

# **Springside Soccer Rules and Regulations**

## **Indoor 2007/08 Season**

### **Teams/ Rosters/ Individual Applications**

Teams must complete the application and registration form provided by Springside Soccer. No participation is allowed without a signed roster on file. Players under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent/guardian on an individual registration. Proof of age must be on file for every division. That includes copy of driver's license for the senior divisions, players passes or birth certificate for youth divisions. One older player will put your team in the next age group. Players may play up one year. (A 13 year old may play in the 13-14 division but can not play in the HS division. A 14-year-old can play in the HS division. Such players have to be highlighted on the roster.)

### **Maximum Rostered Players allowed**

A player can only play or substitute for one team only in the same (one) division, but can play for another team in a different division. Rosters must be submitted with registration. Any team can add a player or players to their roster anytime during the course of the season as long as the player (s) meet the aforementioned criteria's. Such a player must sign the team roster before the game. A team with an unregistered player shall forfeit the game according to the rules. A team can have unlimited number of players on their roster as long as they do not play or substitute for any other team in the same division.

### **Coed Teams**

Coed plays with seven players, three male players, three female players and the goalie is a choice. The maximum number of the male players (without the goalie) is 3 on the field. In case of a team do not have enough players (short) the game can not start with less than 2 female players on the field. There are no special rules for Coed.

### **Age Restricted Adult Teams**

SRW teams may roster 2 female players 25-29 years of age. Everybody else have to be over 30 years old. The age criteria for the OW division are unlimited 25 and 2 players between 20-25 permitted. All other age restricted adult teams must adhere to age restrictions. A proof of birth (copy of driver's license, birth certificate, passport, players passes or registration) for every age group is required.

Open Divisions: A player 15 years old or younger can NOT participate in an open division. Age limit to play in open division is 16.

No male players will play in any female division and no female player will play in any male division (high school through adult divisions). Springside offers separate divisions for female and male players in the high school and open age groups. In the youth divisions (U8 through U14) coed teams may play in the boys divisions.

Springside Soccer keeps a list of players looking for a team on file at the soccer office. If your team is short of players, Springside may have available players for your age group.

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### **Late Payments**

Teams must pay in FULL before the start of their second scheduled game. There will be no exceptions. If the fees are not paid, the team will not be permitted to take the field for their game and will be suspended for league play until payment is received.

### **Good Standing**

Springside Soccer accepts players in good standing. Teams that have outstanding balances from previous seasons, indoor or outdoor, will not be accepted until their past due account is settled.

### **Ball Size**

U-7 thru U-12: size 4

U-13 and up: size 5

*Game Balls must be provided by the HOME team.*

### **Uniforms**

Teams must wear identically colored, numbered shirts. T-shirts are allowed. The goalkeeper must wear a jersey that does not conflict with his or her own team or the opponent's team.

Color Conflict: The home team (first listed on schedule) must change. Springside Soccer suggests that each team bring their alternate uniform to all games.

Shin Guards: Shin guards are MANDATORY for every league at Springside Soccer. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of the game by the offending team.

Shoes: Please use flat soled tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes. Outdoor shoes with cleats and "turf shoes" are NOT permitted. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of the game by the offending team

### **Dangerous / Illegal Equipment**

The referee has the right to refuse entry into the game any player who, in the referee's opinion, is wearing dangerous or illegal equipment. Jewelry may be taped (e.g. bracelets). That includes players wearing cleats or NOT wearing shinguards. It is the responsibility of each player and the team manager/coach to ensure that the players are properly equipped. Should the referee or the Springside staff discover an illegally equipped player anytime during the course of the game (halftime) the offending team shall forfeit the game according to the rules. Consistent infringement of this rule will terminate the business relationship between Springside Soccer and the offending team that was involved in such violations.

Casts: Properly padded casts are legal. It is the referee's discretion if a cast is properly padded or not. If a player tries to use a cast in the game to his/her advantage in a striking manner, a red card will be issued immediately.

### **Games**

Regular season games shall consist of 2 x 25 minute halves.

There will be a 5-minute half-time interval with teams changing sides on the field.

### **Warm Up**

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Please be prepared to play as soon as the referee requests. Springside Soccer recommends players stretch out before entering the field.

