

General Rules

Our soccer rules are a mix of IHSA and FIFA rules but adjusted for 7 v 7 play.

- a. Teams will consist of 7 players (6 players and a goalie). To start a match, each team must have a minimum of at least 6 players.
- b. Each game will be 50 minutes (2 running clock 25 minute halves) with a 5 minute halftime break. At the end of 50 minutes there will be no stoppage time added.
- c. Each team captain and the officials will meet at center field for a brief meeting and coin toss. The away team will call heads or tails prior to the flip. The winning team will get the ball first and pick of which side of the field to attack. In the 2nd half, the team that lost the coin toss will get the ball.
- d. The ball will be placed at center field for kickoff. All defenders have to stand on their side of the field and outside of the circle. The players that kicks off cannot be the first immediate person to touch it. If the player does touch it, the whistle is blown and the ball is given to the other team. A goal cannot be scored directly from the kick.
- e. Substitutions can only take place during stoppages in play. For example
 - i. Halftime
 - ii. Dead Balls (after goals scored, fouls/penalties and throw ins)
 - iii. During injury time
- f. The ball is out of play when it crosses the line. If the ball is on or touching the line it is still in play. The ball is live if it hits the referee or if it strike the cross bar and bounces in play.
- g. The ball is considered a throw in, when the balls crosses the sideline out of bounds. The player will pick the ball up and throw it in at or near the spot the ball went out at.
- h. A goal kick will occur when the ball goes out of bounds through the end line last touched by the opposing team. The ball will be placed on the goal box where anybody on the defending team can kick the ball. The ball cannot be touched by the attacking team until it leaves the goal box. A goal can be scored off of the initial kick.
- i. A corner kick is when the ball goes out of bounds through the end line but is last touched by the team defending that end. The ball will be placed in the corner. A goal can be scored from this kick. The ball can be initiated out of the corner by any member of both teams.
- j. A dropped ball will occur when there is a stoppage other than half time or the ball exited the field of play. One player from each team will stand 2 yards apart and the ball will be dropped between them.
- k. Mercy rule will be effect whenever a team has four goal lead. At this time the team with the lead will play at a one player disadvantage. If the lead becomes five goals or more play is at a two player disadvantage. If the lead is reduced to three goals both teams will return to playing at full strength.

3. Penalties/Fouls

- a. Fouls- any foul committed gives the opponent a free kick
 - i. Slide Tackle

- ii. Tripping
 - iii. Entering the goal area before the ball is in the goal area
 - iv. Use of hands or arms to hit the ball intentionally
- b. Yellow Card – Player receiving this card will be cautioned
 - i. Unsportsmanlike behavior
 - ii. Delay of game
 - iii. Unable to follow referee's directions
 - iv. Leaving game/field before being prompted too
 - v. Slide Tackles

C. Red Cards – If a player receives this card, will be ejected from the game. The team cannot replace this player the rest of the game and must play short a player.

- i. 2 yellow cards received in one game.
- ii. Violent action during the game.
- iii. Fouling to prevent a goal scored
- iv. Language or gestures that is threatening or offensive
 - vi. Excessive force foul
 - vii. Any sort of fighting is a automatic ejection.

5. League Scoring/Tiebreaker Policy

Win= 3 Points

Loss = 0 Points

Tie = 1 Points

6. Off Sides/Slide Tackling

- There is no off sides rule in effect. This is due to the game being on a much smaller field. Slide tackling will not be allowed and accessed a yellow card if attempted.

7. Scoring/Shootout Policy

- The ball must completely cross the goal area from the crossbar down and the side bars over. The ball does not have to hit the net to be a goal.

- There is no shoot out policy. Games that are tied will result in ties when the running time has ended.

8. Field Layout

- 40 x 70 yds

FORFEITS

- There is no forfeit fee.
- **TEAM SUSPENSION:** A team is suspended from further league play after their third forfeit.
 - A forfeit that takes place after a game starts does not count toward the total amount, unless involves player eligibility.
- Failure to meet eligibility rules will result in a forfeit.
- Failure to adhere to a ref's decision or warning will result in a forfeit.
- Game time is forfeit time.
- A referee reserves the right to forfeit or double forfeit a game due to a team or teams conduct.
- If a team does not meet the minimum number of eligible players for a game it will result in a forfeit.

CONDUCT

- Any player, coach, spectator, or person associated can be prohibited from further league activity at the discretion of the Sports Coordinator at the Fon du Lac Park District.
- It is the team captain's responsibility to control the conduct of the team.
- Any team, coach, person affiliated with the team that is ejected from a game must sit out one or two games (depending on the severity).

Substitutions- illnesses and injuries

- Substitutions will be handled just like the IHSA handles soccer games.
- If a team is short on players due to illness the day of the game, the team may bring up to three players to replace him for that day.
- If a team does not have a full roster (6 players on a team), they have until week three of the regular season to fill the roster

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- Alcohol and drugs are not permitted in the Park District.
- Players, coaches or spectators under the influence will be forced to leave the park and/or be arrested.

Playoff format

- Depending on how many teams are in the league will depend on how many teams will be in the playoffs.
 - Example: if 10 teams are in it 8 will make it with the top two teams having a bye
- The playoffs will be single elimination until the Semi-Finals.
- The winners of the two semi-finals games will play in a championship game while the losers will play in a 3rd and 4th place game.