

# **Clovis Area Recreation Coed Indoor Soccer Rules**

**1. Field of Play**

All games will be played at the Clovis Recreation Center.

**2. The Ball**

An indoor soccer ball will be furnished by the Clovis Recreation Center office for all games played. Outdoor ball will not be allowed in the playing area.

**3. Players and Eligibility**

- A. Games shall be played with no more than 5 nor less than 3 players to a side at one time.
- B. All players must be properly registered with all of the official Clovis Area Recreation forms online.
- C. Substitutions are unlimited and can be made anytime.

**4. The Game-Start and Duration**

- A. The home team (first team listed on the schedule) shall determine choice of ball/side.
- B. Games shall begin promptly at the listed starting time. A 5-minute grace period is allowed until enough players are present. The clock will start at the listed game time.
- C. Duration of games will be two 20-minute halves and there will be a three-minute halftime. \*
- D. Games may end in a tie.

*\* Game time may be adjusted due to the number of teams entered in the league*

**5. Indoor Soccer Rules**

The Clovis Recreation soccer rules will be based on the laws of the game elaborated by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Federation International De Football Association (FIFA) with modifications deemed necessary by Clovis Recreation for the indoor field.

This league will be played as outdoor soccer with the following exceptions:

- A. Maximum number of players on a team roster is ten.
- B. There are no goal kicks or corner kicks.
- C. The goalie can only throw underhand only.
- D. Two-minute to five-minute penalties may be given at the discretion of the referee for rough play or un-sportsmanlike conduct. A player can be ejected without a previous penalty. A sub may replace the ejected player only after penalty minutes have passed or a goal is scored.
- E. In the event that a two to five-minute penalty is given to a player, that player's team must play short-handed for the duration of the

penalty or until the opposing team scores a goal. Should the opposing team score, the penalized team may return to full strength.

- F. The referee has the discretion to give 2 to 5 minute penalties, and / or red card a player for dangerous play (i.e. rough play along the walls, wild kicks with the potential to cause injury). Ejections from games may result in a player's suspension for future games. Suspensions will be made by the league director with consultation from the game referee.
- G. Yellow-carded players will be sidelined for 5 minutes. No substitution is allowed; the team must play short for two minutes.
- H. Red-carded players must leave the field. The team must play short for the remainder of the game. Red-carded players may also be ejected from the building at the discretion of the league director, and / or the facility supervisor.
- I. The referee's authority will govern the game! Only the team captain may converse with the referees.
- J. Players play off the walls. If the ball hits the rafters or the ceiling the ball is dead at the point of contact.
- K. There are no off-sides.
- L. Direct free kicks are given for balls going out of bounds instead of throw-ins.
- M. The referee has the discretion to allow a goal for blatant fouls, which may have resulted in a goal if the foul was not committed.
- N. No jewelry or hard braces will be allowed to be worn by any player.
- O. All players on a team must wear the same color shirts with non-duplicate visible numbers on the back of the shirts by the first league game. Goalkeepers must wear a different color shirt.
- P. The clock will only be stopped for injuries.
- Q. The ball is out of play only when the ball leaves the field. If the ball leaves the field, it will be returned to play by the opposite team kicking the ball on the ground within six feet of where the ball went out of play.
- R. A goal is scored when the ball completely passes the goal line.
- S. At the start of each half, a two-touch is required before a goal may be scored.
- T. Players other than the goalkeeper may pass through the marked-off goalie area, but cannot make a play on the ball. If a defender other than the goalie makes contact with the ball within the goalie area the referee may either award a goal to the offensive team or award a penalty kick. If an offensive player makes contact with the ball in the goalie area any goal scored will be disallowed.
- U. The goalkeeper can return the ball back into play from his/hers marked-off area by placing the ball on the ground and kicking it, throwing it underhand below the waist, or dribbling the ball back into play. Goalkeeper has five-seconds to get rid of the ball or the

opposing team receives a direct kick at the penalty mark. A goalie may not dribble out of, then re-enter the marked off "goalies only" area.

- V. A free kick will be given at the point where an infraction occurred, unless the infraction was in the goalie area.
- W. All free kicks will be direct kicks. The "one-step" rule will be used.
- X. All free kicks, kick-offs, or kick-ins require a clearance of six feet from the opposing team.
- Y. No slide tackling will be permitted.
- Z. One 30-second time-out per half is allowed. The clock will not stop. Only the team in possession of the ball can call a time-out.
- AA. No more than one hand on the walls at anytime.
- BB. If any team does not show by five-minutes after game time that team will forfeit the game. The forfeited game will be scored as 5-1.
- CC. All players must check in at the scorers table before entering the game. Any goals scored by a player neglecting to check in will be disallowed.
- DD. Additional players can be added to the roster anytime before the fourth game, new players must sign roster & release from liability form before playing.
- EE. Players unable to play out the season due to an injury can be deleted from the roster and replaced with another player up to one week before the tournament.
- FF. Once tournament play has begun, no roster substitutions will be allowed under any circumstances.
- GG. Standings in each division will be determined in the following order; point basis, head to head, score differential, total scores for, total scores against.

## **6. Tournament Play**

- A. The tournament format will be as follows:
  - 1. Single elimination format.
  - 2. Seedings based on regular season points total.
  - 3. 1<sup>st</sup> tie-breaker is head to head results.
  - 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> tie-breaker is goal differential.
- B. Tournament games shall be played under the same rules as regular season games. Tournament games ending in a tie will be decided by a 5 minute golden goal (sudden death) overtime period. If after the overtime period no goal has been scored a 5 shot shootout will be used to determine the winner.

## **7. Fouls and Misconduct**

- A. No player shall at any time:
  - 1. Lay a hand upon, strike or threaten a referee, staff person, spectator or another player.

2. Use verbal abusive attack upon a player, referee, staff person, or spectator.
3. Be under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages.

If any of the above has been violated, the player will be suspended from the league and/or assault charges filed. The Recreation Staff will determine duration of the suspension.

B. Red carded players and ejections.

1. Ejected players must complete an incident report with the league director.
2. A players 1<sup>st</sup> red card will result in a penalty to be determined by the league director, with consultation from the game referee, depending on the severity of the offense.
3. A players 2<sup>nd</sup> red card will result in an automatic removal from the league.

**It is the goal of Clovis Area Recreation to promote a safe and responsible environment in which to play. If you have any questions please call us at 324-2780.**

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