

5v5 Outdoor Soccer Rules

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION:

1. Any at least part-time student is eligible to participate
 2. AU faculty, staff and their spouses/children are eligible to play
 3. Players may be added to rosters during the first week of the season, but not after that.
 4. All players must be recorded on the game sheet before they are allowed to participate.
1. Teams:
 - a. Teams consist of five players on the field at one time.
 - b. Teams must have a minimum of 5 players on the roster. At least two players on the roster must be of minority gender. There may only be 2 players who were on the Anderson University soccer roster from the previous season that can play **at the same time**.
 - c. If more than 2 soccer players are playing at one time, it will result in an immediate penalty kick for the opposing team.
 - d. Teams consist of five players on the field at one time. At least one player must be of minority gender. If a player of minority gender is not on the court, the team is not allowed to fill that position and must play with a person down.

EQUIPMENT/FIELD DIMENSIONS:

1. The IM department will provide the goals and soccer ball if desired.
2. Teams may choose to wear the same color but is not required.
3. **Field Dimensions:** The playing field is 60 yards long by 40 yards wide. The goals are 3.5 feet high by six feet wide.

GAME TIME:

1. Each game will consist of two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
 - a. Time is stopped only in case of injury to players or temporary loss of the ball.
2. If the end result is a tie, then a 5-minute overtime will be played. If at the end of the overtime there is still a tie, then the game results in a tie.
3. During playoffs, there will be five-minute golden goal overtimes until a winner is decided. If the teams are still tied after two five minute overtimes, the game will be taken to penalty kicks. It will be played to 3, and if they are tied, it will be sudden death penalty kicks until a winner is decided.

PLAY THE GAME:

1. A regulation team consists of five players with one required to be of minority gender.
 - a. Each team must have four players on the floor to start the game (Four of the same gender is allowed). If a team does not have four players to start they must forfeit the game.

2. Substitutions may be made at any dead ball situation, regardless of possession. Teams must get the referee's attention and players are to enter and exit at midfield.
3. At the beginning of the game the ball shall be kicked back to another player and the kicker cannot kick the ball a second time until it has touched another player. At the kickoff, the opposing team must remain 10 feet from the ball until it is kicked for the first time.
4. If the game is temporarily suspended for any reason other than out of bounds, the Referee will restart the game by dropping the ball at the point closest to where play was suspended or the closest point outside the penalty area if the ball was in the penalty area at the time of the stoppage. No player may play the ball until the ball has touched the ground.
5. No one on either team shall enter the box that is designated in front of the goals in a time where the ball is present in the box. If a defensive player enters the box to block a ball from going into the goal, there will be a penalty kick from half court on an open goal. If the player misses, then the defensive team shall receive the ball and be allowed to pass it indirectly from the corner of the box. If an offensive player enters the box in a time where the ball is present in the box, the result of the penalty will be an indirect free kick for the opposing team on the corner of the box. The plane of the goal box extends upward indefinitely
6. A goal may only be scored from a touch (offensive or defensive) within a team's offensive half of the field (Ball must be completely on the offensive half of the field: Can not be touching the midline). If a player in their defensive end kicks the ball across midline and the ball hits another player (offensive or defensive) and the ball goes in the goal, a goal will be awarded.
7. Kick Ins: The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched with a foot and moves.
8. No player will lift his leg higher than his or her waist in order to kick a ball.
9. If a player has fallen to the ground, he or she may not make a move on the ball until they have stood back up.
10. There will be no slide tackling.
11. If the ball is caught between the net and the wall, then an indirect kick will be given to the defensive team at the corner of the net.
12. **No metal studs in cleats!**

FOULS:

1. Free Kicks: All free kicks (kick-offs, goal kicks, kick-ins) shall be indirect.
 - a. **Five Yard Rule:** In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal is closer than five yards, the ball shall be played five yards from the goal box, in line with the place of the penalty.
2. A free kick will be given on any foul besides entering the box as a defensive player, in which a half field penalty kick shall be given.
3. A Foul includes:
 - a. Handballs (any part of arm shoulder to fingers)
 - b. Pushing, shoving, and elbowing

- c. High kicking
- d. Entering the box when ball is in box (offensive and defensive)
- 4. Excessive fouls will result in a yellow card. If a 2nd yellow card is given, then a red card will follow resulting in player ejection. Any player accumulating three yellow cards during a tournament will automatically be suspended for their next game (no exceptions).
- 5. Player Ejection (Red Card): Referees have the right to eject a player or coach from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending off. The team may then continue with their remaining two, three or four players, however, if the player receiving the red card was on the field of play, the team must complete the entire game a player short. Players that are red carded need to leave the immediate playing area, including the fan and team areas. Any player that is red carded must set up a meeting with the Director of Student Engagement before they will be allowed to play participate in any other intramural activity/sport.
- 6. Any player may be cautioned with a yellow card if it is deemed by the referee that the player is intentionally wasting time. (eg: if a player intentionally kicks the ball long distances away from the playing field in order to waste time.)
- 7. THERE IS NO OFFSIDE IN OUTDOOR SOCCER!!!

PLAYER MISCONDUCT:

- 1. Misconduct penalties will result in a player ejection.
- 2. Misconduct penalties include:
 - a. Any use of profanity
 - b. Extensive abuse of the facility and/or equipment
 - c. Unnecessary rough play
 - d. Fighting
 - e. Deliberate roughing/checking
 - f. Verbal or physical abuse towards an official, opponent, or supervisor
 - g. Any unsportsmanlike conduct that, in the opinion of the official, warrants ejection

The officiating will be done by the referees and he/she is in absolute control of the game.

Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of spectators, players or coaches can result in assessment of a team penalty, ejection, or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain in the area designated by the officials. The officials shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.