

Portsmouth Soccer Club's 8v8 Competitive League

It is the desire of PSC that all players, coaches, managers and fans have an enjoyable and fun season. With that being said, please read and adhere to the following rules, regulations and guidelines. Any party that fails to adhere to these rules, regulations and guidelines may be removed without warning from the league. If you have any questions about these rules or regulations, then please do not hesitate to email the Adult League Director at pscadultleague@aol.com.

Portsmouth Soccer Club is committed to the beautiful game of soccer, in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and professional poise, both on and off the field. To this end, unsporting actions directed to any player, coach, referee, spectator or league official, including but not limited to verbal and or physical harassment, threats, or taunts will not be tolerated. Incidents, should they occur, will be addressed on a per case basis. Consequences may range from suspension from the league to permanent expulsion from PSC's Adult League. While PSC recognizes that soccer is a physical sport, these guidelines are necessary to ensure the safety of all participants. All players sitting on a suspension of any kind are not permitted to be at any game during the length of their suspension. If a player is found at any match during their suspension, additional measures will be handed out by the Adjudication Committee.

There will be no smoking and no alcohol on the premises. There will no parking on the fields. Coaches/Managers are responsible for any mess left by their team after matches.

Communication:

PSC's primary means of communication is email; we also utilize the club's website at www.portsmouthsoccerclub.org as well as PSC's Facebook page for information. Our office is located at 122 Chowan Drive, Portsmouth, VA 23701 Office- (757) 488-3892 Fax- (757) 405-0189 Weather Hotline- (757) 673-4796. PSC's mailing address is PO Box 3333 Portsmouth, VA 23701.

Rule 1 - The Field of Play according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

The matches will be played on a U12 size field. The field must be marked with a halfway line, center circle, goal area and penalty areas. The field will have goal measuring 7' x 21' and the goal must be anchored for safety.

Rule 2 - The Ball according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 3 - The Players according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

Players and coaches must be on the roster and are subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee. All non-players shall be on the spectator side of the field.

The match will be played by two teams with a maximum of 8 players one must be the goalkeeper.

The minimum number of players on a roster is two more than listed above. The minimum number of players to start and continue play is two fewer than listed above.

A team playing with a player who has not paid his/her league fees shall forfeit that game.

Substitutions on the fly, a player must come off the field before the substitute may enter the field. The Referee must be notified to substitute a keeper. A free kick is awarded if opposing team has too many players on the field.

Rule 4 - The Players' Equipment according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

Players wear their team's uniform, consisting of matching jerseys/t-shirts. Keepers wear jerseys that differentiate them from their team, the other team, and the referee. If in the opinion of the referee both teams have similar color jerseys, the home team is required to change to a non-similar color jersey before the start of the match. It is required that each team has an alternate jersey color available for each match.

Shin guards (age/size appropriate) are REQUIRED.

Flats, turf shoes, or molded cleats are recommended; metal or screw-in cleats are not permitted.

Jewelry and other accessories, other than medical alert and religious, are prohibited.

A substitute (guest) player is allowed for any regular season game. The fee is \$22 for the first game and \$15 per game thereafter. A substitute may play on any team in any night, but may not play on two different teams in the same night. No substitutes will be allowed during playoffs or post-season play.

All players must be on the roster and paid in full by game four (4) of the season. After game four (4) no player will be added to a team roster unless otherwise authorized by the Adult League Director

Rule 5 - The Referee according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

The decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play and interpretations of the Rules are final.

Out-of-play calls do not require a whistle, but the proper arm signal to indicate restart direction should be used.

Restarts do not require a whistle except at a ceremonial restart, penalty kick, or when a player is carded. The whistle may be used anytime at the referee's discretion.

Rule 6 – Other Match Officials according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

No assistant referee will be used in the 8v8 matches.

Rule 7 - Duration of the Game according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

A regulation game consists of two halves of 25 (twenty-five) minutes each, with a 5 (five) minute halftime.

Overtime Period and Tiebreaker: If, in a tournament or playoff, the game is tied at the end of regulation, one 5-minute overtime period follows. If still tied at the end of the overtime period will proceed to kicks from the mark.

Running Clock: Except in the case of an unusual delay, as determined by the referee, the game clock continues continuously through each half or overtime period.

If referee is ready and playing fields are available at game start time the referee will start the clock running. A team that cannot field the minimum number of players within five minutes of the official start time of the match will forfeit the match. The score will be recorded as a 3-0 victory for the opposing team.

Rule 8 - The Start and Restart of Play according to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

A Kickoff from the Center Mark starts play at the beginning of each Half and after every goal. A player who starts play may not touch the ball a second time until it touches another player.

Rule 9 - The Ball In And Out Of Play according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 10 - The Method of Scoring according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 11 – Offside

Offside will not be called in 8v8 matches.

Rule 12 - Fouls and Other Violations according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Slide tackling will not be allowed however sliding by the goalkeepers is permissible. Sliding is allowed in situations where the referee deems that it is not dangerous and no other players are within playing distance of the ball.

The keeper MAY NOT punt, drop kick or throw the ball across 3 lines on the playing field. Goal kicks, punts and throws must be touched by a player or the field prior to crossing into the opposite penalty area. PENALTY: Indirect free kick by opposing team at the mid stripe.

Players issued a hard red card (not the result of 2 yellows) lose rest of current game and next game, soft red (2 yellows) lose rest of current game only. Players that accumulate too many cards may have their playing status evaluated by the club adjudication committee.

Rule 13 – Free Kicks according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 14 – The Penalty Kick according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 15 – The Throw-In according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 16 – The Goal Kick according to FIFA Laws of the Game

Rule 17 – The Corner Kick according to FIFA Laws of the Game