

EASTERN PRINCE WILLIAM SOCCER LEAGUE



8 V 8 Soccer Rules

Groups

- Groups will be form depending on the amounts of teams that are register.

Equipment:

- All players must wear shin guards and a jersey with a number
- If there is a conflict in jersey color, the visiting team will change the jersey color.
- Players may NOT wear jewelry during a game. The referee will ask the player to remove it, but if the player says He/She cannot, the player will be responsible for any injuries sustained by himself or any other player.

Forfeit.

- Everyone wants to play their games, but we understand that things happen. Please be considerate of your opponent and let us know in advance if your team is unable to attend. If your team needs to forfeit a game for any reason, please email us at epwsc23@gmail.com or text us at 703-505-6133 at least 12 hours before your game. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine that must be paid before your next game.
- A 3-0 will be given to a team that does not show up for their game.
- A grace period of (10) Minutes will be given to a team that is unable to meet the 5 player minimum.

Roster/Players:

- The squad is limited to 16 players.
 - Any team that exceeds the limit of 16 players will pay an additional \$30 per player.
 - A team will consist of 8 players (7 field players + 1 goalkeeper).
 - A team can start the match with only 5 players.
 - No player can be on more than one team during the season.
 - Player passes (DIGITAL) will be checked before each match.
 - The team has until the 4th match to make any changes to the squad.
 - After the 4th match, the squad is locked and no changes can be made.
 - All players on the squad MUST play in the first 4 matches. If a player who is on the roster has NOT played in the first 4 matches, that player can no longer play with the team.
- If a player is injured, no one else can fill that spot after the squad is locked. A player CANNOT change teams once they have registered with a team during the season.

Substitution Rules:

- Substitutions are permitted with the permission of the referee at any throw-in, corner kick or goal kick.
- To make a substitution, the player must be completely off the field of play before the substitute can enter the field.

The Game:

- There will be two 30-minute periods and a 5-minute break
Each team must provide game balls
- Arrive 30 minutes before each game to have a league representative review player cards and roster.
- If for any reason beyond our control the match cannot continue and at least 3rd half of the game has already been played, the match will be considered completed and the score will remain the same.

League Standing:

1. 3 Points for a win
2. 1 point for a tie
3. 0 point for a loss
4. A 3-0 loss will be recorded for a team that does not show up

Playoff and Finals:

- There will be no extra time in the playoffs or semi-final matches.
- In the final, if at the end of the match the score is tied, there will be a period of 10 minutes of extra time.
- If at the end of the sudden death extra time the score is tied, a penalty shoot-out will be played.
- There will be five penalty kicks to the goalkeeper who ended up on the field. Only players who are on the field at the end of extra time can be chosen

Referees:

- **All games will be officiated under the one (1) referee system.**

Fouls:

- Tackling: Players may slide when they are not creating a dangerous play, i.e. sliding to keep the ball within the boundaries of the field.
- Handball: A ball touched by hand or arm by any player other than the goalkeeper.
Any kind of roughness: tripping, pushing, grabbing

Off-Sides:

- There will be NO OFF-SIDES in 8v8 soccer.

Player and Coach Conduct:

- Captains are responsible for the conduct of their players and supporters. Only the captain may address a referee during play.
- Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct, including unnecessary roughness, arguing with referees, fighting, and abusive language directed at referees/opponents, will result in the ejection of the player(s) involved from the game.
- Any player who is ejected twice must meet with the league director before being allowed to play again. Team captains from other teams will be consulted for their opinion on whether that player should be allowed to return
- EPWSL expects each representative and team captains to set a positive example for their players by promoting good sportsmanship and self-control.
- Under no circumstances is smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol permitted at Howison Field and around the park.
- If a team manager or player is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they will be asked to leave the field and may be penalized.
- EPWSL also reserves the right to suspend players from the league. This is at the sole discretion of EPWSL and cannot be appealed. Registration fees will not be refunded to suspended players.

Yellow and Red Card Violations:

- If a player is sent off with a double yellow card in the same match, he can play the next match by paying **\$25.00**
- When a player receives a red card, his team must continue the match with one less player for 5 minutes and another player can enter except the one with the red card
- A player with a direct red card must pay **\$50.00** In addition, the sanction may include additional suspensions of one or more matches, depending on the severity of the fault.

Spectators:

- **The team must sit on the opposite side.**
- **Each coach or team captain is responsible for controlling the team's fans. EPWSL is not responsible if any spectator or minor is hit by a ball or if a fight occurs.**
- **Under no circumstances is smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol allowed in and around Howison Field.**

The park and fields are supervised by the Prince William Courace Club (PWSI) we will take care of the fields following the rules of the league.

The EPWSL is a league that is trying to create a family-friendly and welcoming atmosphere during matches, thanks in large part to the valuable collaboration of volunteers. They offer their time and effort to ensure that each match is organized and enjoyable for all attendees. Therefore, it is crucial to show our respect and gratitude towards them,

- **IF FOR ANY REASON A TEAM DECIDES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE LEAGUE IN THE FIRST GAMES THE MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- **EPWSL ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A TEAM TO WITHDRAW AT ANY TIME IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ESTABLISHED RULES AND THERE IS NO REFUND.**

EACH TEAM MUST PICK UP BOTTLES AND TRASH AFTER THEIR GAME, EPWSL WILL PROVIDE THE BAGS, IF A TEAM DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS RULE THEY WILL BE CHARGED A \$50.00 FINE.

I agree to the EPWSL Rules. I hereby confirm that I have read and received the League RULES.

Coach/Captain name: _____

Team name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

EPWSL MISSION: Our Goal is to provide a fun, safe and enjoyable sporting environment that encourages all members to reach their full potential, promote adult football and develop lifelong bonds through our strong community spirit, in a family-friendly environment.

EPWSL VISION: is to grow the adult soccer league in our community and support low-income children who want to play sports but cannot afford the fees, as well as offer scholarships to high school graduates who continue their education.

Thank you very much for participating.

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