



ADULT LEAGUE SOCCER RULEBOOK

Allison Sports Town Adult Soccer League

Mission

- Allison Sports Town's mission is to provide the four-state region with a premier multi-sport complex for the enhancement and development of recreational and competitive athletics for all ages.
- We are committed to promoting sportsmanship, respect, integrity, self-discipline, and character development.

Management of the League

- The League shall be managed and operated by the Allison Sports Town Staff.

League Contact Information

- Sports Programming Coordinator: Derek Rowe – derek@sgfsports.com
- General Manager: Chris Martin – chris@sgfsports.com
- Operations Coordinator: Jennifer Coleman – jennifer@sgfsports.com

League Website

- The league website homepage can be found at allisonsportstown.com
- The leagues Facebook Group can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/909925427134197>
 - This group will be the home for information such as league schedules, league standings, game cancellations, etc.

Matters Not provided For

- Allison Sports Town administration shall have final authority in all matters not specifically provided for by these rules and policies.

Team Application & Admission

Adult League Divisions

- The league will host the following divisions:
 - Men's Advanced
 - Men's Intermediate
 - Women's
 - Adult Coed
- Divisions for Men's, Women's, and Coed are made according to the number of teams that sign up each year in each category.
- Players register as teams for each division. Individual placement is also available in accordance with which current teams accept individual players. All player registrations shall be in accordance with the current Allison Sports Town regulations as specified herein.
- Allison Sports Town reserves the right to accept or reject any application. Allison Sports Town will not discriminate against any player or volunteer based upon race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or disability.
- All substitute players must check in at the front desk and have an updated account, roster fee and liability waivers completed before being able to participate in games.

Team Composition and Registration

- Each team must register at least 6 and maximum 12 players before the season starts.
- All players must be registered with the league and meet eligibility requirements, such as age restrictions and player fees before the season starts.
- All players must check in at the front desk to ensure that all fees, waivers, and other necessary documents are completed before the first game of the season.

Game Format

- Matches will consist of two halves of equal length, typically 25 minutes each, with a halftime break.

- The league may specify field dimensions and goal sizes based on available facilities.
- Games will be officiated by certified referees who enforce the rules and maintain fair play.

Player Equipment

- All players must wear appropriate soccer attire, including jerseys, shorts, socks, shin guards, and cleats.
- Jewelry, including watches and earrings, must be removed for safety reasons.
- Goalkeepers must wear distinct colors that differentiate them from outfield players and referees.

Substitutions

- Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play with the referee's permission.
- Substituted players must leave the field before their replacement enters to ensure there are always the required number of players on the field.

Conduct and Sportsmanship

- Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to always conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including foul language, dissent, or disrespectful behavior towards opponents, teammates, referees, or spectators, will not be tolerated.
- Persistent infringement of the rules or disruptive behavior may result in disciplinary action, including blue, yellow, or red cards, fines, or suspensions.

Fair Play and Fouls

- Players are expected to play fairly and within the game's rules.
- Fouls such as tripping, pushing, holding, or dangerous play will result in free kicks or penalties awarded to the opposing team.
- Persistent fouling or reckless behavior may result in disciplinary action by the referee.

League Administration and Disputes

- The league administration has the authority to interpret and enforce the rules, resolve disputes, and impose disciplinary actions when necessary.
- Teams or individuals may file complaints or appeals regarding officiating decisions, player eligibility, or other league matters. These will be reviewed by the league administration.

Rescheduling Games

- ⊘ Authority to Reschedule: The League Manager or Sports Programming Coordinator reserves the right to reschedule games as necessary to accommodate facility conflicts, weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- ⊘ Team Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each team to ensure they are available to play on the scheduled date and time.
- ⊘ If a team cannot attend a scheduled game, they will forfeit the match. Forfeited games will be recorded as a loss for the absent team, and no refunds will be issued.
- ⊘ Communication: Any changes to the schedule will be communicated to team managers promptly via email and/or the league's official communication channels (website or Facebook group).
- ⊘ No Refund Policy: In the event of a forfeit, teams will not be entitled to a refund of any fees, including registration or participation costs.

League Integrity and Spirit

- Upholding the integrity of the league and promoting the spirit of fair play is essential.
- All participants are encouraged to compete with passion and intensity while respecting the rules and their opponents.

Safety and Liability

- The league is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants.

- Players are responsible for ensuring their own physical condition and should consult with a medical professional before participating if they have any health concerns.
- The league may require players to sign waivers or liability forms acknowledging the risks associated with playing soccer.

Fighting Policy

- No Tolerance for Fighting: Fighting of any kind, whether physical or verbal, will not be tolerated during games or any related league activities.
- Immediate Consequences: If a player engages in fighting, they will be immediately ejected from the game by the referee.
- Season Ban for First Offense: Any player involved in a fight will be banned from participating in the league for the remainder of the current season. This ban includes all league activities, such as games, practices, and events.
- Zero Tolerance for Repeat Offenses: If a player is involved in fighting for a second time within the same calendar year, they will be banned from participating in the league permanently. This ban extends to all future seasons and events organized by the league.
- League Authority: The league administration can review incidents and determine if a fight occurred and the appropriate consequences.
- Appeals Process: Players have the right to appeal any ban or disciplinary action imposed by the league. Appeals must be made in writing to the league administration within a specified time, and the decision of the league will be final.
- Code of Conduct: All players, coaches, referees, and spectators are expected to adhere to a code of conduct that promotes sportsmanship, respect, and fair play. Any behavior that violates this code, including instigating or participating in fights, will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Responsibility of Team Managers: Team managers are responsible for ensuring that all players on their team understand and adhere to the league rules and code of conduct. They should actively promote a positive and respectful environment both on and off the field.

- League Integrity: Upholding the integrity of the league and ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants is paramount. Any actions that undermine this integrity, including fighting, will be dealt with swiftly and decisively.

Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement

By signing below, I, [Team Manager's Name], acknowledge that I have read and understood the rules and regulations outlined in this rulebook for Allison Sports Town Adult Soccer League. I agree with these rules and regulations, and I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including fines, suspension, or expulsion from the league.

I acknowledge that the rules and regulations are subject to change, and it is my responsibility to stay updated on any amendments or revisions communicated by the league administration.

Furthermore, I understand that participation in [League Name] is a privilege, and I commit to upholding the spirit of fair play, respect for opponents, officials, and fellow participants, and the integrity of the game.

Team Manager's Name:

Team Name:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____