



**EL PASO PARKS AND RECREATION
 NATIONS TOBIN SPORTS CENTER
 Youth and ADULT INDOOR SOCCER RULES & REGULATIONS
 3rd SEASON - 2009**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United States Soccer Federation Rules and Regulations will govern play for the City of El Paso Youth and Adult Indoor Soccer Program. If the following rules interfere with USSF, these rules will supersede those of the USSF.
2. All Parents for Youth Divisions Players are required to attend a parent training session in order for their son/daughter to be eligible to participate in any City sanctioned athletic league and to obtain an ID card. The parent class card MUST be presented in order to obtain an ID.

II. ORGANIZATION

The El Paso Parks and Recreation Dept. will be the sole governing body and administrators of this program. The application, construction and interpretation of these rules and regulations or the eligibility requirements, shall be solely at the discretion of the program director in accordance with the rules & regulations set forth herein. El Paso Sports Staff will enforce the Rules, the Roster (Draft), Parent's pledge sheet, and Parent Permission Slip sheet, AT ANYTIME DURING THE LEAGUE AND PLAYOFFS.

III. TYPE OF LEAGUE

1. This is a competitive league.
2. Youth and Adults may register by team.
3. There will be a 11 Teams maximum per division for adults and up to 11 teams for youth division.
4. League consist of 11 games guarantee on regular season + 1 Playoffs game (single elimination bracket)
5. Regular Season Final Standings will be used for seeding purposes.
6. **DEADLINE** to pay the TEAMS REGISTRATION FEE is Wednesday OCT. 09, 2009. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
7. Divisions Champions will be determined by TOTAL CALCULATED POINTS.
 - a. TIES affecting teams that MAY advance to the play-offs will use the following tie breakers:
 - Forfeits (First Tie Breaker)
 - Head-to-Head games (Second Tie-breaker)
 - Head-to-Head Goal Differential (Third Tie-Breaker)
 - Common Opponents (Fourth Tie-Breaker)
 - Coin Flip (Last Tie-Breaker)

IV. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS (COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS)

Penalty Matrix:

Infraction	Penalty
Engage in aggressive behavior that has resulted in physical violence against another player, game official, City of El Paso employee, game spectator, or program participant.	Immediate removal from the <i>game</i> or <i>facility</i> and suspension from facility or activity for a minimum of 1 year and up to 5 years.
Physically threaten a game official (umpire, referee, site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to 2 seasons. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 6 months.

Verbally abuse a game official (umpire, referee, site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to one season. • Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 4 months.
Refusal to abide by a game official's or facility staff member's decision either with abusive and/or argumentative language or other forceful action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Immediate removal from the game and suspension up to 6 games. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Immediate removal from the facility for a minimum of 2 operating days and trespass from the facility or recreation program for up to 3 months.
Play illegally, or solicit another to play illegally.	Illegal player and/or coach to be removed from the game and suspended for a minimum of 1 season and up to 1 year. All games in which the illegal player played will be forfeited.
Appear upon the field of play or in a parks and recreation facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or to be in non-compliance with City ordinances which prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol in any City park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Immediate removal from the game and suspension for 1 additional game. A police report will be filed. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Immediate removal from the facility and trespassed from the program or facility for up to 1 month. A police report will be filed.

V. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Age for Youth Divisions SEASON III will be determined as of SEPTEMBER 01ST, 2010. Player must be on the right age on/or before SEPTEMBER 01, 2010.
2. U-17 Division the Age Cut- Off date will be SEPTEMBER 01ST, 2010. May not be 18 prior SEPTEMBER 01, 2010.
3. Players may play up one age division, EXCEPT for youth playing in the adult division. Youth players 17 years of age or younger MAY NOT PLAY ON ADULT 18 YRS. OF AGE OR OLDER TEAMS. If a 17 year old turn 18 by the 1st. game of the season, they will be eligible to play on the Adult League.
4. Allowing players to play down an age division is prohibited for all divisions. Girls' teams may play in a boys division in the same age division (Youth Divisions Only), IF there is NOT a girls' league available for their team to play.
5. ALL ADULT PLAYERS MUST bring in a Government Issued ID:
 - a. DRIVERS LICENSE, PASSPORT, OR MILITARY ID ONLY to EVERY GAME in order to participate in the league. NO COPIES of ID'S OR BIRTH CERTIFICATES WILL BE USED TO VERIFY AGE. COACHES must ensure the ID's are returned back to players after each game. It is NOT the responsibility of the Scorekeeper, Official or Staff to return ID's.
6. Adult players MUST show ID by game time, not at half time or at the end of the game. NO ID, NO PLAY.
7. ALL YOUTH PLAYERS must have a City of El Paso Parks & Recreation Department issued Digital ID card that has the years 2007-2009 (Only on 2009 games) or 2008-2010 on it with the parent class # and date of attendance PRINTED either on the front or back of the ID. Any ID card that does not have those years is not allowed. Check with Acosta Sports Center on the Dates and Times IDs are taken.
8. Acosta Sports Ctr. will accept the following as proof of age in order to obtain a City Player ID: Government issued birth Certificates, Military ID's, School Demographics and Passports (old ID is acceptable if not more than 2 years old). NO HOSPITAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES, NO BAPTISM CERTIFICATES OR MEDICARE PAPERWORK IS ALLOWED. IDs will cost \$5.00. Players must have IDs before their first game. Parents must show a current Parent Class Card in order for any player to obtain ID before they play in a game.
9. ID schedule: Monday – Thursday 4:00pm –8:00pm & Saturday 8:00am – 4:00pm.

10. Players' and Coaches' IDs will be checked prior to every game in all divisions.
11. If an illegal player is discovered on any roster, the Head Coach, child, and the parents will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as deemed by the Indoor Soccer Coordinator. If found that anyone knew about the Illegal player, all involved will be subject to a one (1) to five (5) year suspension from any City of El Paso sanctioned event or a possible ban for life.
12. Any games in which an illegal player participates in will be forfeited. Players that are NOT on the team ROSTER are considered ILLEGAL players and will cause the team to forfeit the game(s).
13. If a team is a "NO SHOW" for 2 (two) games, then that team will be dropped from the league.
14. There is NOT a Mandatory MUST PLAY Rule.

VI. ROSTERS/PARENT PERMISSION SLIPS/ID CHECKS

1. Registration Fees, Rosters and parent permission slips must be turned in by OCTOBER 16, 2009 CLOSE OF BUSSINESS NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Parent permission Slips for the Youth only must be signed by the parent or guardian. Teams will forfeit all games until paperwork is turned in and at least 1 Coach has attended 1 mandatory coaches meeting. All players MUST have a Parent Permission Slips on file here at Nations Tobin Sports BEFORE the child plays in a game.
2. ADD-ONS OR DROPS to your roster may be done by TEAM COACH ONLY UNTIL THE 9TH WEEK ON YOUR SCHEDULE. After the 9th. Week, you are not allowed to add players. YOUR ROSTER IS FINAL! Coaches MUST ensure their roster is correct by the end of the 9th week. Changes to your Roster must be done at the main office (Nations Tobin Sports Ctr. 8831 Railroad Dr.) on business hours and NOT at the games. Coaches must have release form completed by Parent of player or Adult player before they add that player to the Roster.
3. Maximum of fourteen (14) players on the roster.
4. Before every game the players' IDs will be checked by the game official or a site supervisor. At any time, a site supervisor may ask for a player's ID, if you are NOT able to provide one, that game will be a forfeit to the offending team. The Site Supervisor may pick up ID to verify age at the school. It will be returned promptly, if no problems occur.
5. If a player's name appears on more than one roster on same division, the player could be penalized (suspended) and must play for the team for which he played in a game first.
6. A PLAYER MAY NOT CHANGE TEAMS AT THE SAME DIVISION, ONCE THAT PLAYER HAS PLAYED FOR ANOTHER TEAM. THIS RULE CANNOT BE APPEALED. For example, a disagreement between a parent and the coach will not allow the child to switch teams, or your child is playing on a team with a large number of kids and is not having the chance to play as much as you think he/she deserves to play.

