

## House Rules for Soccer Mania

- \* All matches will be 25 minutes long
- \* Free substitution, a player must be off before a new one can enter
- \* Shin Guards are required, NO CLEATS, you must wear tennis shoes, turf shoes, or indoor shoes \*All free kicks will be direct other than a ball that hits the ceiling, including the kickoff.
- \*Leverage: You may not put both hands on the wall while attempting to make a play for the ball or shield a player from the ball. A free kick will be awarded to the other team.

**SLIDING:** \*NO SLIDE TACKLING or Sliding to reach a ball on defense or offense, to block a shot or stop a goal scoring opportunity or to create a goal scoring opportunity.

Dribble Shootout: If a player takes a goal scoring opportunity away from the opponent, regardless of if the infraction occurs inside or outside the penalty box there could be a dribble shootout. Two examples of this happened last weekend. 1. We had a player trying to lob the ball over the keeper when the keeper came outside of the box and the keeper blocked it with his arm. This was a handball and dribble shootout. We did not give a blue card because the keeper had his arms close to his side but still his arm stopped the ball from potentially going in the goal. 2. The attacking player beat the last defender outside of the penalty box and the defender grabbed and pulled down the attacking player. This was denial of a goal scoring opportunity and a dribble shootout. It was also a blue card.

**NO SLIDE TACKLING! IF SOMEONE SLIPS AND IS ENDS UP LUNGING FOR A BALL IT IS UP TO THE OFFICIAL TO DETERMINE IF IT WAS A SLIDE OR DANGEROUS PLAY.**

### **Blue Card-2 minute penalty**

Deliberate handball, goalkeeper endangerment, boarding, unsporting behavior, slide tackle that is considered wreck-less or dangerous.

### **Yellow Card-4 minute penalty**

This is for serious or reckless violations or a second blue card

### **Red Card-ejectionable offenses-2 minute penalty for third blue card per player, 5 min for Red**

Third time penalty,elbowing, vicious slide tackle, fighting, leaving bench area, extreme unsporting behavior

**SHOOTOUT PENALTIES:** A shootout may be awarded if in the opinion of the referee, a team is denied an obvious goal scoring opportunity through an opponent's foul. Also, the attacking team shall be awarded a shootout if the defending team receives a card due to a foul occurring in their own penalty area or by any **deliberate handling violation** by the defending team within their own penalty area.

### **Time Penalties**

Time penalties result in the violating player having to remove themselves from play for the designated time. The violating player's team may not replace that player on the field until the full time penalty has been served. Time penalties are broken into the following categories:

- Bench time penalties two minutes
- Unsportsmanlike conduct two minutes
- Cautionary time penalties four minutes
- Ejectable time penalties five minutes
- Incidental foul language two minutes

\* **Only 2 players per team can be in the penalty box at a time**

**Main Rules:**

**\*2 LINE RULE**

**\*NO PUSHING PEOPLE INTO THE BOARDS (BOARDING)**

**\*NO SLIDE TACKLING** or Sliding to reach a ball on defense or offense, to block a shot or stop a goal scoring opportunity.

**\*NO FOUL LANGUAGE**

**\*NO TACKLES FROM BEHIND**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT SPIT ON FIELDS**

**\*GK CAN'T PUNT THE BALL**

**\*2 MINUTE, 4 MINUTE, 5 MINUTE PENALTIES (This is based on the infraction)**

**\*PLAY HARD AND HAVE FUN**

**\*If your team goes down by 4 goals you get to add a player to the number of players on the field**

**\*Verbal abuse of the referee, the other team, spectators or teammates will not be tolerated. Violators will be red carded and barred from further participation**

**\*Soccer Mania, LLC has no tolerance for fighting. The Soccer Mania Disciplinary Committee will determine the length of suspensions based upon an objective assessment of each incident. Each case will be sent to the Disciplinary Committee through email and the time restrictions are as follows:**

**Teams have 24 hours to submit, in writing, their side of the incident.**

**Soccer Mania will in turn have 3 days to submit the incident reports to the disciplinary committee and receive a response with an initial ruling of the players in question.**

**Once the players in question have received their ruling, they have 24 hours to submit an appeal in writing to Soccer Mania. Once Mania has received this appeal in writing, the disciplinary committee will give a final ruling within 48 hours.**

**This entire process should be finalized by the end of the seventh day.**

**During the length of the submittal process, each player in question is suspended from ALL play at Soccer Mania in any division. This suspension starts from the time the incident occurred.**

**U10 Coed (Must have 4 girls on your roster) 6 + GK**

**U12 6 + GK**

**Under 14 boys and girls 6 + GK**

**Middle School boys 5 + GK**

**High School girls 6 + GK**

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