

GREATER LEWISVILLE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION COED PLAYING RULES

The GLASA Adult Coed league will adhere to all normal FIFA mandated playing laws unless modified and notated below.

Law 1-Field of Play

| Age Group | Field Width | Field Length | Goal Size |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Adult | Min 70 yds | Min 120 yds | 8 ft X 8 yds |

- **A player includes any U19, high school, college and National Developmental League player.**
- **Any youth player (not currently a registered; (an) open or select division player) over the age of 18 as of January 1st of the current soccer year, can be added to any team within the discretion of the Executive Board**

Law 2- The Ball

| Age Group | Ball Size |
|-----------|-----------|
| Adult | #5 |

Law 3- Playing Rules

Game Suspension

1. If a game should be suspended before the second half begins, it shall be replayed.
2. If a game should be suspended once the second half begins, it shall be considered a full game.
3. If a game is rained out or suspended as in 1 above, it shall be re-scheduled.

Number of Players

1. A team shall consist of male and female field players. A keeper may be either male or female. There shall never be more than six (6) male field players. There may be up to ten (10) female field players provided the goalie is a male (one male and one female player is required at all times).
2. In the event a male field player is sent off (red carded), the offending team will be limited to a maximum of five (5) male field players (a total of nine field players). Should a second male field player be sent off (red carded), the offending team shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) male field players, and so on, including a keeper being suspended from the game.

3. A minimum of seven (7) players is required to play a game (maximum of five (5) male field players and one (1) goalie). If a team has only seven (7) players at the scheduled game time, they must start the game with those seven players or forfeit.

If for ANY reason a team falls below the 7 player minimum, that team will forfeit the game at that time. The game will be abandoned and a forfeit win awarded to the opposing team.

2. Substitution Rule-

1. Free substitution shall be allowed for either team at any stoppage of play at the discretion and consent of the referee.
2. Any player bleeding from a wound must leave the field and get permission from the referee before returning to the field of play.

Law 4- Player's Equipment

Proper soccer equipment shall be used in all games, and is subject to inspection and rejection by the referee.

- a. Teams must wear a proper uniform during the regular season and in post season games. The home team shall change uniforms when both teams have similar colors. The first team listed on the game schedule is the home team.
- b. Proper uniform consists of like-colored shirt with appropriate number, shin guards and shoes meeting the standards set forth in the FIFA Laws of the Game or subsequent memoranda. (No toe cleat allowed) Each player shall have a number on the back of his jersey not less than four (4) inches high. No jewelry is allowed. No headgear is permitted. Teams are allowed to put the team name on the front of the shirt but no player names are allowed on uniforms. Advertisement of sponsors will be allowed on shirts not to exceed 4 X 11 inches.
- c. Long sleeve shirts or sweat shirts may be worn under the uniform.
- d. Pants over shorts may be worn if approved by the referee on the field.

Law 5- Referee

A referee fails to appear; the game will be rescheduled. Should the referee become incapacitated during the game, he or she shall turn control over to the senior assistant referee assigned to the game as such, who shall conduct the game to its conclusion.

Law 6- Duration of Game

| Age Group | Length of Game | Length of Overtime |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Adult | Two 35 Min | Two 15 Min |

All games must start at the scheduled time. If a team not present with a **minimum of 7 players (maximum 5 male players plus the keeper)**, the game shall be declared a forfeit and a 3-0 score shall be awarded to the opposing team. A maximum 15-minute grace may be allowed when a team has 7 players, at referee discretion. If neither team has a minimum of 7 players at the scheduled game time, the game will be declared a double forfeit and no points shall be awarded and each team shall share the referee expenses and lose one (1) point in their total standings

- GAME START TIME shall be: The clock must start at the scheduled game time. The referee at his/her discretion may allow a 15-minute grace period. If your game does not start within the 15-minute allotted grace period the game will be listed as a forfeit by the team.

Law 7- Method of Scoring

1. Goal scored by a woman- 2 points, except for penalty kick
2. Goal scored by a man- 1 point
3. Penalty Kick can be taken by any player.
4. Penalty Kick- 1 point
5. Free Kick can be taken by any player
6. Own goals- 1 point (regardless of sex)
7. After goal is scored the referee shall determine, and clearly indicate, the point value of the goal before play resumes.
8. A player can only score three goals per game, at the fourth goal the goal will be called a goal kick.

Law 8- Forfeits

- a. A team may request a forfeit, but must notify the League Commissioner at least 72 hours prior to the regular scheduled game in which they are forfeiting.
- b. Any team that forfeits less than 72 hours prior to the regular scheduled game in which they are forfeiting, will be fined a \$25 fee.
- c. The team forfeiting the game shall lose one (1) point in their point standings while the other team is awarded a three (3) goal win, without the bonus point for a shut-out.
- d. A team that does not timely advise the league or show at the field at the scheduled game time, will be considered a "no show" forfeit and they will incur an additional \$50 fine for a total fee of \$75.00.

