

# Snohomish County Adult Soccer Association

Rules and Procedures  
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SCASA's goal is to promote, teach, oversee,  
and represent the game of soccer;  
recognizing that people of all abilities should compete  
in a fun and safe environment.

## SCASA Managers:

1. For your online schedules:
  - a) Go to [www.mysoccerleague.com](http://www.mysoccerleague.com) sign in – Managers should have received a password; if not call the office and we will re-send. Players may sign in as “Guest”
  - b) Scroll down to Snohomish County Adult Soccer
  - c) Click on your division –  
Scroll down for schedule or,  
Hit PDF for condensed format or,  
Click on your team name to get individual game schedule
  - d) Under the manager information; if you make any change to your team information please notify the office, we do not always get automatic messages that something has changed. If you are unable to make the change yourself let the office know and we will update.
2. Be to read your rules and be familiar with them, they are available on our website [www.scasa.com](http://www.scasa.com). Keep them with you when at games.
3. **Players must display a number on the back of their jersey! Numbers must be unique and shall not be duplicated.**
4. **In the event that the referee fails to show within 15 minutes of scheduled game time:**
  - a) Choose an alternate referee (preferably a registered referee). Sub referee will be paid for the game if team/s supply name and address.
  - b) Play the game without a referee; report this to league and team/s will receive reimbursement of referee fee.
  - c) A game played is official.
  - d) If you choose to not play the game, report to the league. Do not expect a rescheduled game or a refund. Depending on circumstances the League may or may not reschedule.
5. Report your scores weekly; standings are updated regularly with what you report. This is not the referee’s responsibility.
  - a) If you have a username/password to MyLeagueSoccer you can report your scores directly through that website.
  - b) If by mail call the office and we will send you the pink score/evaluation cards to use.
6. If you must cancel a game, report this to the office ASAP we will advise your opponent and the referee. Opponent will receive a 1-0 forfeit win for this game, unless game is rescheduled. To reschedule a game the team canceling must submit request in writing along with a fee of \$25. If canceling on a weekend please call and leave a message at the office, and please call your opponent. **You will not receive a refund in the event your opponent cancels.**
7. Games will be played rain or shine; from time to time the facility owner may shut down the field due to extreme weather conditions; or the referee/s may cancel game at their discretion due to weather or field conditions. The League will reschedule game in this event, if time is available; if not you will receive a refund.

If games are canceled by SCASA or, the City/organization owning the field cancels a game, we will notify managers ASAP. Games will be rescheduled if time does allows, or SCASA may determine to reimburse teams cost of game less a \$10.00 administrative fee.
8. If you have any questions contact the office Monday through Friday 2 pm – 6 pm, 425-252-2099.

**THERE SHALL BE NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ANY FIELD!!!!**

All SCASA league games will be played according to current FIFA rules, with the following exceptions or additions:

### **LAW I FIELD OF PLAY**

1. The home team shall be responsible for marking the game field, if applicable. There will be a \$25.00 fine for an unmarked field, payable by the home team.
2. The home team has the choice of sides and the visiting team shall be on the opposite side of the field if either team or its representative requests same.
3. The first team listed on the schedule is designated as the home team and shall change jerseys if team colors conflict.
4. The 7-a-side field shall be shortened.

### **LAW II THE BALL**

1. The home team must provide a suitable game ball.

### **LAW III NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

1. Minimum age and sex requirements are as follows:
  - a) Open - Players must turn 15 within the present year.
  - b) Women's Teams - All players must be female. Players must turn the required age in the calendar year. A pregnant player may play with written permission from a physician unless the opposing team objects in a timely manner.
  - c) Men's Teams - All players must be male. Players must turn the required age in the calendar year.
  - d) Any player's failure to subscribe to Law III, 1. b. or Law III, 1. c. shall be deemed to fall under the provisions of Law III, 4.
  - e) Players may play on one single-sex team per age group. If a player wishes to play on one or more teams per season; they must make a request in writing and receive board approval in advance. Teams are limited to 3 players on multiple teams, per season.
  - f) Coed - No more than 5 men per team on the field, excluding goalkeeper. Teams may play with fewer men and more women.
2. Any player of any SCASA League game must meet ALL of the following requirements:
  - a) Any changes to your Team Registration form must be postmarked or delivered to the

SCASA office at least 72 hours prior to participation.

