# WideWorld Sports Center

### 7v7 Outdoor Soccer League Rules

### **Match Laws**

All matches follow USSF Laws of the Game (theifab.com) and WideWorld Indoor Rules, with the following modifications:

- Throw-ins are used instead of kick-ins.
- The **Offside Rule** is not enforced.
- Slide tackles are prohibited (see Indoor Rules for details).

# **Game Length**

- Two **30-minute halves** with a 2–5 minute halftime.
- Matches ending in a tie will remain tied (no overtime).

### **Game Time**

- Scheduled game time is **forfeit time**.
- A 10-minute grace period may be granted if a team is short on players.

# Referees

• Each match is officiated by **one referee**.

# **Substitutions**

- Unlimited substitutions are allowed.
- Subs may only occur during dead-ball situations.

### **Number of Players**

- Teams play with 6 field players + 1 goalkeeper.
- Rosters: 7 minimum, 30 maximum players for the season.
- A team must have at least 5 players to start a game.
- Only registered rostered players are eligible.

### **Player Conduct**

- Players ejected (red card) must leave the **field and bench area immediately**.
- Teams play **down a player** after a red card.
- Fighting or attempting to strike another person = **season suspension**.
- Offensive language toward referees, teammates, opponents, or spectators may result in an **automatic red card**.

#### **Protests**

- Only rule violations may be protested (referee judgment calls cannot be).
- Protests must:
  - o Be submitted within **48 hours** of the match.
  - Use the **official protest form**.
  - o Include a \$50 fee (refunded if protest is upheld).
  - o Be approved by a **club official** before submission.

## **Penalties for Ejections**

Suspensions apply to the **next physically played league game**. Suspensions not served carry over to the next season.

#### **Toward Referees**

- Persistent dissent/harassment: 1 game
- Offensive/abusive language or obscene gesture: 2 games
- Assault (per USSF): Special Hearing

#### **Toward Players/Coaches**

- Offensive/abusive language or obscene gesture: 2 games
- Inciting a fight: 2 games
- Violent conduct: 2 games
- Intentional attempt to cause serious injury: 4 games

- Fighting: Season suspension (min. 8 games)
- Intentional foul resulting in serious injury: Special Hearing

#### **Toward Spectators**

- Offensive/abusive language or obscene gesture: 2 games
- Violent conduct: 3 games

#### **Additional Notes**

- Repeated misconduct in one game: +1 game suspension
- Second suspension in same season: +2 games added
- Third suspension in 3 seasons: +3 games added

### **Field Dimensions**

Length: 70–80 yardsWidth: 40–50 yards

Goals: 7' x 21' (recommended)Penalty spots: marked on field

### Weather & Rainouts

- 1. If severe weather is forecast, a **WideWorld staff member on site** will determine whether matches move indoors at the scheduled time.
- 2. Matches are played on their scheduled day. Once safe, outdoor matches not yet started will resume outdoors.
- 3. Matches started indoors **must finish indoors**. Matches that begin outdoors but move indoors due to weather **must also finish indoors**.

# **Canceled & Rescheduled Matches**

- 1. Teams unable to field enough players must contact their **WideWorld representative** for assistance.
- 2. Teams wishing to reschedule must pay a **Reschedule Fee**. Make-up games are not guaranteed but, if arranged, will be played on a **mutually agreed upon Sunday** within the season.