



## Glen Rock Soccer Club Adult Soccer League Rules of Competition

The Glen Rock Soccer Club Adult Soccer League (the "League") is a recreational, co-ed, soccer league for the adult residents of Glen Rock, NJ or adults who work in Glen Rock, NJ. All players are expected to know and understand these Rules of Competition. The League follows the IFAB Laws of the Game, with the exception of the following modifications:

**Field:** Small-sided 7 v 7 field

**Format:** 7 v 7 co-ed

**Rules:**

- Men and women aged 19 years or older
- Two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute half time
- Player maximums/minimums during matches: A maximum of five men and a minimum of two women must be on the field at all times. If only one woman is on the field, a team must play a man down. A minimum of 4 players is required to start each match.
- Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions may be made during any game stoppage. No "on-the-fly" substitutions are permitted. Entry to, and exit from, the field of play during a substitution must be at the halfway line. Referees do not need to be alerted to a substitution.
- No slide tackles: automatic yellow card and the restart is an indirect free kick from the spot of the infraction.

- No Punting by Goalkeeper: throws are ok and the restart is an indirect free kick from the spot of the infraction.
- No offside
- No goal kicks past the halfway line: The ball cannot be kicked in the air past the halfway line. However, if the ball touches another player before crossing the halfway line, the ball shall be considered in play and no penalty incurred. The restart for a violation of this Rule is an indirect free kick from the halfway line at the spot of the violation.
- Restarts after Fouls:
  - Defending team must be a minimum of 5 yards away from the ball
  - If the kicker taking the restart asks the referee to move the defense back 5 yards, the kicker must wait for the referee's whistle before the restart.
- Penalty Kicks shall be taken from the top of the Penalty Box
- Yellow cards: Players who are issued a caution (yellow card) must leave the field for 2 minutes before re-entering the match. Player must have OK from referee before re-entering the field. This player may NOT be replaced by a substitute while exiting the field. A goalkeeper who is issued a yellow card must be replaced by a field player, but may reenter the field after his/her 2-minute suspension after referee approval. A yellow card results in the offending team playing down a player for the full 2 minutes.

Any player receiving 2 yellow cards over the course of a season will be suspended from playing in their team's next match, including playoff matches.

- Red Cards (either via two yellow cards or a straight red card): Players who are issued a send-off must leave the field of play immediately and may not return to the field of play for the remainder of that match. The player may not participate in his/her next scheduled game, not including the current match. The offending player must also leave the park immediately. The team must play with one less field player for the remainder of that match. A goalkeeper who is issued a red card is also subject to this same rule.

Consistent infringement can result in the player being removed from the league.

- Scores/final match results: The result of each match will be provided by the referees to the Adult League Commissioner.
- Standings/points: Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points. The standings table will be available on the [GRSC website](#).
- Playoffs: The regular season standings will determine team seeding for the tournament. Positions on the standings table will be decided by points, goal differential, and goals scored, in that order. The top four teams will progress to the playoffs.
- Mercy Rule: Scores will be capped with a 10-goal differential. Play will continue but no team will be awarded more than 10 goals above their opponent for the standings table.
- Halftime: May be shortened or eliminated in the interest of time constraints at the discretion of the referee when trying to stay on time for the next match.
- Weather Delays/Cancellations: Matches will not be rescheduled for weather, though the League may delay matches to wait for the weather to improve. We will honor lightning delays when lightning is in the area. Players will be notified through TeamSnap if an evening's matches have been cancelled.
- Delayed Game Due to Late Team Arrival: Games not starting as scheduled because of team delay will still end at the scheduled time (minutes deducted from match) in order for the next game to start as scheduled.
- Forfeits: Game will be considered a forfeit if a minimum of four rostered players are not ready to play 5 minutes past the scheduled start time. If after those 5 minutes a team still cannot be formed, the opponent may decide to earn the forfeit win 3-0, or wait until more players show. The match will still end at the scheduled time.

Both team managers and the referee must agree that the match will take place if 5 minutes have passed.