### **The Clock**

The clock is continuous. The referee may, stop the clock if, in his opinion, there is a possible extended delay in the game. (E.g. serious injury). The clock will not stop on minor injuries. It is the referee's discretion to decide between a minor and a serious injury.

Any team that tampers with the operation of the clock will result in an automatic red card to the offending team and a possible forfeit by the offending team.

### **Laws of Substitution**

Substitutions are "on the fly," meaning that a team may substitute anytime during the game, but it is always at the team's own risk. On dead ball situations, a team is allowed 5 seconds in which they can make a substitution, unless it is a guaranteed situation, in which 20 seconds will be allowed. Only the team with the free kick has the guaranteed substitution, only if that team decides to sub, does the opposing team have the opportunity to take a guaranteed substitution.

Players must leave the field of play before being replaced. Being within the touchline by his/her teams bench is acceptable unless either player becomes involved in the play while both are simultaneously on the field. A time penalty shall be assessed if this occurs.

Springside Soccer does not intend to prevent teams from scoring, but in the youth divisions the scoreboard will only count four-goal difference. Furthermore, (youth divisions) the losing team can either put an extra player on the field or have the winning team remove one player from the field. The losing team has the choice.

**Goalkeeper Substitution:** The goalkeeper may be substituted at any time as a field player, however, the player coming on for the previous keeper must have a different colored jersey than his/her teammates and opponents.

**Injuries:** An injured player must leave the field if the trainer/coach is requested onto the field by the referee. There are no exceptions to this rule. That player injured may return as soon as the trainer/coach sees fit.

Time penalties will be assessed when a team has too many players on the field resulting from mismanagement of substitutions. Please do not release players onto the field until the substituted player is within the bench area.

### **Netting**

The fields are enclosed not only for safety purposes, but to keep the game continuously active. The ball will become immediately playable after it has gone out of bounds and spotted where the referee deems appropriate.

Situations on when the ball is out and where the ball is to be placed after it has been deemed out of bounds by the referee are as follows:

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Hits the Netting on Sides of the Fields: A kick-in shall be awarded at the point where the ball was ruled out.

Hits the Netting Behind the Goals: A goal kick or corner kick shall be awarded. The corners of the fields are marked by white dots, and a corner kick should be taken from those spots.

Hits the Ceiling: A free kick will be awarded at the nearest dot located on the field.

Goalkeeper Special Note: If the goalkeeper kicks or throws the ball into the ceiling, from within his own penalty box, then a free kick shall be awarded against the offending goalkeeper. In this instance, the free kick will be taken from the center of the offending goalkeeper's arc. *This rule applies only when the ball hits the ceiling, not the side netting.* If the goalkeeper is outside his/her penalty bow and kicks the ball into the ceiling it will be treated as a normal ceiling violation.

### **Method of Scoring**

Each goal scored will be worth only one point. There will be no special scoring system.

### **Delay of Game Violations**

#### ***Three Line Violation***

If a player plays the ball over the three lines (the two red lines and the halfway line) in the air towards his/her opponent's goal line, without the ball touching another player, the wall or referee on the field of play between the red lines, then the referee shall award a free kick to the opposing team at the center of the first red line that the ball crossed.

*\* The only exception to this rule is when a goalkeeper, while standing in his team's penalty area, may legally throw the ball over all three lines.*

#### ***Back Pass to the Goalkeeper***

Springside Soccer Pass Back Rules are in accordance with the outdoor rules.

A player may play the ball back intentionally to the goalkeeper from anywhere on the field (pass with feet), however, the goalkeeper may not use his hands to pick up the ball. If a goalkeeper picks up the ball and the referee rules it was intentionally passed back from one of his/her own teammates, then a free kick shall be awarded and spotted in the center of the offending goalkeeper's arc. If the ball is intentionally played back to the goalkeeper by his/her own teammate and the ball is touched or deflected by the opposing team, than the goalkeeper may use his/her hands to pick the ball up. It is the referee's judgement call to decide whether a ball is intentionally played back to the goalkeeper.

#### ***Goalkeeper Restrictions***

Hand to Hand: A goalkeeper, having had control of the ball in his/her hands and having released it from his hands to be played by him/herself or a teammate, shall not use hand again until the opposition has touched or played the ball or there is a stoppage in play. This includes bouncing the ball.

