



ADULT SOCCER ~ RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All league rules are governed and interpreted by the City of Peoria's Recreation Coordinator, Site Lead, and / or game officials.
- Playing Rules will be governed by FIFA Laws of the Game and City of Peoria League Modifications.
 - General rules of play not outlined here can be found in on the FIFA website:
<http://www.fifa.com/development/education-and-technical/referees/laws-of-the-game.html>.
- The Peoria Community Services Department reserves the right to modify/change, add, or delete any rules or regulations during the season.
- If changes are made, all team captains will be notified via email.
- NO OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE PIONEER COMMUNITY PARK SOCCER COMPLEX.
- THERE IS NO SMOKING ALLOWED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY.
- In the event of inclement weather cancelling games during the season, the City of Peoria will only re-schedule one week of cancelled games. Additional cancellations due to weather will not be re-scheduled.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

REGULATION 1: TEAM ROSTERS

1. Players must be at least 18 years old prior to the start of the season.
2. Each team roster is to be submitted by the manager/captain at the time of registration. A team must have a minimum of eleven (11) players and a maximum of twenty-five (25) players on its roster to start the season.
 - A. If a team has less than twenty-five (25) players on their roster, that team may add players to their roster until they reach the maximum roster size.
 - i. No players will be added during the playoffs.
 - ii. To add a player please see site supervisor before the start of your game.
3. The captain must be listed on the roster if he/she intends to play in ANY games.
4. Roster changes must be done at the field— see the site supervisor when you get to the field.
5. Players may play for only one team per division.

REGULATION 2: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. A team captain may request ONLY one (1) eligibility check per game. An official will make a stoppage of time and the request must be made known to the field/league supervisor.
2. Eligibility requests MUST be made **prior** to the start of the 2nd half.
3. A player is illegal/ineligible if:
 - A. The player does not have a valid ID in possession (on bench),
 - B. The player's name does not appear on the roster or drop/add forms,
 - C. The player's signature does not appear on the roster or drop/add forms,
 - D. The player does not meet the age requirements, or
 - E. The player appears on more than one roster in the same league.

PENALTY

The illegal/ineligible player is automatically ejected from the game and the team using the illegal/ineligible player forfeits the game. The ejected player will be suspended for a minimum of one week. A second ejection for the same player during the season **may** result in a suspension for the remainder of the season. A team using an illegal / ineligible player for a second time during the same season may be removed from the league. All decisions made by the field supervisor in this matter are final.

REGULATION 3: PARTICIPANT CONDUCT/EJECTIONS

1. The field supervisor and/or official have the authority to forfeit any game, eject players, captains or fans **WITHOUT WARNING** from the game for any conduct deemed unbecoming or detrimental to the game.
2. ALL CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF ANY PLAYERS, ASSISTANTS, OR FANS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. The players' **Code of Conduct** is strictly enforced and will govern incidents and occurrences.
4. The players' **Code of Conduct** can be found at the end of these rules.
5. Any player that receives a yellow card MUST IMMEDIATELY substitute out of the game for a minimum of five (5) game minutes.
 - A. The player will serve their penalty at the scorer's table/area.
 - B. If no substitute is available, the team will play a man down until player is eligible to return.
6. A player that has been ejected from a game, for any reason, will also receive a minimum one week suspension. **THIS SUSPENSION WILL INCLUDE ALL CITY OF PEORIA LEAGUE PLAY.** Players that have been ejected must exit the facility and grounds immediately. Players are not allowed onto the facility until the completion of their one-game suspension.
 - A. If a player is suspended, the City of Peoria will provide a return date for that player. The suspended player is not eligible to play in ANY CITY OF PEORIA LEAGUE until the date of return.
7. Three (3) ejections on the same team, in the same game, will result in an automatic forfeit for that team.
8. Yellow and Red Card Accumulation Regulations: The City of Peoria will track yellow and red card accumulation during the season.
 - A. If a player receives three yellow cards in the season, that player will be suspended a minimum of one week.
 - B. If a player receives five yellow cards in the season, that player will be suspended a minimum of two weeks.
 - C. If a player receives two red cards in the season, that player will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may face further disciplinary action / possible expulsion from the league.
9. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any player, captain, spectator, or other person attending the game, match or recreation activity **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any individual that consumes or appears to have consumed alcohol will be asked to leave immediately. If the individual does not comply with the field supervisor's request to leave, that player's team will automatically forfeit the game and further consequences may be imposed. Alcohol is not allowed



within the entire facility, including the adjacent parking lots, sidewalks, streets or alleys.

