



BOLINGBROOK PARK DISTRICT SOCCER RULES

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Bolingbrook Park District has adopted the following set of rules to govern the Soccer League organized and controlled by the Park District. Rules not covered herein will be determined by the F.I.F.A. "Official Rule Book."

The purpose of this league is to provide an opportunity for interested adults to play in a safe and organized league. **Fair play and sportsmanship is the responsibility of every player, coach, and spectator.**

LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

The League Commissioner (Adult Athletic Coordinator) has the final power in decision making in all matters pertaining to the league. The League Commissioner will call all meetings between team captains if necessary. Any special meetings desired by teams must be requested through the team captain.

LEAGUE POLICIES

1. **The total league fee must be paid before the first game.** Any team fees still owed will result in a forfeit from the first game onward. Payment may be received in the form of cash, check, credit card or sponsorship money on/before the first game.
2. **Out of District fees are due by the third week of games.** Any non-resident fees still owed after that date will result in a forfeit. Payment may be received in the form of cash, check, credit card or sponsorship money before this date.
3. **No money will be collected at the fields, except for forfeit money.** Please contact the Adult Athletic Coordinator to make final payments prior to your scheduled morning of games. No pay = No play!
4. **The Park District is not responsible for teams not playing games and/or withdrawing from a league.** In cases of forfeit, the League Commissioner will not reschedule games. Teams are solely responsible for participating in the Park District activities on the scheduled dates and times for which they are registered.

TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each team shall designate a representative who will be the sole liaison between that team and the Park District. Only the team captain should communicate concerns with the Park District. To avoid confusion, players should speak to their team captain on all inquiries and not contact the Park District directly. The team representative may be either a player or non-player.
2. Responsibility to distribute copies of all league policies, schedules, etc. to their players. (online at www.bolingbrookparks.org)
3. Expected to inform their players of all rules and regulations prior to the first game, and as often thereafter as necessary to ensure no violations occur.
4. Expected to inform players of the game schedule, make up dates, etc. and pass along any other information from the Park District.
5. Responsibility for the conduct of their spectators, and participants. (see 'Player-Team Conduct' below for explanations of consequences)
6. **Team captains are the only players that may address the referee.** If a referee does not act appropriately, or if there is consistently poor umpiring and knowledge of the rules, please contact the Adult Athletic Coordinator and appropriate action will be taken.
7. Responsible for making sure the Park District has current address and home/work phone numbers.

ELGIBILITY & ROSTERS

1. All participants must be at least 18 years of age. Anyone currently listed on a high school, collegiate, or professional team roster is ineligible.
2. **Rosters are due before the team's first scheduled game!** Any team that does not turn in a roster before their first game will FORFEIT the game. Rosters may be turned in right before your scheduled game. No changes to the roster will be allowed after the second week of games.
3. All roster information must be complete for a player to be eligible for league play. If any information is incomplete, the player will be ineligible until all information is completed on the roster form.
4. All players and coaches must go to the Park District and have a player I.D. made by the specific date placed by the Adult Athletic Coordinator. I.D.'s are available for purchase at the front desk at one of the BPD Recreation Centers.
5. **ALL SOCCER ID'S PRINTED (REPLACEMENT CARDS / NEW CARDS) FOLLOWING THE ADVERTISED DATE WILL BE CHARGED AT THE RATE OF \$25 PER CARD. (cards are \$3 per card prior to the cut-off date issued by the Park District)**
6. All players and coaches present at game time must turn in their I.D. prior to the start of the game.
7. All players and coaches must have their player I.D. at all games to verify their identity, residency, and prove that they are a rostered player. Any player or coach without the I.D. will not be able to play or manage their team.
8. If a player arrives late (after kickoff) but prior to the start of the 2nd half, the player may enter by turning in their I.D. card to official as they enter the game. THE PLAYER IS INELIGIBLE UNLESS AN I.D. IS GIVEN TO THE OFFICIAL UPON ENTRY.
9. Prior to the start of the 2nd half, the official will ask each captain for additional I.D. cards of players who may have arrived during the 1st half. THIS WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE IN GAME. ONCE THE 2ND HALF HAS STARTED, ALL PLAYERS WITHOUT AN I.D. TURNED IN TO THE OFFICIAL ARE INELIGIBLE FOR THAT GAME.
10. **Roster checks can only be made prior to the start of the 2nd half. Once the 2nd half has started, absolutely no roster checks will be allowed.**
11. No nicknames are to be used on the roster. Any player not complying will be declared ineligible.
12. Roster maximum of 20 players. No change to the roster will be allowed after the second week of games, except in the case of an injury. A doctor's excuse will be required, and the replacement player must be of similar ability to the injured player. **Advanced approval** by the Adult Athletic Coordinator will be required for any change(s).
13. An ineligible player is:
 - ⇒ A player who is not 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
 - ⇒ A player using a false name.
 - ⇒ A player using an improper address (non-resident using a Bolingbrook address).
 - ⇒ A player with no photo I.D., proof of residency, and/or incomplete roster information.
 - ⇒ A player on more than one roster within same league.

