

Soccer Manager's Guide

You can obtain your schedule by visiting:

www.teamsideline.com/ventura

	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Nights</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Men's (multiple divisions)	Summer, Fall, Spring	Monday	Camino Real Park
Women's (divisions determined by # of teams)	Summer, Fall, Spring	Thursday	Camino Real Park
Coed (multiple divisions)	Summer, Fall, Spring	Monday	Camino Real Park

Welcome to the City of Ventura Adult Six-A-Side Soccer League!

- Check schedules and standings weekly to make sure you have the most up to date information
- Referee fees are \$25 per game and due at game time
- Players must have the same color jerseys (light and dark)
- Teams are expected to help put away goals and store them in the proper locations, as noted on Team Sideline, at the end of the night- map of locations at Camino Real Park office.
- Contact Information:
 - Lauren Chumbley
 - Office: 805-658-4738
 - Email: lchumbley@cityofventura.ca.gov
 - Fax: 805-648-1030

Registration Requirements

The City of Ventura requires each manager to complete a team roster and return it to the Adult Sports office with entry fee payment in full, to be eligible to participate in leagues. Rosters are limited to 12 players and signatures for each player must be obtained prior to the first session.

Players are only allowed to play for one team in each division.

All players are also required to complete a COVID waiver to be eligible to participate in leagues.

Soccer League Format

The City of Ventura Soccer League currently utilizes an 8-game league format. Teams will play a guarantee of 8 games. You can obtain your schedule by visiting www.teamsideline.com/ventura.

Team captains are responsible for filling out score cards with all eligible players on game day. If a player is not on the score card, they will not be considered 'present' as a player for that game. Players must have been 'present' for at least three regular season games to be eligible to play in the playoffs.

If your team must forfeit a contest, you must report 24 hours ahead of your scheduled game time. If you fail to contact City of Ventura Adult Sports staff 24 hours in advance, the full official's fees (\$50) will be due in full, prior to your next scheduled game. Failure to pay this fee may result in forfeit of your next scheduled game and/or removal from the league. You may call Lauren Chumbley at 805-658-4738, or email lchumbley@cityofventura.ca.gov to confirm your forfeit. Failure to call will result in the forfeiture of the next game, and your team may be dropped from further league play.

Rainouts/Cancellations

If rain occurs during the day of your game, check www.teamsideline.com/ventura on your game day to determine if games will be played. The final decision about games being played will be made by 3pm. Rainout games are made up at the end of the regular season in the order that they were postponed.

Official Six-A-Side Rules

Soccer rules and conditions will follow the FIFA Rulebook with the following exceptions:

- Teams will consist of six players on the field including the goalkeeper, with unlimited substitutions from the sidelines at any dead ball (whistle is blown). A team can play a game with as few as four players. A coed team may play with as few as one female player on the field, but at no time can there be more than three male players on the field at one time. There is no minimum number of male players who must be on the field
- Games are 25 minutes per half, with a five-minute half time. The game clock starts on the scheduled time. The official will not wait for teams to be ready before starting the clock
- No slide tackles. If a player makes a slide tackle, they will receive a yellow card and be forced to sit out for two minutes, without a substitution. Any other yellow card by the same player will result in a red card and disqualification from the game with no substitution
- Throw-ins are replaced by Kick-ins, which are indirect. All other free kicks are direct. Corner kicks are direct. Teams defending a free kick must stand at least 10 feet back from the spot of the ball. A restart after a goal is scored will be made from the goalie area by the team that allowed the score
- When an offensive player enters the goalie area to make a play at the ball, the play is considered 'dead', and the ball is given to the defending team's goalkeeper. When a defending player enters the goalie area to make a play on the ball, a direct penalty kick for the offensive team will be given. Penalty kicks will be taken centrally, one yard from the top of the goalie area, or approximately 43 feet away from the goal
- Goalkeepers cannot handle a ball that has been kicked back to them by their own team
- Only one player can be in the goalie area at a time
- Female players from other teams may be substituted during the season in coed leagues, however, only rostered players will be eligible for the playoffs

Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for the City of Ventura Soccer leagues shall immediately be in effect. The City reserves the right to interpret any rule in accordance with the philosophy and goals of the Adult Sports Program and the City of Ventura. **It is the responsibility of the team manager to enforce and abide by the following Code of Conduct. Team managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans associated with their team, before, during and after their game.**

Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to an infraction, a sequence of progressive disciplinary action may be used at the discretion of the City of Ventura Adult Sports Staff. **It should be noted that any step(s) in the discipline process might be passed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action.** The progressive discipline process may progress as follows: 1) warning to team manager or player, 2) yellow card and player temporarily removed from play, 3) red card and player removed from the league for one or more weeks, 4) multiple red cards resulting in player or team ejection and indefinite suspension from league play in the City of Ventura. Rules of the game and any misconduct violations relating to the field of play shall be enforced by the on-site umpire.

Any player receiving four red cards in one season will be suspended from regular season play and will not be eligible for the playoffs. Ejections occurring during the playoffs or within the last week of the league will carry over and be applied the following season.

Any player committing a Major Infraction listed below, or receiving a red card, will immediately be ejected from the game, and will not be allowed to play or attend games for (1) calendar week and will be required to leave the field of play. An email will be sent to the manager of the team, notifying them of the suspension and the date the suspended player may return to league. Progressive disciplinary action may be taken with repeat offenders.

Major Infractions

- **Physical Contact with Official, Player, Staff, or Fan:** no player shall at any time lay a hand on, push, strike, or threaten to strike an official, staff, fan, or other player. Players making physical contact with another person in an aggressive manner will be suspended from all league play. Major infraction involving physical contact usually result in year-long suspensions.
- **Verbal Abuse/Objectionable Demonstrations:** no players shall verbally abuse or threaten any staff, official, fan, or other player for any reason. Players shall not make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves, or other equipment in a forceful manner, or use any obscene gestures towards another person.
- **Unnecessary Rough Play:** no player shall use unnecessarily rough tactics or overly physical play during the game against any other player.
- **Consuming Alcohol:** the consumption of alcohol in City of Ventura parks is NOT permitted and is punishable by law. The City of Ventura strictly bans the consumption of alcohol during games. Teams with any player(s) consuming alcohol will forfeit the game and will not have game fees returned to them.

Appeal Process

A player shall have the right to appeal a suspension greater than one week by notifying the City of Ventura Adult Sports Supervisor in writing within 3 days of the suspension. City staff will review the appeal within 3 days of receipt of the written appeal. The player will remain suspended until the appeal has been reviewed.

Player Adds & Drops

Completed rosters are due at the time of registration. No additional add/drops will be allowed after 5:00pm of the fourth scheduled league game. If a team drops below 12 players, a manager may appeal to the league office to add a player(s) with the following process:

- Call the Adult Sports Office at 805-658-4738 and/or send an email to the Adult Sports Office and state your name, team name, name of player to be added, and the reason for the addition
- Go to www.teamsideline.com/ventura and download an Add/Drop Form and return it to the league office at least 24 hours before the date the added player is scheduled to play. Fax this to 805-648-1030 or email to ichumbley@cityofventura.ca.gov
- The league office will verify the added player with a phone call or email prior to the first game the added player is expected to play

Any dropped player is not eligible to play on the same team or another team in the same league but may play on another team in a different league

Tie Breaker Procedures:

1. **Winning percentage**
2. **Head-to-head**
3. **Head-to-head differential**
4. **Total goals for**
5. **Total goals against**
6. **Total goals differential**
7. **Lowest number of forfeits**
8. **Coin toss**

League Standings/Playoffs/Awards

League standings will be updated weekly on Team Sideline. Playoffs will begin the week after the regular season. Playoff standings will be updated after the completion of the regular season.

There will be prizes awarded to the winner of the championship game in each division.