10. All conduct matters will be presented to the league coordinator for further consideration.

REGULATION 4: LEAGUE STANDINGS and TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. Standings will be available at <http://www.peoriaaz.gov/sports> and will be updated weekly.
2. The City of Peoria Adult Soccer League will utilize a point-based system for the regular season.
 - A. Win.....3 Points
 - B. Tie.....1 Point
 - C. Loss0 Points
3. All teams will be seeded for the final game day, based on their regular season record. In the event of identical point totals, the following tie breaker system will be in effect:
 - A. 1st tie breaker:Head to Head Record
 - B. 2nd tie breaker:Least Goals against during the season between the teams involved.
 - C. 3rd tie break:.....Overall Goal Differential between teams involved
4. If you know ahead of time that you will not be able to field a team please call the League Coordinator at 623-773-7186 or email franz.fuhrmann@peoriaaz.gov by 5:00 PM on that, or the previous, business day.

REGULATION 5: FORFEIT TIME

1. Scheduled start time is game time. A 15-minute grace period will be allowed, if a team is below 7 players.
 - A. The 15-minutes will come out of the first half of game time.
 - B. If the 7th player is at the playing site includes goalkeeper, the game MUST begin.
2. If a team forfeits three times, the team may be dropped from the league.
3. If a team forfeits twice, the team will lose the right to pre-register for the following season.
4. It is the team’s responsibility to be at the field before the scheduled start time.

REGULATION 6: LEAGUE DIRECTOR and SCOREKEEPER

1. Each team captain must report to the field at least ten (10) minutes prior to scheduled game time to report line-up and check-in.
2. The City of Peoria Site Lead will be responsible for keeping the official score book and be available for general information.
3. The official game score will be kept by the game officials on the field and communicated to the site lead after the game.

REGULATIONS: PROTESTS

1. Official’s judgment and / or decisions cannot be protested. Officials and recreation staff will handle all matters.
2. All decisions are final.

REGULATIONS: COMMUNICATION/GAME CANCELLATIONS

1. The Peoria Community Services Department reserves the right to adjust league format during the season.
 - A. Unavoidable game cancellations due to rain, irrigation, and other factors will be rescheduled by the league director, unless unable due to prior facility conflicts.
 - B. Make-up games may be played on a night different than that of your league.
 - C. Decisions on rain-out games can be obtained after 3:00pm by phoning the rain-out information hotline at 623-773-7575.
2. It is the responsibility of each captain to maintain regular communication with the League Director for newsletters, flyers, rescheduling of games, tournament brackets, rulings, and standings.
3. Adult Softball Coordinator is Franz Fuhrmann; franz.fuhrmann@peoriaaz.gov or (623)773-7186.

PLAYING RULES

RULE 1: THE GAME

1. The game will be played in two forty-five minute (45) halves with a running clock throughout.
 - A. The only time the clock will stop is during injuries or an official timeout.
2. FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) rules and regulations will govern our league.
 - A. The City of Peoria reserves right to make any changes to league rules and regulations for the benefit of the league.
3. There will be a ten (10) minute half-time period per game
 - A. If the game has been delayed, the officials/supervisor may shorten half-time at their discretion.

RULE 2: SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Unlimited substitutions per game are welcomed, but must be announced to, and granted by, the officials.
2. Teams may substitute on their own throw-in or corner kick, and on all goal kicks and kickoffs.

RULE 3: SIDELINE CONDUCT

1. Each team and the spectators shall occupy one side of the field, with the opposing team occupying opposite side of the field



RULE 4: COMMUNICATION

1. Any communication to the officials or field supervisor **must be through the team captain only.**
 - A. The captain must identify him/herself to the game official prior to the game starting.
2. Any communication to the SITE LEAD must be done during a break in the game or at half time.
 - A. **DO NOT** approach the SITE LEAD during play to question him/her.

RULE 5: UNIFORMS

1. All players of a team **must** have the same colored jerseys.
 - A. All jerseys should have **permanently affixed numbers** that are a minimum six-(6) inch number affixed to the back of the jersey.
 - i. It is recommended that numbers be permanently affixed on the front also and that the number be a minimum four-(4) inch number.
2. Home team is responsible for changing jerseys if there is a color conflict.
3. Knee braces with any type of metal must be covered.
 - A. The referee reserves the right to send off anyone he feels may danger another player with a knee brace.
4. The home team is responsible for making sure jersey colors do not match.
 - A. "Matching" will be defined by the officiating crew.

