



House Rules for Soccer Mania

- * **All matches will be two 25 minute halves with no overtime and a 2 minute halftime**
- * **Free substitution, a player must be off before a new one can enter**
- * **Shin Guards are required in all leagues but the adult league, 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: You may not slide to reach for the ball, block a ball, or knock the ball in the goal or keep from giving up a goal by having to go to one knee or down on one hand. The referee will use their best judgement to determine if it is a slide or lunge.**
- * **All penalty kicks will dribble shootouts**
- * **Free Kicks: You may not stop the opposing team from taking a quick kick by standing in front of the ball.**

Opposing players shall quickly yield the 5 yard distance from the ball. Dissent upon a request from the official shall result in a blue card being issued and the violating player being assessed a two-minute penalty.
- * **No children other than those playing the present game are allowed in the boxes or on the field before or after the game or during half time. Soccer Mania,LLC and referees will strictly enforce this rule.**
- * **Videotaping or photography is prohibited from the team boxes.**
- * **Boarding:** Propelling an opponent into the perimeter wall, whether or not intentionally will be an automatic blue card. If both players run into each other near the wall and they don't have control of their bodies they may both be issued a blue card.
- * **Goalkeeper:** The goalkeeper may not go outside of the box and play the ball into the box and pick it up with his/her hands and can't slide feet first to block a ball or play a ball. The goalkeeper must be standing when throwing the ball out of the box. Goalkeepers are encouraged to stay in their box if possible. They may not punt or drop-kick the ball. These rules are in place to protect him/her from getting injured by another player or injuring another player.



*** Blue Card-2 minute penalty**

Deliberate handball, goalkeeper endangerment, boarding, unsporting behavior, slide tackle

*** 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**

PREGAME MEETING WITH TEAMS-Before First Game of each season

***2 LINE RULE**

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

***NO SLIDING ALLOWED**

***NO FOUL LANGUAGE**

***NO TACKLES FROM BEHIND**

***PLEASE DO NOT SPIT ON FIELDS**

***GK CAN'T PUNT THE BALL OR DROP KICK THE BALL**

***2 MINUTE, 4 MINUTE, 5 MINUTE PENALTIES**

***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**



Soccer Mania Zero Tolerance Policy for coaches, teams, players and fans:

It is the responsibility of ALL coaches/teams to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all games. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting and other behavior detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. A coach's responsibility for referee support and spectator control includes the times prior to, during and after the game at the field and surrounding areas.

All persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee and all the other participants and spectators. If we have a behavior or discipline issue with a player, team and/or fans of a team we will meet with the Coach and issue the team a warning. Consequently, Soccer Mania has adopted the following policy:

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Initial violation: A verbal warning from the Soccer Mania board of directors.

2nd violation: The Coach/Player/Team will be suspended from the remaining games and playoffs

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 Soccer 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.**

Liberty University and/or Soccer Mania LLC do not provide health insurance. The Thomas Indoor Soccer Center is a play at your own risk facility.

ADULT 6 + GK

U10 Coed (Must have 2 girls on the field at all times)

U12 6 + GK

Middle School girls 6 + GK

Middle School boys 5 + GK

High School girls 6 + GK

High School boys 5 + GK