- 1) Registration includes name, address, date of birth, and player identification number.
- 2) Any player changing teams must be deleted from his/her former before he/she may be added to a new team.
  - b) Hold a current WSSA player card.
  - c) Have his/her name player number appear on the team list given to the referee prior to the game.
  - d) Have surrendered his/her WSSA player card to the referee prior the game. Failure of any player to comply with ALL the above requirements may cause the implementation of the penalties of Law III Section 4.
3. All deletions from a team's roster must be in writing and include the player's WSSA number (see Law III, Section 2, a.2.). All additions to a team roster must be provided the registrar (see Law III, Section 2, a.2.). Responsibility for providing this information to the registrar lies SOLELY with the team and failure to comply with any of the above requirements may cause the implementation of the penalties of Law III, Section 4.
4. A team found to have played an unregistered, fraudulently registered, suspended or otherwise ineligible player shall forfeit the game or games and may pay a minimum \$50.00 fine per occurrence. Said player shall sit out one week. The instance of a player having "borrowed" an absent player's identity will be treated as two occurrences per game. For procedure see Law V, Referees #6.
5. Failure of a team to field a minimum of seven players (11 a-side)/ five players (7 a-side) within fifteen minutes of the scheduled match time, shall result in a forfeit for that team and the team may be subject to a \$25.00 fine, however, the teams may wish to play by loaning registered players to the short team. If the game is played as such, it is considered a 1-0 forfeit, UNLESS BOTH managers agree before starting to have it otherwise. Referees are still obligated to work the match.
6. Once schedules have been distributed and a team withdraws, a minimum \$25.00 forfeiture of the registration fee will be withheld from their refund.
7. No player whose former team owes SCASA any fees shall be eligible for SCASA activities, unless the player's prorated share of his/her former team's deficit is paid to SCASA. The share amount shall be determined by the Board of SCASA.
8. The three part game roster will be completed prior to the game and MUST include the last name and WSSA player card number of each player that will participate in the game. The game roster will be collected by the referee prior to the game. Late arriving players for which the above procedure has not been completed may not play in the game until the referee, at

his/her convenience, has added the information to that already in his/her possession. At the conclusion of the game, the referee will note on the game roster the score, comments about nets and lines, injuries, cautions, ejections, and distribute the colored copies to the appropriate teams. The referee shall keep the white copy of the game roster and any player card/s held after an ejection. These will be delivered to the SCASA office within 48 hours. The player card will be returned once disciplinary sanctions have been satisfied.

9. Should a referee find it necessary to eject a player for actions or words occurring after the player card has been returned to a team, and should the card(s) not be surrendered to the referee upon request, then a notification of the facts to the Justice shall be sufficient to cause imposition of penalties in addition to those ordinarily warranted by the actions or words.

10. Unlimited substitutions may be made by either team after a goal is scored and at half-time. A player who has been replaced may reenter the game.

11. Up to three substitutions may be made by either team when the ball is not in play, subject to the referee's discretion.

12. Team names shall not be sexually suggestive or profane.

#### **LAW IV PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT**

1. Teams shall wear uniforms. Each player's jersey must display a different number, 6 to 10 inches in height, on the back of the jersey, goalkeeper's jersey excepted.

2. Players may wear soft caps, gloves, and leotards so long as they are not confusing with the uniforms of the opposing team, and provided they are not being used for unfair advantage, in the discretion of the referee.

3. Players may not play while wearing a cast, splint or brace unless sufficiently padded and determined by the referee not to be dangerous.

#### **LAW V REFEREES**

1. The referee's judgment and discretionary rulings on the field of play in all cases will be final and no protest shall be allowed.

2. Only the referee shall determine if a game shall be abandoned for any reason whatsoever.

3. Should an official not show, game shall be played with a substitute referee or none.

4. A game postponed due to paragraph 2 above, or due to lack of officials MAY be rescheduled at SCASA's discretion.

5. If a match official feels that he/she has suffered referee assault and/or abuse:

a) WSSA will review incident, determine appropriate action and notify SCASA;

b) SCASA will suspend the right to play within the SCASA league until the WSSA Judicial Chairman has reviewed the incident;

c) SCASA will honor WSSA decision and may add additional penalties as necessary.

5. Any complaint or comment regarding a referee's ability, demeanor, or appearance shall be addressed to:

SCASA, Attn: Referees, P.O. Box 2844, Everett, WA 98213

6. To protest a match for any reason, a team must first notify the referee, so he/she can note the protest on the player list and referee's report. The protest then must be filed in writing within 48 hours if possible of the game being protested to:

SCASA Judiciary Chairman, P.O. Box 2844, Everett, WA 98213

A protest fee of \$25.00, payable to SCASA, must accompany the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned.

