

CHURCHLAND SOCCER LEAGUE
ADULT LEAGUE 11v11– WINTER 2009-2010
RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

*****please note all NEW changes are in RED*****

We hope each and every player and coach has an enjoyable season. Please read the following rules and guidelines that we expect each team and player to adhere to. Additionally, all teams and players are expected to respect and abide by all rules and procedures as dictated by Churchland Soccer League (CSL). Any player, coach or team that fails to respect, follow and abide by the Adult League Rules listed below, may result in that player/team being removed without warning from the league. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Adult League Director.

*****EMAIL is our PRIMARY means of communication.** Please check your email regarding coaches meetings, schedules, standings/results and cancellations.

1. All games shall be played in accordance with Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA. Eleven (11) aside matches shall consist of two (2) forty-five minute halves, with a 5 minute halftime. There is no stoppage of the clock during play, except if indicated by the center referee for injury, etc. There are unlimited substitutions during a match with authorization of the referee. All substitutions will be done so at the half field line.
2. All games will be played rain or shine, unless League Representatives determine severe or extremely dangerous conditions exist (i.e. lightning, hail, etc.). In the event weather forces play to be halted and prevents the match from being completed during the scheduled time, the score shall stand if at least half the match has been completed. If a match must be rescheduled, it will be done as quickly as possible (hopefully later in that week).
3. **There are 2 Registration dates for this Winter. An Early Registration with a fee of \$70 per player and a LATE registration with a fee of \$75 per player. There are no refunds.** Bounced checks will require cash payment, in addition to returned check fee. The team from which the bounced check came from is subject to forfeiting all games prior to the date the check bounced. There will be no changes and/or additions to the roster once they have been received by CSL*. **Additionally, all 11- aside teams must have a minimum of 16 players rostered.** ***Returning home Military are the only exception to this rule. Should the Military person wish to participate in CSL's Adult League before Week 5 regular fees apply, after Week 5 of the schedule, the fee will be \$35 per player.**
4. **Each coach will be required to certify a copy of their roster at the coaches' meeting. This can be from their Excel spreadsheet. Rosters and player passes will be checked at the fields.** If any non-registered players are found on the field, the team with the unregistered player will forfeit that game, and will be subject to a \$75 fine. **The fine must be paid prior to the team's next scheduled match.** If a second offense occurs, the team forfeits not only that game, but the remainder of the season, as well as being subject to a \$75 fine. CSL does not allow guest or unregistered players on the field of play at any time.
5. Games will start promptly at the times indicated on the schedule. The schedule will be out in advance, so there should be no reason not to field a team. Please have your team at the field at

least 20 minutes prior to game time for warm ups, etc. There is NO grace period before a team forfeits a game. There are NO playdown rules in effect. **Any team that forfeits 1 match during the regular season is not eligible to play in our end-of-season in-house tournament. Any team that forfeits 2 matches during the regular season will be removed from the remainder of the season. The CSL Adjudication committee will then determine if further disciplinary actions are necessary, including but not limited to team probation, suspension or expulsion.**

FORFEITS: A 72 hour notice (i.e.: the Friday before a Sunday match) is needed to reschedule a match or the match is subject to a forfeit and the forfeiting team will be fined. Fines are in place to cover all lost income. Forfeiting teams will be fined \$75 if a 72 hour notice was not given. Fines MUST be paid by the next scheduled match or the team will be penalized 10 standing points. If the fine is not paid by the 2nd week, the team faces expulsion from CSL.

SCORING SYSTEM

The following method will be used to add and subtract team points to determine division standings.

League Standing Points:

WIN = 3 POINTS

TIE = 1 POINTS

LOSS = 0 POINTS

FORFEIT = -3 POINTS to forfeiting team

*****no points will be awarded to opposing team, as the game will not go into the standings as having been played; opposing teams stats will remain same from previous week*****

Card "Penalty" Points: Effective immediately, any team that accrues -25 penalty points will be ineligible to participate in the EOST.

YELLOW CARD = -3 points for each card that match

RED CARD = -5 points for each card that match

Penalty points for cards received will be added together in the "penalty box". For every 10 penalty points a team accrues, that team will lose 1 league standing point. This goes into effect immediately (Winter 2007-2008).

Example: Team A has 3 wins = 9 league standing points. Team A has received 4 yellow cards = 12 penalty points. Team A's current league standing points would become 8 with 2 remaining penalty points.

In the event that 2 teams end the season in a tie, the tie breaker will be, in this order: (1) head to head competition (2) goals for (3) goals against (4) coin toss.

6. CSL respects and enforces a Zero Tolerance rule regarding fighting and misconduct on the field. If you are involved in a fight, you will receive a red card and the CSL Adjudication Committee will meet to determine your suspension length. If you are found back on the field before that time period, your team will be disqualified for the rest of the season. All red-carded players must leave the complex without delay. **If a player receives 3 yellow cards in a season, they will receive an immediate one game suspension. Any player receiving 2 red cards or 6 yellow cards in one season will be suspended from the league for one year from the date that the 2nd red or 6th yellow card is issued. It is the responsibility of the coach to check cards for their respective players.** We expect all players to be professional and display good sportsmanship, no matter their skill level or expertise.