HOUSE RULES

1. **Children must be supervised at all times. Unsupervised children and their guardian will be asked to leave the fields.** Participants are not allowed to play and supervise children at the same time.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Referees will call the game as a forfeit 10 minutes after game time for the first game of the day only. Teams may start a game with seven (7) players.
3. Any team forfeits listed in league standings will be charged the \$25 forfeit fee.
4. All red cards will be assessed a \$25 fee. Fees must be paid prior to any post-season play or the team will not qualify for tournament play. Forfeit fees are to be made prior to participating in any following seasons as well. (should team not qualify for post-season play)
5. Any team that FORFEITS must pay a \$25 forfeit fee prior to playing or qualifying in any post-season tournaments. It is the team captain's responsibility to pay the forfeit fee. If the forfeit fee is not paid by the last week of the season, the team

will **NOT QUALIFY** for the post-season and tournament seeding will be adjusted. (For example, if the #2 seed fails to pay the accumulated forfeit fees, the #3 seed now becomes the #2 seed – the #4 seed becomes the #3 seed and so on. The #2 seed will not qualify for post-season contention.)

6. Any team that has three (3) “no-show forfeits” will be dropped from the league with no refunds. Future league consideration will be evaluated. Teams will lose returning team status as well. Please do not assume teams are automatically dropped from league without the prior consent from the Adult Athletic Coordinator.

LEAGUE RULES

1. All games will be played with two (2) 40-minute halves with a 10-minute halftime.
2. Captains will meet before the game to determine which team has first ball. A coin toss will decide. The team who wins coin toss will decide first ball or to defer. Opposing team will receive ball to start the 1st or 2nd half (dependent on which team takes ball to start game).
3. Substitution is open as long as the player is ready to come in at the center line.
4. The players' bench is located on the west side of each field. Only players on the roster may be on this side of the field. All other fans and family must be on the east side of the field at all times.
5. No one is allowed near the 'goal posts' unless they are retrieving a loose ball.
6. All players are required to wear shin guards appropriate for their age. No children's shin guards are allowed.
7. Players need to have numbers on their jerseys and have them tucked in at all times while on the field.
8. Any player that receives a yellow card must be replaced from the game immediately. An accumulation of four (4) yellow cards in one season equals a minimum one-game suspension. The player is allowed to re-enter the game once he has had time to relax.
9. An accumulation of four (4) yellow cards in one season equals a red card. For every four (4) yellow cards a player receives, a \$25 fine will be charged to the team.
10. An accumulation of eight (8) yellow cards in one season will result in immediate suspension from league for remainder of the season in addition to another \$25 fine charged to the team. (including any post-season play)
11. No jewelry (watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets) or exposed objects can be worn during play for safety.
12. Each team must provide each player with a like colored shirt with numbers. Teams who do not have matching shirts will not be allowed to play. If both teams have the same colored shirts, the visiting team will be asked to switch.
13. Profanity WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. The field supervisor will call for a team turnover or eject any player using profanity. The field supervisor's decision is final. (possible suspension to ejected player)
14. **An accumulation of two (2) red cards in one season by any player results in an automatic ejection from the league for the season (no exceptions). This includes red cards as a result of an accumulation of four or eight yellow cards.**
15. Games will be considered a complete game after the start of the 2nd half. All games will be counted towards final standings.
16. **Should a game conclude prematurely due to unsportsmanlike behavior from a player, the game will be forfeit and a loss will be awarded to the team along with a \$25 forfeit fee. (regardless of score at the time of cancellation)**

PLAYOFF RULES

1. All playoff games will be played with two (2) 40-minute halves with a 10-minute halftime.
2. The higher seed will start with the ball. Opposing team will receive ball to start the 1st or 2nd half (dependent on which team takes ball to start game).
3. The players' bench is located on the west side of each field. Only players on the roster may be on this side of the field. All other fans and family must be on the east side of the field at all times.

4. If following eighty (80) minutes of play and score remains tied, games will go directly to a five man Penalty Kicks (PKs) shootout. In the event of a tie after the first five PKs, the shootout will continue in a sudden death format until a winner is declared. Each player must take a PK if the game goes into a sudden death format before teams begin to allow certain players to take a second PK kick.