VII. EL PASO PARKS & RECREATION-YOUTH SPORTS COACHING POLICY

1. ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND 1 COACHES MEETING PRIOR TO EACH SEASON.
2. All coaches in any youth sport must submit and sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Application Form. This form must be updated every 2 years.
3. All coaches must sign a "Volunteer in Youth Sports Consent/Release Form" for a criminal background check. (2 year basis)
4. A coach will be disqualified, if the coach has a conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at anytime, past or present or the existence of any pending charges for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct and (iv) any crime involving violence or a violent act. This will be in affect regardless of adjudication.
5. All coaches collecting money from players must provide either a detailed breakdown or a budget for the money received.
6. If the Sports Office received three (3) written complaints, regarding three(3) separate individuals, in two (2) different incidents, the coach may be subject to suspension.
7. All coaches are responsible for the maintenance of the field being used. All team areas are to be left clean, and all team materials are to be picked up after each practice and/or game. Failure to maintain the field could result in loss of use of that facility or a \$50.00 fine due before you participate in your next game.

VIII. COACHES

- Coaches for the teams shall be adults interested in the promotion of sportsmanship and teamwork. All coaches must be certified through El Paso Parks and Recreation Dept. Any Head Coach who knowingly allows an individual that is not certified will be held accountable. All coaches must wear their ID card on their sleeve or front of body and must be visible. All coaches must fill out and return a 1) Consent for background check 2) Coaches Application Form. Any coach not turning both forms in will not be allowed to coach till paper work has CLEARED and has a photo ID from Acosta Sports!!! Cost of background checks will be \$40.00. (cost of photo included)
- Certification classes will be held during the coaches meetings. At no other time will they be held.
- There are NO RESCHEDULES unless it is due to weather or city planned activities!!!
- There is a 10 minute grace period. After the 10 minutes grace period, the site supervisor will declare a forfeit.
- Any team that has 2 forfeits or “no shows” will be dropped from the league.

1. There will be a maximum of two (2) coaches allowed on the Benches during a game. There will be no switching of coach’s through-out the game. Coaches who start the game must finish the game unless they are ejected from the game.
2. Coaches MUST have their teams report to the field supervisor or official at least 15 minutes prior to every game to be check in.
3. Prior to each game the coach/manager must fill out the line-up sheet with the child’s first and last name and the correct jersey #.
4. ALL COACHES (Youth Divisions) MUST CLEAR THE BACKGROUND CHECK & GET THEIR PHOTO ID BEFORE COACHING. If you try to coach without clearing the background check, then you are subject to a 1-5 year suspension.
5. ALL COACHES staff MUST display their background check badges at all times.
6. Have all players and parents read and sign parent permission skips before the child plays.
7. Maintain control over players, parents, and spectators in all circumstances, including disputes on the field, referees will discuss disputes with the coach only on the bench area. NO ONE including the coach is to step onto the field without being called onto the field by the official (could be ejected from the game). PLAYERS AND PARENTS ARE NOT TO QUESTION A REFEREE’S CALL OR RULINGS.
8. Each team staff member is responsible for verifying the League/Play-off game schedule days and times at www.quickscores.com/elpaso.
9. Coaches, team staff, and officials (individuals 18 years and older) understand that Nations Tobin Sports staff will enforce the Youth Soccer Rules outlined here and in the USSF Laws of the Game, Team Rosters, Line-Up Sheets, Score sheets, Parent’s Pledge sheets, and Parent Permission Slips, AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAME(S).
10. Video Taping at City of El Paso Youth Soccer Games can only be done by the Parents of children in the game who have a valid Parent Card and by Pre-Approved Media Partners. Hired photographers and other people who do not have children in the game will not be allowed to video tape without prior approval and background check from the City of El Paso Sports Division. This rule is to protect the children from Predators or other people who do not have good intentions. If an unauthorized person is found video taping the following will occur: Person will be asked to stop taping and to put his camera away. If the person still fails to follow the rules, then we will ask the photographer to leave the Building. If the person stays, we will call the police. Teams that are working in conjunction with unauthorized video use will be barred from the Playoffs and will forfeit the game in question. Coaches will be subject to a one to five year suspension.