7. Red card infractions will be dealt with per "SCASA Infraction Guidelines", see back of these procedures.

8. Normally, cautions and ejections are not protestable. However, if a player wishes to challenge the penalties he/she must follow the same procedures as above in Law V, 6. Exception is appeal fee is \$50.00 payable to SCASA.

9. In the event a game has a referee no-show and is played without a referee teams shall notify SCASA within two weeks of the season's termination in order to receive a refund. Standings are kept solely on referee evaluation cards turned in by managers. Postcards must be received within 2 weeks of the season's end. Or, as reported online by managers.

## **LAW VI ASSISTANT REFEREES**

1. No exceptions or additions.

## **LAW VII GAME DURATION**

1. All games must be played at the scheduled time and place. Any requests for a change must be in writing, postmarked seven days in advance of the scheduled game and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee, together with the opponent's verifiable consent. This request should be addressed to the SCASA office, Attn: Scheduler.

2. A team must attempt to field enough players for each scheduled game or notify SCASA and the opposing team's manager more than 48 hours in advance of the game. If 2 or fewer players show-up for a game, and the team has not provided timely notification, the team will be designated a no-show and will forfeit the game. In addition, the team that no-show shall

reimburse SCASA for the cost of the game (referee and field fees) plus a \$25 fine. SCASA may or may not elect to reschedule the game.

If a team no-shows 2 or more times in a season or does not pay the no-show fees and fines imposed, registration for upcoming season(s) may be refused at the discretion of the SCASA Board.

3. When a game starts late, managers will be notified that the game may be shortened (at the discretion of the referee).

4. Any team leaving the field of play prior to the completion of the match shall forfeit the match.

5. Seven (7) a-side plays 30 minute halves.

### **LAW VIII START OF PLAY**

1. The match shall commence when each team has a minimum of seven players for 11 a-side and five players for 7 a-side, and the appointed match time has arrived.

2. If no referee shows, managers may mutually agree on a substitute, preferably a registered referee, who has full authority. The match will be official. If this is unacceptable to either team, SCASA may or may not reschedule the game.

### **LAW IX FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

1. Slide tackling is allowed in Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Over 30 and Women's Over 30 divisions only.

Slide tackling shall not be allowed in all other divisions and will be considered Dangerous Play.

2. In all divisions, no player shall initiate physical contact with the goalkeeper within the penalty area.

3. The referee's authority begins upon his/her arrival in the proximity of the game to be played and continues uninterrupted until he/she leaves. Should any player or coach be deemed by the referee to be in violation of LAW XII of FIFA (Fouls and Misconduct) during the time of the referee's authority, then that player or coach will be issued either a caution (yellow card) or an ejection (red card).

4. In the event of the issuance of an ejection (red card), the offending player shall immediately surrender his/her card and immediately leave the area of the game (including the parking lot), and not further participate until notified by the league Justice (see LAW III, Section 8). Failure to leave the area of the game or refusal to surrender player cards will result in additional game suspension.

The penalty for playing such a suspended player shall be a \$50.00 fine plus additional game

suspension at the discretion of the SCASA board. The penalty for additional violations shall be \$150.00 and a mandatory appearance before a Board of Review for both the player and the team manager. The penalty for any red card is a minimum of a one week suspension. The League Justice has the right to delay suspension and/or ruling due to time constraints. Any suspensions may be carried over to the next season/s. Those players ejected (red carded) for violent conduct will sit out a minimum of three weeks of play and may pay a fine of \$50.00 before regaining eligibility. ,

5. Any player who accumulates two cautions during play or league matches per season may, at the discretion of the Justice, be suspended for one week.

6. The manager may receive official notification of further Judicial Board actions from the Judicial Chairman. If notification is not received in this time manager should contact SCASA.

7. The SCASA Board has the right to review and evaluate players actions, both physical & verbal, to assess suspensions and/or penalties to ensure safety and fair play.

