

NWCSL RULES OF THE GAME

The purpose of the Northwest Co-Ed Soccer League (NWCSL) is to provide women and men, ranging in skill levels from beginning to advanced, with an opportunity to play competitive soccer in a safe, friendly environment. All participating teams and players are expected to emphasize good sportsmanship, teamwork and soccer skills. The essence being in the spirit of the game. Unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal or physical assault, rough or dangerous play will not be tolerated and should be reported immediately in writing to NWCSL.

The NWCSL will observe FIFA rules except for the following:

- **No Slide Tackles** will be allowed, even if contact is made only with the ball, players must remain on their feet.
- Each team may have up to five (5) women and up to five (5) men on the field, but no more than five (5) of each. The goalie may be of either gender.
- Unlimited substitutions are allowed and players may re-enter the game.
- All players must have a current WSSA player identification card and be prepared to show it to the referee in order to play. The only exception being a Temporary Player Pass signed by a member of the NWCSL league or a WSSA Commissioner.

RED CARD POLICY:

- Any player receiving a red card will be required to sit out at least one week of play. The referee will confiscate the player's card and immediately send it to the NWCSL office with a full Misconduct Report. The player card will be returned to the team manager after seven (7) days have lapsed.
- If it is determined that the severity of the infraction warrants, the sit down period may be extended.
- Two (2) or more red cards during any given season might result in a judicial hearing.
- Any red carded player who does not sit out the one week of play will receive a second red card and the player's team will automatically forfeit the game.
- A red card mandates that the team must play short a player of the same gender as the carded player for field players and the goalie.

A minimum of seven (7) players are required for a team to start a game. The referee shall give either team a fifteen (15) minute grace period for late arriving players.

NWCSL has the right to review and evaluate player's actions, both physical and verbal, to assess suspensions and/or penalties to ensure the safety and fair play for all NWCSL sanctioned games.

FORFEITURES:

Notice of a team's forfeiture must be sent to nwctl4you@yahoo.com

Any games played before the fine is paid shall be scored as a forfeit and the other team will be given a 1-0 win.

Any team owing a forfeiture fine will not be scheduled for the following season.

A game will be declared a forfeiture if a team does not have seven (7) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time. Only the referee can declare the game a forfeiture.

If the scheduled game does not start on time due to the preceding game running over or the fifteen (15) minute grace period being awarded to either team, the referee will announce that there will be equal shortened halves. There is a need to stay within the allotted playing time is dictated by the scheduling and light timers.

If the scheduled referee does not appear for the game within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time teams are asked to find an agreeable substitute or play the game without a referee. Teams are encouraged to play the game. This is to avoid the headaches and added expense of rescheduling. Notify NWCSL immediately at nwctl4you@yahoo.com.

The referee assignor will be notified and the assigned referee will not be paid for the game. Teams playing with no referee will receive a credit.

FIFA RULES

Shin guards are mandatory. Socks must be pulled up to cover the shin guards.

Goal kicks may be taken from either side of the box.

The goalie cannot pick up or touch any ball with their hands that was **intentionally** kicked or thrown to them by a teammate. If the teammate plays intentionally plays the ball to the goalie with any other part of the body (e.g. headers) then the goalie is allowed to pick up the ball.