IX. FEES

1. The entry fee for the league will be as follows:
 - YOUTH DIVISIONS.- 8U ~ 17U ...\$430.00 (Referees Fees and playoffs fees included)

- **ADULT DIVISIONS (All Divisions).. \$180.00 + Referees Fees (\$18.00 per game)**

2. All League Registration fees (in full) are DUE by Wednesday **OCTOBER 09, 2009**. There are no payment plans available. This is the only way to reserve a spot on the league until we fill out the available spots (max. 11 teams per division).
3. Each team (Adult Divisions) pays an Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) referee fee prior to start of each game. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Youth Div. referees fees were included on the Entry Fee.

X. THE GAME

1. GAME TIME:

- **For all Youth divisions 17 & Under**, there will be two (2) eighteen (18) minute halves with a running clock.
 - **For all Adult divisions**, there will be two(2) twenty(20) minutes halves with a running clock.
 - **There are NO TIME OUTS**. Time will ONLY stop on Penalty Kicks and Shoot-Outs.
2. HALF TIMES for both Adults and Youth Divisions will be Three (3) minutes.
 3. The Site Supervisor CAN shorten the time limit or run the clock if any given situation arises.
 4. GRACE PERIOD: There will be a ten(10) minute grace period for every game. If a team does not have enough players to start by the end of the ten(10) minutes grace period that team will be given a forfeit.
 5. IF ONE TEAM IS LATE a penalty kick will be awarded. If both teams are late, the time will be shortened as deemed necessary by the Site Supervisor.
 6. FIELDS: There are two Playing Fields at Nations Tobin “BIG FIELD” and “SMALL FIELD”
 7. FOR THE BIG FIELD (Maximum & minimum number of players):
 - U-10 & U-12.....Eight (8) Players.
 - U-14 & U-17 and Women’s Div.....Seven (7) Players.
 - Men’s Divisions.....Six (6) Players.
 - A **MINIMUM** of five (5) players for all divisions is required at the beginning of each half and at least Three (3) players to finish the game on the **Big Field**.
 8. FOR THE SMALL FIELD (Maximum & minimum number of players):
 - U-8 & U-10.....Six (6) Players
 - U-12~U-17, Women’s & Men’s Division.....Five (5) Players.
 - A **MINIMUM** of Four (4) players for all divisions is required at the beginning of each half and at least Three (3) players to finish the game on the **Small Field**.
 9. ONLY PLAYERS AND 2 COACHES will be allowed in the team bench area. All Non-playing children and spectators need to be on the spectator side.
 10. If a player receives a **RED CARD**, that player will have to leave the facility and will be **suspended for a minimum of 2 weeks** in all division he/she plays in. according to the referee/scorekeeper report, this suspension could be more than 2 weeks. (Remember that 2 yellow cards are the same as a red card).
 11. If a player receives a **SECOND RED CARD** in the same season, that player will be suspended for the rest of the season and playoffs in all divisions he/she plays in.
 12. If a player receives a **YELLOW CARD**, he/she will be suspended from the game for **two(2) minutes**. If his/her team is scored on during their suspension, then a teammate can go in for the remaining time left on their suspension. The player that received a yellow card will not be able to go back into play until after the 2 minute penalty is finished.
 13. The team that has a player receive a RED CARD will play short the remainder of the game.
 14. If a player receives five(5) FOULS through-out the game, he/she will be ejected for the remainder of the game –FOULED OUT- It is not the same as a red card.
 15. A player can NO LONGER use the wall to pass back to the goalkeeper. That is now considered a pass back and a free kick will be awarded to the offensive team.

16. Max number of fouls allowed per team (per half) is five(5) fouls, once that team make the sixth(6) foul then a shootout will be awarded to the offended team and every foul after. This is for all age divisions
17. Any ball that hits any part of the ceiling (in or out of the playing area) will be a shoot out for the other team unless it is a deflection deemed by the official's judgment. This is for all age divisions.

