



All games played in the Stamford Co-Ed Soccer League will be run under standard F.I.F.A. rules with the following exceptions:

1. **Recreation:** This league was created purely for the enjoyment of spending time with individuals of the opposite gender under the beautiful summer time weather with soccer as a common thread. It is the responsibility of the representatives from each team to ensure that 'fun' is had by all and that the competitive nature of the game never exceeds the level where the event is no longer a pleasurable experience for the majority of participants involved.
2. **League Committee:** Each 'primary contact' team representative of the Stamford Co-Ed Soccer League automatically is a member of the League Committee. If this person is unavailable to attend a league or committee meeting the 'secondary contact' must stand in his/her place. Responsibilities include: review of scholarship award, send a copy of game report to league president, review player suspensions and fines, ensure the growth and success of the league (i.e. league promotion).
3. **Point System:** Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
4. **Game Duration:** Games will be run under two 40 minute halves. In the event of a tie at the end of 80 minutes of play, the game will stand as a draw. In playoffs, ties at the end of regulation will be decided by a penalty shoot out. Of the first five penalty kicks, at least two must be taken by female players. Should the score still be tied and further penalty kicks required, male and female players will alternate kicks until a winner is determined.
5. **Game Report:** Before each game played, a team representative print out a 'Game Roster'. After each game played, each team representative must e-mail the league scorer.
6. **Length of Season:** The season will start as soon as the fields are available, usually by the end of June. Each team will play 8 games and the top 8 teams in each division will advance to the playoffs.
7. **Game Location:** Until further notice, all games will be played at the Stamford High School, Westhill, Rippowam or West Beach fields.
8. **Game Schedule:** Games will be played either on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening at 6:30pm (based on the league schedule) of each week at one of the field locations listed above.
9. **Game Cancellations and Reschedules:** Any updates/changes to the league schedule will be sent through a notification via e-mail to the primary and secondary contacts. Any game day changes as a result of the weather will be sent via e-mail before 5:00pm the day of the game. After 5pm, it becomes a referee's decision.
10. **League Standings:** A summary of the previous week's results and league standings will be sent out by the league scorer, via e-mail, the Monday of every week of play.
11. **Slide Tackling:** REGARDLESS if it is male against female, female against male, male against male or female against female, there is a zero level of tolerance for slide tackling in the Stamford Co-Ed Soccer League. The first attempt made in a match will result in an automatic blue card and indirect kick at the spot of the foul for the other team. A second attempt by the same player, in the same match will result in a second blue, an ejection from the match, a direct free kick from the spot of the foul and at least a one game suspension (to be decided by the Stamford Co-Ed Soccer League committee).

12. **Number of Players:** The maximum number of players per team, on the field, at any given time is 11. The maximum number of men, on the field, at any given time is 6. The maximum number of women, on the field, at any given time is 6. The minimum number of players to start a game is 7. These rules apply unless otherwise agreed by the team reps. and referee prior to kickoff. Both teams must report this 'agreement' to the league president (via e-mail). If this rule is felt to be abused, on a consistent basis, by any given team, a review, by the league, will be conducted.
13. **Cards:** Players receiving a Red Card will receive a minimum of a 1 game suspension and must pay a \$20.00 fine to the league. A yellow card incurs a \$10.00 fine. A blue card (which is ONLY given for a slide tackle) incurs a \$30.00 fine. Opposing captains should report cards received during the game to the league scorer. No player receiving a card of ANY kind will participate in another game until all fines are paid. Play by such a player will result in a forfeit of the game for his/her team.
14. **Team Roster:** Each teams roster must be handed to the League President no later than June 1st. Additions to the roster can be made only up until July 15th. Each roster must include at least 8 male and 8 female players. All players must be of 18 years of age or older. Any player signed under one team cannot play for another team within the league. There MUST be a minimum of 75% of the players on the roster either living or working in Stamford. All players must bring adequate identification to verify their position on the roster, such as a drivers license or passport.
15. **Equipment:** The home team will be responsible for providing a game ball. The team listed first on the schedule is the home team and MUST change if the opposing team wears the same color.
16. **Shin Guards:** All field players must wear shin guards at all times.
17. **Forfeits:** In an effort to discourage forfeit of matches, a \$100.00 forfeit bond has been included in the league fees. Should a team forfeit a match, a \$50.00 penalty will be taken out of that fund. A second penalty of \$50.00 will be deducted should that team forfeit a second time. A third forfeit will result in a ban for the rest of the season. Should a team not forfeit any matches throughout the entire season, they will not receive the \$100.00 back. Instead, they will have \$100.00 deducted from their entrance fee for the next season.
18. **Payment of Referees:** The payment of referees is \$35.00 per team before every match. The referee fees have NOT been included in the league entrance fees.
19. **Scholarship:** Proceeds from the league team registration are to be awarded each year to a college-bound boy or girl from Stamford who has played soccer in the Stamford Youth Soccer League for the last three years. The Stamford Co-Ed Soccer League committee will make the award after reviewing applications provided by the school boards. The award will be based on a combination of academic success, financial need and community service.
20. **Offside:** The offside line has been moved to the top of the 18-yard line box of the opposing team's goal.
21. **Game Forms:** A game form must be filled out and handed to the referee, by each team, before each game played.
22. **Alcohol:** While many people believe having a beer at the conclusion of an athletic contest is a nice way to relax and bond with your teammates, the City of Stamford strictly prohibits drinking on athletic fields – and has previously threatened the Co-Ed league with the loss of playing privileges for violations. Therefore, there is to be absolutely no drinking on any field before, during or after co-ed soccer games. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any team violating this rule will forfeit all remaining games and be ejected from the league.
23. **Vuvuzelas:** No vuvuzelas are permitted at games. Any team whose players or fans are found to have brought a vuvuzela to the field will forfeit the game. A second offence will result in the team being ejected from the league.