

MARIN COED SOCCER LEAGUE--ABBREVIATED RULES

(See your Team Rep for the complete rules)

Fall 1999

1. General. FIFA rules apply, except as noted below. Players should be familiar with FIFA's *Laws of the Game*.
2. Teams. Men must be over 30 years old, and able to prove it. No more than 6 men can play at one time, and no less than 3 women must play. If there are only 3 women, only 5 men can play.
3. Borrowing Players. A team must have 7 of its own players, including 3 "own" women, within 15 minutes of the scheduled start of play or the game is forfeit. A team that has less than a full team (11 players including 5 women) can "borrow" players from other teams. A team using "borrowed" players can only make substitutions at halftime, except that late-arriving "own" players must immediately replace borrowed players.
4. Team Colors. If two teams' jerseys are the same color, the home team must change colors.
5. Drop Balls and PKs. All drop balls and penalty kicks are taken by women players.
6. Slides and Slide Tackles. Sliding to play the ball by any player (including the goalie) is a major foul if an opposing player is within playing distance of the ball.
7. Red Cards. Players who are sent off for fouls or misconduct (red card) are not eligible to play in the following game. Players who are sent off for violent conduct or serious foul play are not eligible to play in the following three games.
8. Yellow Cards. Players who are cautioned (yellow card) must leave the field and be replaced by a substitute for 15 minutes. If no substitutes are available, the team will play short.
9. Fees and Liability Release Forms. Each player is responsible for payment of fees to his/her team rep and for signing the liability release form each season prior to being allowed to play.
10. Team Reps. Each team has two team representatives who are responsible for representing the players', teams', and league's interests. This includes verifying ages, reporting scores, and collecting fees and liability release forms. If both team reps will be absent from a game, they must appoint an alternate to act for them at that game. Players are reminded that they need to go through their team reps in raising any issues about the other team or the game. Serious matters will be resolved by the Disciplinary Committee.

11. Disciplinary Actions. The league has the authority to discipline any player or team for violating the league rules and the spirit of the league. This may include the decision to caution, reprimand, suspend or place on probation a player or team. Complaints and accusations will be received by the Disciplinary Committee.
12. Forfeits. A penalty of \$25 will be charged if a team does not show up for either a regular season or tournament game, or if games are cancelled due to a team's failure to submit fees, rosters, or liability release forms by October 1 (Fall season) or April 1 (Spring season).
13. Rainouts. Cancellation of games due to rain will only take place if playing will damage the fields. If the rain is light, the game will probably be played. Call the Marin Coed Soccer League voicemail **(415) 258-4891** to find out whether the fields are closed.
14. **NO DOGS.** Referees will not start or continue a game if a team or its fans bring a dog to the field. That team will forfeit the game and be assessed a \$25 penalty. In addition to being a league rule, this is a rule of both Community Fields and Seminary, and failure to comply risks our league's losing access to fields.

COMMUNITY FIELDS RULES

The following are excerpts of the Community Fields Rules with which our league should be concerned:

- Rule 1. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages and drugs on school property is strictly prohibited.
- Rule 4. Users assume responsibility for any damage or extraordinary wear and tear to the facilities, and are subject to additional charges, if necessary.
- Rule 5. Animals are not allowed on or around the field.
- Rule 6. User groups must assist in picking up the litter/debris and putting it into the garbage containers.