8. Reckless play that endangers any player is a foul (even when unintentional). Fouls may be called even if there is no contact. These fouls include, but are not limited to:

- a) tripping, kicking, pushing, or colliding into players while "going for the ball"
- b) slide tackling
- c) running out of control, or too fast, and almost colliding with any player
- d) intimidation by action or words - (this penalty results in an indirect free kick)

9. Teams will be held responsible for the conduct of their sideline participants.

a) Sideline participants include players, coaches, managers, spectators, or any other person that in the opinion of the game official is associated with the teams.

b) Sideline misconduct is defined as any act or action by a sideline participant disruptive to the game and includes assault or abuse directed toward the game official/s, field players, or other sideline participants.

c) Sanctions for sideline misconduct may include temporary suspension of the game, abandoning the game (recorded as a forfeit by the offending team/s), player cautions (yellow card) or player ejections (red card), or cautions or ejections of the manager, coach, other individuals, or the team.

d) The need for imposing sanctions for sideline misconduct during the game will be at the sole discretion of the referee. Further player and team sanctions will be at the discretion of the Justice and the Board of Directors of the League. Minimum suspensions for assault will be based on the guidelines for violent conduct for players, covered under Law X, section 4. Incidents of referee abuse or assault are considered severe misconducts and will not be

tolerated (reference also Law X, section 4.). The Board of Directors of the League may impose additional sanctions depending on the severity of the misconduct: individual players or teams may be suspended for the remainder of the season, additional seasons, a period of years, or permanently from the League.

## SCASA INFRACTION GUIDELINES

### Class of Infraction

#### Technical – Class I

- 1) Serious Foul Play - Intentionally handling a ball to prevent a goal or a goal scoring opportunity.
- 2) Serious Foul Play – Impeding a player, through unlawful means, thus denying the attacking player’s team goal scoring opportunity.
- 3) Foul or abusive language – not directed at another.
- 4) Persisting in misconduct – after having received a caution.

#### Physical – Intentional – Class II

- 1) Serious Foul Play – other than those listed under Class I.
- 2) Foul or abusive language – directed at another player or spectator.

#### Physical – Intentional – Class III

- 1) Violent Conduct.
- 2) Foul or abusive language – directed at a game official.
- 3) Racial harassment,
- 4) Sexual harassment.

### Penalties for Infraction

#### Class I

- 1) Minimum: Caution or removal of player during reported game and one additional game suspension.
- 2) Nominal: Caution or removal of player during reported game and one additional game suspension.
- 3) Maximum: Caution or removal of player during the reported game and two additional game suspensions.
- 4) Exception: Unusual circumstance may result in more severe penalties.

#### Class II

- 1) Minimum: Caution or removal of player during reported game and one additional game suspension.
- 2) Nominal: Caution or removal of player during reported game and two additional game suspensions.
- 3) Maximum: Caution or removal of player during the reported game and three additional game suspension
- 4) Exception: Unusual circumstance may result in more severe penalties.

#### Class III

- 1) Minimum: Caution or removal of player during reported game and two additional game suspensions.
- 2) Nominal: Caution or removal of player during reported game and three additional game suspensions.
- 3) Maximum: Caution or removal of player during the reported game and five additional game suspensions.
- 4) Exception: Unusual circumstance may result in more severe penalties.

SCASA Judicial Committee will use the above as guidelines for determining penalties for the appropriate class of infraction. If there are extenuating circumstances and the player feels that are extenuating circumstances and the player feels that a lighter punishment is warranted, player may appeal to the Judicial Committee. All appeals submitted to SCASA must be in writing, accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and be postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of notification of said decision. Note: Law X 4. Players ejected for violent conduct shall be fined \$50.00 if after review by the SCASA Justice the incident is determined to be fighting.

Due to past incidents of violent conduct, fights..., at times resulting in police being called, severe punishments will be handed out by SCASA Justice.

These incidents have caused the City of Everett to intervene and if this behavior continues we are jeopardy of losing our access to Kasch Park. Sadly a few people have affected the recreation of over 1,000 adult players.

Teams/players must settle things down on the fields. Referees have been sent a similar messages and this is a reminder to prevent as much of this as we can. We need to **STOP THE VIOLENT CONDUCT!** Some of this behavior shows up out of no where but some of it escalates from the first foul on. Let's do what we can to get these players off the field before they erupt. We can ask referees to remove the players but we don't want them to resort to cards. If your player is asked to sub and take a break by a referee recognize this as an opportunity for your player to settle down. Or maybe you or your teammates may see someone getting "hot under the collar" you can help by asking them to take that break. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, it's just one of your tools. Referees have been told, if needed, tighten the game up, players will get the message, the whistle will lesson once the fouls lesson.

Remember, if you do receive a red card, ANY continued misconduct (swearing at a referee. etc) will ADD more games to your suspension. You MUST leave if your receive a red card. Failure to leave in a timely manner ADDS games to your suspension.

SCASA is a recreational league; we all have to get up and go to work the next day. Thank you for keeping the game safe and fun.

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