5 Second Distribution: A goalkeeper, in possession of the ball within the penalty area, must distribute the ball outside the area or to another player within 5 seconds of having received the ball within the penalty area. Possession is defined as with the hand or foot.

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Handball outside the Penalty Area: Intentional handball, by the goalkeeper outside the penalty area to stop a shot or advancement of the ball will result in a free kick and two minute time penalty.

### **Free Kicks**

*All free kicks are direct!* A player can score a goal from any kick. This includes the kick-off and kick-ins. The defending team must be at least 10 feet from the ball until it is in play. (The ball must be touched to be in play.) If the opposing team encroaches on the free kick before the other team touches the ball, a time penalty may be assessed to the offending team.

\*The free kick must be taken within the five seconds after the referee has deemed the ball ready to play. Failure to do so will result in the ball being turned over to the opponent.

**There are no slide tackles allowed in any division.**

### **Penalty Kicks**

The referee shall award a penalty for a foul committed in the penalty area by the defending team if the referee deems the foul to be a 'direct foul' offense. The direct foul offenses are:

- (a) Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
- (b) Tripping an opponent.
- (c) Jumping at an opponent.
- (d) Charging at an opponent.
- (e) Striking or attempting to strike an opponent.
- (f) Pushes or boards an opponent.
- (g) When tackling an opponent makes contact with the player instead of the ball or before playing the ball.
- (h) Holds an opponent or spits at an opponent.
- (i) Handles the ball deliberately or obstructs the ball from its normal course of play.

**According to FIFA rules, CHARGE is a major foul in soccer.**

Fouls committed by the defending team in its own penalty area not deemed by the referee, as a direct foul offense will result in a free kick from the center of the arc.

### **Time Penalties**

Time penalties will be served by the offending player, including the goalkeeper.

All persons, including coaches, on the team bench are considered part of the game. Time penalties can be given against the offending team. The coach may choose any of his players on the field to serve the time penalty.

If the bench is charged with a time penalty then the offending team's head coach or trainer will receive a yellow card in addition to the penalty.

### **Expiration of Time Penalties**

When a time penalty is assessed, the referee will escort the player into the appropriate team

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penalty box. For a two-minute penalty, the player will remain in the box until; (a) the penalty time has elapsed or (b) the other team scores a goal.

### *Time Penalties (Cont'd)*

On yellow and red card time penalties, the player will remain in the penalty box until the time has elapsed.

If more than one player on the same team is in the penalty box when a goal is scored, the player who has been in the longest will come out first.

### Fouls

Time penalties will be assessed for fouls deemed as severe, tactical, or blatant in nature by the referee. Boarding will be assessed a two minute time penalty and a free kick.

### Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Time penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the referee (e.g. encroachment, illegal substitution, slamming doors intentionally, bad language, spitting on the carpet). A player that intentionally slams the door will could be suspended and will immediately leave the facility.

### ***Yellow Cards***

If a player receives two time penalties in any particular game, he/she will be given an automatic yellow card. However, the referee may issue a yellow card at any time if he/she feels it necessary accompanied by a two-minute penalty.

\*Any player, coach, or trainer, accumulating three yellow cards in one session, will be suspended for one game.

### ***Red Cards***

If a player receives a third time penalty for whatever reason in any one particular game, he/she will be given an automatic red card and a two-minute time penalty will be assessed. However, the referee may issue a red card at any time if he/she deems it necessary accompanied by a five-minute time penalty. The referee does not have to show a red card in order to reject a player.

Violent conduct, serious foul play, or abusive language will result in an immediate red card warranted to the offending player, coach, trainer or spectator.

Any coach or player ejected from the game will be suspended for the current game and ineligible to participate in the next game. The offending player, coach, trainer or spectator must leave the field area and must immediately leave the facility.

### **Anyone rejected must leave the facility immediately.**

Two red cards issued to the same player in the same session will suspend the player for the rest of the session with no refund. The team that receives three red cards in the same session will be suspended for the rest of the season without refund. The game will stop upon issuing the third red card and the team that received the third red card immediately must leave the facility. The score at the time of the stoppage of the game will stand.

The Springside Soccer Directors reserve the right to review all red card offenses and take further action.