STANDINGS

1. Standings will be updated weekly on the website. (www.bolingbrookparks.org)
2. Wins will be awarded 3 points and ties will be awarded 1 point.
3. If two teams are tied for any position in the regular season, the following procedures will be utilized to determine the final league standings, in order, until all ties are broken:
 - a. Any team with a forfeit during the regular season automatically loses all ties.
 - b. Team with the best record in head to head competition against all other teams involved in the tie.
 - c. Team with the largest total margin of victory in head to head competition against all other teams involved in the tie.
 - d. If a tie still exists, a playoff round shall be used to determine a team's position in the league standings.
 - e. If time does not exist, coin toss will determine seeds.

PLAYER-TEAM CONDUCT

1. Any unsportsmanlike behavior such as abuse of equipment, taunting, etc. displayed in a game, or after a game shall automatically disqualify the offending player or captain for the next game on a first offense, and for the rest of the season (including any post-season play) for the second offense. These are automatic suspensions.
2. **PROFANITY RULE:** If a player uses profanity on Park District property the penalty shall be as follows:
 - a. **First Offense:**
 - i. The player automatically receives a yellow card and is given a warning.
 - b. **Second Offense:**
 - i. The player receives a second yellow card and the player is automatically ejected from the game (no soft red).
 - ii. Player is automatically suspended for the next game. Any player ejected from the game must leave the fields immediately. *Before a suspended/ejected player is reinstated into the league, a \$25 suspension fine must be paid to the Park District office no later than 24 hours before the next scheduled game. Failure to do so will result in a further suspension until the payment is made.*
3. **Any physical conduct / fighting with another player, coach, spectator, referee or Park District employee before, during or after a game will not be tolerated.** Any player and/or coach participating in any physical conduct will be automatically suspended for a minimum of one (1) season with possible league suspension and civil action. The team will also be fined \$25 per individual suspended. This fee must be paid prior to the team's next game or a forfeit will be enforced. Teams will not be allowed to replace the suspended player on their roster.
4. Any player who verbally threatens a player, coach, spectator, referee or Park District employee before, during or after a game will be suspended a minimum of six (6) games with possible league suspension.
5. Persistent poor behavior, including harassment of referees or other teams, (aka "trash talking") may result in the dismissal of that team from league and loss of returning team status. Teams exhibiting such behavior will receive a written warning from the Adult Athletic Coordinator. Issuance of a second warning for team misbehavior will result in that team being placed on probationary status with possible individual suspensions to follow.
6. **Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.** Spectators' behavior can result in the same suspensions as stated above.
7. Any drugs (unless prescribed by a physician) and/or alcoholic beverages of any kind are prohibited on Park District property. The following applies to parking lots as well as all Park District facilities.
 - a. Player caught with alcoholic beverages will be suspended from the game and the next game.

- b. Player caught with alcohol after the game will be suspended for the next game.
 - c. The second time a player has been caught with alcohol; he will be suspended from the league.
 - d. Players caught with drugs will be reported to the Police and suspended as above.
 - e. If the problem continues, the team will forfeit the game.
 - f. Spectators can and will be escorted from the park if caught with alcohol.
 - g. Park District and Village Police are empowered to issue tickets to violators in addition to the penalties listed above.
8. Any player ejected from the game must leave the fields immediately. **Before a suspended/ejected player is reinstated into the league, a \$25 suspension fine must be paid to the Park District office no later than 24 hours before the next scheduled game. Failure to do so will result in a further suspension until the payment is made.**
 9. During a player's suspension, the player can not attend any scheduled games of the Bolingbrook Park District soccer league. Any player which plays during a suspension will be considered an illegal player and the team will forfeit the game.
 10. The Adult Athletic Coordinator has the right to disqualify any player or team from league play due to unsportsmanlike conduct with no league refund.
 11. Teams will not be able to replace a disqualified player(s) on their roster at any time.

INJURIES / INSURANCE

1. The Bolingbrook Park District is not responsible for any injuries incurred while on the premises of the Bolingbrook Park District and its' facilities before, during or after a game and/or practice.
2. All teams and individuals should be commercially insured.
3. The Bolingbrook Park District provides no insurance.
4. A player who is bleeding, or has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his uniform must leave the game and may no return until the specific problem has been addressed.

AWARDS & PLAYOFFS

1. Cash prizes will be awarded to top league and playoff finishers. Prize amounts will be determined based on total number of registered teams.
2. A tournament will be held at the end of the regular season. Number of teams and games will be determined based on the number of teams participating in the league.
3. All playoff schedules and standings will be viewable online at www.bolingbrookparks.org

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