XI. GAME OFFICIALS

- Game officials will be assigned by City Parks & Recreation Staff.
- Officials cannot officiate or score keep in the division he/she or a relative plays in.
- Officials must be at least 18 yrs. of age and must complete all paperwork and have a background check by the City of El Paso.
- Each team will pay \$18.00 (Adult Divisions) before the game to the scorekeeper for the official and scorekeeper. If a team has not paid the Officials before the game time, game will not start and that team will forfeit the game.
- Officials will receive \$26.00 per game and scorekeepers will receive \$10.00 per game.
- There is **ONLY** ten (10) minutes grace period for teams to show and **be ready to start the game**, once a team has the number needed to start a game, the game **MUST** start.
- If there is not an official available, the game will be rescheduled before the end of the season.
- If there is **not a scorekeeper available**, the official will keep the clock and information necessary in his book. **THE FEE WILL THEN BE \$13.00 (THIRTEEN DOLLARS) PER TEAM (DON'T PAY MORE).**

XII. AWARDS

- Regular Season 1st place team trophy only.
- The Playoffs (Double Elimination) for 1st. and 2nd Place teams trophies only.

XIII. PROTESTS

The only protest allowed will be on player eligibility. **No other protest will be allowed.** Protest must be filed within 24 hrs. of scheduled game time along with the written protest. During the Playoffs the protest must be made immediately after the game is over. **DECISION RENDERED WILL BE FINAL, NO APPEALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** It is strongly suggested that if you have a question about player eligibility to make your concerns known prior the game. Video tapes will not be allowed to dispute calls or games. It is for your own personal use for your own memories of your child. Video taping children other than your own is strictly against ALL policies.

XIV. APPEALS

You will have 48 business hours from receiving any suspensions to file an appeal in writing and submitted to Sports Administration, Paula Powell at Armijo Recreation Ctr. 911 S. Ochoa. If you fill out an appeal, your suspension will continue until final decision is taken.

XV. LIABILITY

The Indoor Soccer League at Nations Tobin Center, City of El Paso, and /or Acosta Sports Ctr will assume **NO** responsibility in the event of an accident or injury to spectator, player, coaches or other participants. Organizations and independent-team participating should be careful to examine their own personal insurance coverage for adequate.

XVI. EQUIPMENT / UNIFORMS

1. Teams must furnish their own futsal ball (low bounce size #4) that is useable for game play. Failure to bring a game ball will result in a penalty kick for the other team. **IF NEITHER** team has a game ball by game time, then a double forfeit will be given to both teams. Nations Tobin Center will no longer provide game balls.
2. Teams must provide their own uniforms (Jerseys, shorts and socks).
3. **JERSEYS** must be of *similar* color and shade with different numbers by the first game of regular season play. Shorts and socks could be a different color.



4. If a player shows up with a uniform of different color or design, decision to let him/her participate will be take it by the Official ONLY (in case that color create confusion to the game official during the game) and decision will be final.
5. Use of SHIN GUARDS for all players is MANDATORY!!! If no shin guards, NO PLAY. Your Safety is our Priority.
6. Jewelry is PROHIBITED. You must remove all jewelry before every game. If you are asked to remove it and don't, it will NOT ABLE TO PLAY.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 28, 2009		START TEAMS REGISTRATION FOR SEASON III-2009
Sept. 22, 2009	6:30pm	1 st Coaches Meeting @ Nations Tobin Ctr.
Sept. 23, 2009	6:30pm	2 nd Coaches Meeting @ Nations Tobin Ctr.
Sept. 28, 2009	11:30am	First day to pay Entry Fees (business hours)
Sept. 29, 2009	6:30pm	3 rd Coaches Meeting @ Nations Tobin Ctr.
Oct. 09, 2009	8:00pm	DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT.
Oct. 16, 2009	8:00pm	Rosters & Parent Permission Slips DUE!!
Oct. 13, 2009		Schedules will be ready @ www.quickscores.com/el Paso
Oct. 19, 2009		SEASON STARTS!!!!!!

ACOSTA SPORTS CENTER PROVIDES THE PLAYERS ID's

4321 Delta Drive.

(915) 534-0254

ALL IDs are \$5.00 per player

ID times and days

Monday – Thursday 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturdays 8:00am – 4:00pm

PARENT CLASSES

The charge for the LIVE CLASS is \$5.00 per family.

The charge for VIDEO CLASSES is \$15.00 per family.

EXACT CHANGE PLEASE

See flyer for Parent Live & Video Class dates and locations or call at 534-0254.

NOTE: NATIONS TOBIN CENTER MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THESE RULES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.