- Abandoned Match: If a match in progress is cancelled, the match will be considered a completed match if at least one half has been played. If the match is

not played or cannot be completed, both teams will receive a win and the subsequent three points in the standings.

## **Referees**

All matches will be officiated by USSF-certified referees. The GRSC will provide referees for each match.

## **Rosters**

Team managers are responsible for roster management. All players must join their team roster through the TeamSnap registration site. For questions/assistance with roster management, please email the Adult Soccer League Commissioner at [adultsoccerleague@glenrocksoccerclub.org](mailto:adultsoccerleague@glenrocksoccerclub.org).

- Minimum and Maximum # of Players on a Roster: Minimum 9 Players / Maximum 14 Players. If a registered team does not meet the minimum number of male and female players on their roster within 2 weeks of the start of the season, the Adult League Commissioner may:
  - Dissolve the team and place their registered players into the pool of individual players to be reassigned to a new team;

OR

  - Place players from the individual player pool onto the team roster to fill any empty spots.

Rosters must be complete by the first match of the season with the minimum 9 players. Players may be added to rosters up to the start of the 2nd match. In the event a player sustains a season-ending injury, that player may be replaced by a new player at any time throughout the season with approval of the Adult League Commissioner.

- Guest/substitute Players: Guest/substitute players may only be used to bring the number of players on a team to 7 players, or minimum 2 females, for the start of a match. Only a player rostered to another team in the League may be a guest/substitute player – no exceptions. Players must identify themselves as available to be a guest/substitute player via email to the Adult League Commissioner

[adultsoccerleague@glenrocksoccerclub.org](mailto:adultsoccerleague@glenrocksoccerclub.org)). The League Commissioner will maintain a list of approved guest players and must approve all guest players prior to the start of the match for which a substitute will be used.

In the event of infringement, a forfeit victory will be awarded to the opposing team, even in the instance of the team having more goals at the time.

- The team manager may request, at any time, for the referee to check the roster of an opposing team. Rosters will be made available for any manager requesting an official check of a player by the League.

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### **Players' Equipment**

- Jerseys: Teams must wear the jerseys provided by the GRSC and those jerseys must be worn during all league matches.
- Shin Guards: Use of shin guards is strongly encouraged. Shin guards must be covered by socks for all players.
- Footwear: Players may play in flats, turfs, or molded plastic or rubber cleats (no screw-in studs or metal cleats).
- NO JEWELRY allowed except flat wedding bands and medical/alert bracelet, necklace, anklet. Referee has final discretion.
- Casts: No hard casts allowed in games.
- Hats/Sunglasses: No hats with bills or sunglasses allowed for field players (keeper may wear a referee approved head covering if desired, like bandana or ball cap)

### **Infringements/Executive Committee Review**

Consistent infringement or a serious incident(s) committed by a player or team may result in suspension or being kicked out of the League.

All disputes, fights, incidents etc. can be reviewed by the GRSC Executive Committee with input from the Adult Soccer League Commissioner and are punishable at the

Executive Committee's discretion depending on the situation. All decisions are final and non-disputable.

### **Profanity**

Players using profanity are subject to automatic cautions. Consistent infringement may result in suspensions.

### **Fighting Policy**

GRSC takes fighting and aggressive behavior from teams, players, and fans very seriously.

Should a player be involved in a fight or serious incident they will be held to the following:

- 1st Violation - expulsion from the GRSC Adult Soccer League for the remainder of the current season and the entirety of the following season with no refunds.
- 2nd Violation - a one year expulsion from the GRSC Adult Soccer League with no refunds.
- 3rd Violation - permanent ban from the GRSC Adult Soccer League.

Teams that are involved in 2 incidents in the same season will be suspended for the remainder of the season with no refunds. All games will be forfeited. Teams that are suspended for a second time will not be allowed to return under the same team name or same Manager.

Fans involved in violations will be escorted off the premises immediately.

### **Changes to Rules of Competition**

These Rules of Competition may be updated from time to time to meet the needs of the League. The GRSC will notify all team captains if any updates to the Rules of Competition are made during the season.

These Rules of Competition were last updated November 24, 2021 and shall remain in effect hereafter until updated and republished.