In summary, the issuance of cards and their effect is as follows:

2 Yellow cards (1 match) = RED CARD = 1 game suspension*

3 Yellow cards in a season= 1 game suspension

6 Yellow cards in a season = 1 year suspension

2 Red cards in a season = 1 year suspension

Any combination of 2 red cards or equivalent of 2 red cards= 1 year suspension.

*** Minimum**

APPEAL POLICY: any appeal made will be made in writing to the Adult League Director within 3 days of the action under protest. The Director will review, along with the Adjudication Committee, the relevant facts and render a determination to the protestor within 7 days receipt of written protest.

CSL is committed to competitive adult soccer, in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and professional poise, both on and off the field. To this end, unsporting actions directed to any player, coach, referee, spectator or league official, including, but not limited to verbal and/or physical harassment, threats, or taunts will not be tolerated. Incidents, should they occur, will be addressed on a per-case basis. **Effective immediately, dissent to a referee or league official is an automatic two game suspension IN ADDITION to any other suspensions (i.e. cards) received. There are absolutely NO appeals on any additional suspensions of two games or less.** Additional consequences may range from suspension from the League for a specified period of time to permanent expulsion from CSL's Adult League. While the Board recognizes that soccer is a physical sport, these guidelines are necessary to ensure the safety of all participants.

ALL PLAYERS SITTING ON A SUSPENSION, WHETHER IT BE A RED CARD OR OTHERWISE (INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS FROM COACHES OR CSL ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE) ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT AT ANY GAME DURING THE LENGTH OF THEIR SUSPENSION. IF THE SUSPENDED PLAYER IS FOUND AT ANY MATCH, REGARDLESS IF IT IS HIS/HER OWN TEAM, DURING THEIR SUSPENSION ADDITIONAL MEASURES WILL BE HANDED DOWN BY THE CSL ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE.

IF A PLAYER IS ON SUSPENSION AND HIS/HER NEXT MATCH IS A BYE OR A FORFEIT, THAT MATCH WILL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARD YOUR SUSPENSION. IT MUST BE A COMPLETED "PLAYED" MATCH TO BE COUNTED AS YOUR MATCH SAT OUT.

7. Coaches must comply with the rules and regulations and may be suspended for failure to follow the rules and regulations in effect.

8. **FIELD POLICY: There will be NO SMOKING or NO ALCOHOL on the premises There will be NO PARKING on the field. Coaches are responsible for any mess left by their team after matches.**

9. UNIFORMS: Players are required to wear appropriate attire. This includes team jersey/shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards, cleats or turf shoes. **For ease of recognition, CSL requires all players must have permanent numbers on the back of their jerseys with NO DUPLICATE numbers.**

New this Winter season, each player MUST be ASSIGNED a JERSEY NUMBER and MUST wear that assigned number throughout the season. In the event of a color conflict, the visiting team may wear pennies or whatever is available but players from the visiting team MUST give the Referee their FULL NAME and ASSIGNED JERSEY NUMBER if asked or when necessary.

10. Player passes: New for WINTER 2009-10 each team will be asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their 1st MATCH of the season. The teams will meet with a league representative and have their PHOTOS taken for their respective player passes. At this time, ALL player passes will be signed and ALL assigned jersey numbers will be recorded. Player passes WILL be COMPLETED and given to the respective Team Captains prior to Game 2. Players WITHOUT completed (signed, photo & laminated) player passes WILL NOT be eligible to play starting Week 2..

11. Captains/Coaches will be required to SIGN the score card after each match to verify the Final Score & Cards received. If a Field Marshall is not present to do so, the Captain/Coach will be required to email the FINAL SCORE & CARDS RECEIVED within 24hours to the League Administrator.

12. CONDUCT:

a. Coaches assume responsibility regarding team leadership. CSL expects each of its coaches to set a positive example for their players promoting good sportsmanship and self-control.

b. Coaches are expected to be present at every match. If unable to make a match, the secondary contact listed for the team serves as coach in their absence.

c. Sideline control: Coaches are responsible for the behavior of his/her sidelines. Coaches are also responsible for your spectators as well. Remember the referee has the power to eject any spectator at any time.

d. A history of disciplinary infractions by one team can be grounds for

the team, coach and/or player dismissal from the league. Such decisions will not be made lightly and will only be decided after careful review by the CSL Adult League Adjudication Committee.

13. Finally, CSL is requiring each registered team to provide three (3) man-hours of volunteer work to CSL Adult League either prior to or during the season. **Tasks will be varied, and posted in a timely manner to ensure all teams adequate time to complete.** Failure to provide these volunteer hours will preclude your team from participating in the end-of-season tournament.

We look forward to working with everyone, and welcome your comments and suggestions!
Thank you for being a part of Churchland Soccer League's Adult League.

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