Law 9- Fouls/Misconduct / Discipline

1. Charging the goalkeeper in adult competitions is left up to the adult league.
 2. No slide-tackling will be allowed by any player. **A slide tackle is an automatic yellow card.**
 3. Sliding is permitted to keep a ball in play unless there is another player playing the ball.
 4. All misconduct shall be reported, in writing, to the Vice President, by the game official.
 5. **The GLASA Appeals & Disciplinary Committee, shall have the authority to suspend or remove players or team officials guilty of misconduct.**
 6. Serious misconduct will be reported, if necessary, to the North Texas State Soccer Association for further disposition.
 7. An ejection (being sent-off) during a game is an automatic suspension for the next scheduled game, accordingly, any red card (ejection) issued shall be a minimum 1 game suspension and a \$25.00 fine.
 - a. Any red card issued during a final game shall be carried over to the first game in the following season.
- All suspensions carry a **minimum \$25.00** fine per game suspended.
 - Any involvement in fighting shall be a minimum three (3) game suspension and a \$60.00 fine, while joining in to a fight shall be a **MINIMUM** four (4) game suspension and an \$80.00 fine.
 - a. The use of offensive, insulting or abusive language directed at an opponent, official and/or Spectator shall be a minimum two game suspension and a \$40.00 fine. Foul language not directed at an opponent, official and/or spectator shall be left to the discretion of the referee.
 - b. A send-off (2nd caution) received for dissent toward the referee, can carry up to a minimum three (3) game suspension and a minimum \$60.00 fine.
 - c. A team that accumulates twenty-eight (**28**) penalty points in one (**1**) regular playing season will have nine (**9**) **points deducted** from their team standings. When thirty-five (**35**) point level is reached (5 points per game maximum), that team will be suspended from play until the team appears before the GLASA A&D Committee. Any team which accumulates forty-eight (**48**) point level shall be suspended from the remainder of their games and those games declared a forfeit. Said team will then be required to appear before the NTSSA
 - d. State A&D Committee.
 - e. A forfeited game by an opponent does not count toward game suspensions for discipline.

ACCUMULATED CAUTION POINTS SANCTIONS (NTSSA RULE)

- a. Twelve (12) Accumulated Caution Points - One Game Suspension
- b. Six (6) additional Points (18 Total) – Two Game Suspension
- c. Six (6) additional Points (24 Total) – Suspension pending GLASA A&D Committee Inquiry

SEND-OFF

- a. One Send-off - One Game Suspension
- b. Second Send-off - Two Game Suspension
- c. Third Send-off - Suspension pending A&D Committee Inquiry

FINES

- d. Teams Exceeding the Accumulated Point Limit - \$50.00
- e. Teams Exceeding the Accumulated Point Limit Second Time in Soccer Year - \$100.00

12 Point System

12 points -Sent off for:

- Serious foul play
- Violent conduct
- Spits at an opponent/person
- Denies goal by handling ball
- Denies goal scoring opportunity
- Offensive, insulting or abusive language
- A red card (send off) may be issued off the field
- A red card (send off) may be issued before or after the game

4 points -Deliberate tripping

- Severe foul play
- Foul tackle from behind
- Dissent, voicing objections to the referee
- Interference by others when the referee is speaking to a player after an offence has been committed

3 points -Deliberate obstruction

- Persistent infringement of the laws
- Shirt pulling or other similar tactics
- Fails to respect the required distance on a free-kick

2 points -Deliberate handball

- Delays restart, including the goalkeeper
- Moving arms to obstruct an opponent
- Gesticulating in front of a player taking a free-kick or a throw-in
- Slide-tackle
- Other unsporting behavior

1 point -Enter/re-enters the field without permission

- Deliberately leaves the field without permission
- Player leaning on a teammate to gain extra height

All referee calls are final and shall not be protested.

Probation can be established by the Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association Appeals & Disciplinary Committee or Executive Board.

- a. Any team on probation shall have an automatic eight (8) penalty points assessed to them for the next season.
- b. Any player or coach on probation who receives a caution shall be suspended from the next scheduled league game. A send-off shall carry an automatic two (2) game suspension.
- c. Any team that has been placed on probation or suspension by this Association shall still be considered on probation or suspension if that team registers with five (5) or more players from the probated or suspended team, regardless of team name change, etc.

Valid Identification

Each player is required to have a current player's card (ID) from Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association or a temporary pass signed by a league official, and present that card or pass to the game official or they shall not play.

TEAM CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Responsible for his/her teams conduct on and off the field of play, this includes litter control and alcoholic beverage consumption which is not allowed on any field.
2. Responsible for his/her teams' spectator conduct.
3. Keep coaches, spectators and players within ten (10) yards either side of mid-field on your team's sidelines.
4. Provide games sheets and player cards to Referees.

- Game sheets must be completely filled out with players' names and jersey numbers prior to the game.
- If the opposing team plays with an illegal jersey number or in an illegal jersey, the game may be played under protest. Write all the information on your game sheet and have the referee initial it.
- Winning teams must phone all game scores into the League Hotline no later than the following day, or one point will be deducted from your total standings, per game, for each call not received.
- Any red carded player refusing to leave the field of play, can be immediately dropped from the team roster by the captain and said player will also be subject to an A&D Committee review in order to be reinstated. Any captain that does not enforce the rule of getting the player away from the field will also be sent to A&D. The captain may also be subject to suspension and/or fined.
- Team Captain or Team Representative is responsible for all sit out verification forms for any player under suspension of NTSSA. The form must be given to the referee for the referee's signature and faxed into the league office prior to the suspended player(s) being released for play.

PROTEST AND APPEALS:

- A. A protest or appeal shall be in writing, and delivered to the GLASA Office within five calendar days of the game being protested. Any protest or appeal must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (cash or cashier's check), and shall be heard within the following week.
- B. Regular season game or positioning round..... \$25.00
- C. All other matters, including play-offs and tournament games..... \$50.00
- D. Appeals of an A&D Committee's ruling, shall be in writing to GLASA Executive Board with the appropriate fee.
- E. Appeals of a GLASA Executive Board ruling, shall be made in writing to NTSSA with the appropriate fee.
- F. Any individual and/or team always retain the right to appeal/protest any decision in accordance with these rules. All decisions at any level of the appeals process shall stand in full force and effect until changed by a higher authority.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

If a conflict of interest exists on any playing rule, that situation must be referred to the Executive Board for review.