ADULT SPORTS ~ CODE OF CONDUCT / SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

ALL RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL" INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: CAPTAIN, PLAYER, OR SPECTATOR. A TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS. MISCONDUCT MAY RESULT IN PENALIZING AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM FROM ALL CITY OF PEORIA LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS. THE TERM "OFFICIAL" INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: UMPIRE, LEAGUE DIRECTOR, OR CITY STAFF.

No Individual Shall:

1. At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten an official or individual.

Minimum PenaltyRemoved from league play for (1) calendar year and placed on (2) year probation.
Maximum PenaltyBanned from the City of Peoria Sports Programs and assault charges filed.
2. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent by throwing gloves, balls, bats - or any other forceful actions.

Minimum PenaltyWarning by official.
Maximum PenaltyEjection from game and playing field and a (1) game suspension..
3. Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game.

Minimum PenaltyEjected from game and playing area and (1) game suspension.
Maximum PenaltyBanned from the City of Peoria Sports Programs and assault charges filed.
4. Be guilty of an abusive verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the field of play.

Minimum PenaltyEjected from the game and playing area, (2) game suspension and probation for the season.
Maximum PenaltySuspension for one full year and placed on probation for (6) months after reinstatement.
5. Use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time on or off the playing field/court.

Minimum PenaltyWarning by league official or umpire.
Maximum PenaltyEjection from game, (2) game suspension and probation for the season.
6. Appear on the field in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any type of drug that will infringe on the player's safety or the safety of others.

Minimum PenaltyEjection from game and probation for the remainder of the season.
Maximum PenaltyBanned from the City of Peoria Sports Program.
7. Drink alcoholic beverages during a scheduled game, OR have an open container of alcohol on the facility property.

Minimum PenaltyWarning by official.
Maximum PenaltyTeam forfeits game and placed on probation for the remainder of season.
8. Be guilty of any demonstration of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Minimum PenaltyWarning by official
Maximum PenaltyBanned from the City of Peoria Sports Programs.

NOTE: Players or captains who are on probation when another incident occurs can have their penalty increased to the maximum. If a player or captain is suspended from play and is found to be playing on another team, the penalty can be extended beyond the original time limit. The severity of the infraction will determine the penalty. Penalties can fall between the minimum and maximum. City staff, Recreation Coordinator and/or the Recreation Supervisor will determine the penalty within a reasonable amount of time.



ADULT SPORTS ~ ALCOHOL POLICY / AGREEMENT

The City of Peoria has strict policies governing the consumption and possession of alcohol in the Rio Vista/Pioneer Park complex and staff has gone to every reasonable measure to ensure these policies are communicated to each of you.

Policy dictates the following:

No affiliated team member (player, non-player or coach) may possess or consume alcoholic beverages from the start of their first game of the day to the conclusion of the final game to be played that day. This includes the time between games.

- No alcoholic beverage of any sort may be brought into Rio Vista/Pioneer Park Complex
- Staff reserves the right to inspect coolers, bags, cups, or any other container which may be used to conceal or contain alcohol.
- No alcoholic beverages purchased within the fenced area of the softball complex may be removed from that fenced in area.

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the parking area or any non-picnic area of the park. A picnic area is defined by a permanent shade structure and seating area. The picnic area inside the softball complex is excluded from this guideline.

The penalty for inappropriate alcoholic consumption varies with incident from game forfeiture to team expulsion and all degrees between. The City of Peoria owns and enforces the liquor license to Rio Vista Community Park and assumes all liability for actions affiliated with the consumption of alcohol on the premises. Therefore, the enforcement of these guidelines can no longer be constrained.

From this point forward all coolers and potential alcohol storage items will be inspected by staff aggressively to enforce park guidelines. If players and/or teams are found guilty of ignoring the guidelines there will no longer be a warning period and penalties will be enacted. Players bringing cans or bottles containing alcohol into the softball complex will be ejected immediately and considered for expulsion from the program.

While we are certain some of you will find enforcement of the guidelines objectionable, the fact remains that these policies have always existed and we have trusted the players in our program to comply accordingly. Regrettably, the actions of some players have created liability issues for the city and staff will perform its due diligence to protect the integrity of our program and the city's best interests.

Should you question any of my comments I am always available at 623-773-7186 or by email at franz.fuhrmann@peoriaaz.gov.