

Town of Grand Island - Recreation Department

Coed Soccer 2021 Bylaws

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. It is the responsibility of each player to have their own health and accident insurance coverage prior to playing in any Town of Grand Island Recreation Department program. Injuries incurred during play are the responsibility of that individual.
2. Males must be 30 years or Older & Females must be 18 years and older to participate in the League
3. Rosters - Limited to 20 players
 - Rosters must be completed prior to the teams' first game via online registration.
 - Roster changes can be made up to the 5th game. After the 5th game of the season your team roster is frozen.
 - Each player is required to create an online registration and acknowledge the disclosure forms. If a player does not have internet access, they may call the Recreation Office for assistance
 - All players who play in a game must be on the team roster, otherwise games will be forfeited.
 - Coaches will have access to view their team roster at any time throughout the season.
4. Once a player(s) competes in a league game, they are considered a member of that team. If a player for some reason wishes to change teams, they must notify the Recreation Department and sign the new team roster. Players cannot change teams after the 5th game of the season.

RULES OF PLAY

1. FIFA Soccer Rules, Town of Grand Island and Recreation Department Bylaws apply.

BYLAWS Supersede FIFA:

 - No SLIDE TACKLE
 - Goalies can't punt past center line, unless kicked off a bounce
 - Players must wear designated team colors as team jersey
 - Game ball is agreed upon between official and team coaches of the match
2. Jewelry: **NO JEWELRY** is to be worn while playing any sport scheduled by the Recreation Department.
3. Game Time - Time indicated on schedule is the official start time.
4. Teams consist of 9 players on the field.
 - Minimum 2 females on the field at all times
 - Teams may play with a minimum of 7 players each
5. Timing: 2 – 40 minute periods with 5 minute half time.
6. Officials provided by Niagara Frontier Officials Association. Official fees \$30/team /game will be the responsibility of Team Coaches.
7. Rainouts / Rescheduling. The Recreation Department will notify Coaches via email when MORE than 24-hour notice is given for any changes. Scheduling changes with LESS than 24 hours will notify via a call / text to Coaches. Teams Coaches will notify Adult League Coordinator of any forfeits. Red Flags on goals are indications of the field closures.
8. Team Forfeit: If a team forfeits with less than 24 hour notice to the Recreation Department it will result in the forfeit fee being collected. In order to play the next game, an additional \$60 forfeit fee deposit must be paid directly to the Recreation Department within 3 business days. Payments can be made via credit card online by the coach or by calling during regular office hours 8 – 4 pm. Teams may also pay by cash or check in person at

the Recreation Office. Any forfeit fee that is collected and not used will be refunded at the end of the season. If a team forfeits more than twice throughout the season, they may be removed from the League. Final decisions regarding team removal from league will be made by the Recreation Supervisor.

9. Score Reporting: Winning team must report the score within 24 hours of game completion. Must also include date, winning team name and losing team name via text preferred, or voice mail to Adult Coordinator 716-255-1524.
10. Warm-up: Each team is permitted to practice prior to game start on their perspective half of the playing field.
11. Metal Spikes are not allowed
12. First Aid Each team is responsible for providing their First aid. Neither the officials nor the league are responsible for providing first aid.
13. Blood Rule:
A game participant or official who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medic care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the official's judgment. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required. The official shall:
 - Stop the game and immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player and allow treatment.
 - Apply the rules of the game regarding substitution, short-handed rule and re-entry if necessary.
14. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on town or school property. Officials will forfeit any game where alcohol is being consumed by players, or coaches or spectators.

PLAYER CONDUCT PENALTIES

1. Ejection from a game, i.e. RED CARD, disputes over a call, etc. with no physical violence or verbal threats. The following are in addition to your ejection:
 - 1st offense - 2 game suspension
 - 2nd offense - 5 game suspension, will continue into following sports season, includes volleyball and basketball
2. Verbally threatening or continued inappropriate language directed at an official, spectator, player or recreation staff. The following are in addition to your ejection:
 - 1st offense - 3 game suspension
 - 2nd offense - Indefinite suspension, will continue into the following sports season, including volleyball and basketball
3. Physically touching an official, spectator, player or recreation staff. The following are in addition to your ejection:
 - 1st offense - Indefinite suspension (minimum 4 games) will continue into following sports season, including volleyball and basketball
4. Fighting with an official, spectator, player or recreation staff is an automatic and immediate ejection from the game. In addition to the ejection, an indefinite suspension will follow.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS

Team players and Coaches are welcome to make any suggestions by calling the Recreation Department at 773-9680 or via email recreation@grand-island.ny.us .