.
- ✓ If a player or manager is ejected from the game, that player or manager must leave the court immediately. The league supervisor may allow the player to remain in the area only if the ejected player exhibits sportsmanlike conduct.
- ✓ No player, coach, spectator, or manager shall physically attack or act as an aggressor towards any person, player, spectator, referee, or City employee.
 - Officials are required to immediately eject player(s) from further play and report such player(s) to the League Officials
- ✓ All players, coaches, and managers will abstain from the use of vulgarity, racial slurs, verbal abuse, threats, or unsportsmanlike conduct while participating in a City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation activity.
- ✓ No player, coach, or manager will be allowed to participate if acting in an intoxicated manner.
 - Suspension from the game and possibly the next game played, as to be ruled upon by the referees and/or league officials.
- ✓ Captains, managers, and/or coaches are held responsible for their team's conduct.
- ✓ Teams are responsible for their spectators' conduct.
- ✓ Anytime a game gets out of hand, the referees or league officials have the authority to call the game.
- ✓ Any and all situations not specifically covered in the rulebook shall be acted upon by the Adult Sports Programmer, and all decisions shall be final.

Protect Your Valuables

As most of us know, parking lots can be a popular target for thefts. Avoid being a victim by taking care of your valuables by following the tips for preventing break-ins or theft listed below:

- ✓ If there is a suspicious person or activity near a vehicle, notify the facility supervisor or contact the police immediately.
- ✓ Remove all bags and items from view in your car. If possible, take your valuables with you.

- ✓ Do not leave wallet, keys, or valuables unattended.
- ✓ Keep spare keys in your wallet, not in your car.
- ✓ Close all vehicle windows and lock all doors.
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas when available.
- ✓ Engrave your stereo and other valuables with your driver's license number, not your social security number.

Thank you again for playing with the City of Oklahoma
City Parks and Recreation Department and have a great
season!