The Springside Soccer Directors reserve the right to suspend indefinitely any team, player, coach, or spectator who strikes, threatens physically or verbally any participant or spectator or staff at the Springside Soccer facility or acting in a threatening manner with anybody.

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Repeated red card offenses will result in a team, player, or coach being suspended indefinitely from Springside Soccer, forfeiting any games and payments made prior to the offense.

### **Rescheduling**

There will be no game time change for any reason since that involves at least four teams. There will be no rescheduled games for any reasons either. Teams that sign up will receive a schedule well in advance and have an obligation to show up however there are situations that are beyond control. It is the responsibility of the team manager or coach to notify Springside and the opponent team if the team can not be present. Such a game shall be forfeited according to the rules. That applies to a situation if one team shows up and the other team does not show up for any reason including snow. Such a game shall be forfeited as well. In case both teams can not be present (such as weather-related problems, traffic etc.) the score will be 0-0 tie. Should Springside have an opening would encourage to play such a game but the score will be according to the aforementioned rules.

**Springside Soccer does NOT swap games, reschedule games or change game times.**

### **Forfeits**

Forfeited games will have a 1 to 0 result. However, if the game has begun and a team has to forfeit for any reason the remaining time will be used for scrimmage.

A game shall be a forfeit if: (a) A scheduled team is not ready to play at the scheduled starting time. There is no grace period. (b) Should one team be present or have the minimum numbers to participate and the other team does not have the minimum number of players needed to participate. This number is figured by taking the number of players allowed on the field in an age group and subtracting two. (c) Refusing to take or retake the field of play for any reason. (d) As a result of players playing in illegal equipment, such as cleats or NOT wearing shinguards. The offending team shall forfeit the game.

### **No show**

Each team receives a schedule well in advance, a referee is present and Springside Soccer is open. Therefore Springside Soccer has met their obligation and Springside Soccer can not take a responsibility for a No show or if a team does not have enough players. It is the responsibility of each team to notify Springside Soccer and their opponent if they can not show up for their scheduled game. The field is available for a practice for the team that is present.

### **Practices**

Practices paid and scheduled in advance. The soccer field is available 5 minutes before scheduled game or practice time. Springside Soccer opens 15 minutes before the first scheduled game or practice time.

### **League Standings**

There will be 6 goals cap on the scores. The official score can not show more than six goals

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differential in any age group. The league standing based on the following criteria's.

Win 3 points

Tie 1 point

Loss 0 points

The league champion will be determined in the following order.

1. most points
2. head to head points
3. head to head goal differential (goals scored - goals conceded = goal differential)
4. least goals conceded
5. penalty kicks (5 kicks, one round only)
6. If still tied a coin flip by the league director

The league standing determines the division champions after all games of the sessions played.

### **Conduct and Sportsmanship**

1. There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning the referee is considered dissent. The correct course of action to take is to walk away from the field or leave the facility.
2. There will be no protest of referee decision heard. All decision of the referee is final and binding.
3. Spectators may be red carded by the referee. Any spectator receiving a red card shall leave the facility immediately. Upon the review of the violation Springside may impose further disciplinary action.
4. Coaches and/or team managers are responsible for the proper conduct of their fans. The purpose of these leagues are recreational therefore no musical instruments, boom box, drums or trumpets are allowed in the building. These games are merely a workout therefore there is no need for excessive cheering and celebration.

### **Facility Regulations**

1. Please remember that the opponent team is not your enemy, another team that wants to have fun. Spectators and players are expected to be as fair to others as they would be to themselves.
2. In order to protect spectators and the facility there are absolutely no balls of any kind allowed in the concourse area. Balls permitted only in players' boxes. In a case of balls outside of the field the game will be stopped until all balls are removed from the concourse area.
3. Children are welcomed, but Springside Soccer can not accept any responsibility for supervising children during games. Each team must have an adult supervisor with the children, or the game will be stopped.
4. Non-referee related protest should be directed to the league director. All decision of the league director is final and binding.
5. Springside Soccer reserves the right to prohibit any person from participating in our leagues or entering the facility due to gross misconduct on the soccer fields or on the property grounds. For any violations not covered herein the Springside Soccer Rules and Regulations the management shall determine the penalty to be imposed or the interpretations of any matters.
6. Spitting is prohibited in the facility, especially on the carpet. Punishment: Automatic two

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minute time penalty and could result in suspension.