

# Butts County Department of Leisure Services

## Co-Ed Adult Soccer Rules

All the standard rules for soccer will apply to the Adult over 18 Coed League with the following additions or deletions.

1. 9v9: may change depending on size of field as long as both coaches agree.
2. Game length: Two 35-minute halves with a 5-minute half time.
3. No slide tackling. Any slide tackle will result in a foul and the other team will be awarded a free kick.
4. Any slide tackle in the penalty box will result in a penalty kick. Any slide tackle deemed dangerous by the official will result in a yellow card. Any tackle with the intent to injure will result in a red card. Any player receiving two yellow cards in a game or a red card will be suspended for that game and the next game. Any player suspended will have to appear before the Butts County Soccer disciplinary board before being allowed to play again.
5. Goal keepers will not be allowed to punt or drop kick the ball (we are playing on a U12 "short" field). Keepers can distribute the ball by hand or by placing the ball on the ground and playing it with their feet.
6. Offsides will be played.
7. All players must wear shin guards.
8. No metal cleats.
9. Goal keepers will be allowed to slide on the ground inside the penalty box but must lead with their body not their feet.
10. All players must wear shirts similar in color to their teammates.
11. Substitutions: are "hockey like" you can switch players as long as you are not involved in the play.
12. No foul language, Have fun, Just play the ball, not the player and there should not be any problems.
13. No heart attacks. If you feel tired or dizzy call for a sub, you're not as young as you use to be.
14. If a team has 5 or more players of their own, they may avoid a forfeit by picking up the amount needed to have an 8-man team. You cannot pick up more than that. If a team has less than 5 of their own players, they must forfeit. Guest players must be Registered Butts County Adult Soccer players for that season.
  - a. If both coaches agree, a team with less than 5 players of their own may pick up Butts County guest players and play a pick-up game but it will still be considered a forfeit no matter the outcome of the game.
15. All other fouls will follow FIFA rules, such as a hand ball in the Penalty box will result in a PK and other offense in the Box. Any Foul OUTSIDE of the box will result in an In-Direct Kick, there will be NO direct Kicks outside of the box.

16. No corner kick can be directly kicked into the goal. Any corner kick must touch a teammate or opposing player.
17. Rosters can have both men and women on them.
18. Players must be 18 years of age or older by the first game of the season.
19. The rosters and schedules will be posted on the website a week prior to the first scheduled game.
20. Playoffs: A team MUST have 8 (a full field) of their own players at the start of the game. If a team cannot field 8 of their own players the game is forfeited and the other team will be declared the winner. The two teams can decide to play a friendly game.

**Zero Tolerance Policy:**

No coach, parent, player or spectator will be allowed to exhibit any type of hostile behavior towards any other party. A MINIMUM MANDATORY one game suspension will be enforced. The act of combative or threatening physical conduct will require a one-year expulsion from the Butts County Soccer facilities. A Disciplinary & Protest hearing will be called prior to returning to the parks to determine whether additional sanctions are necessary.

1. If any player receives 2 red cards in a season, they will be forced to miss the remaining of the season. This includes regular season and playoffs. Their team will NOT be allowed to add to their roster mid-season in order to make up for an expelled player.
2. If any player comes onto the field from the sideline during a conflict, they will be subject to receiving a red card. If any spectators come on to the field during a conflict (unless instructed by the soccer manager due to injury), they will be ejected from the soccer complex.
3. Coaches, Referees, and the League Official are to handle all matters of conflict. Players are not to intervene on any discussion or berate the officials. Any player to break this rule is subject to a red card.