

# #WeAreOne



## Adult Co-Ed Rules & Regulations



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## **I. General**

- These Rules and Regulations govern Co-Ed teams that have been authorized for play by the Barrie Soccer Club (“the Club”).



- Co-Ed teams shall be subject to the policies outlined in the Club's Constitution and Rules and Regulations unless otherwise indicated in this document.

## II. Code of Conduct

- The conduct of Players shall be in good standing with the Club and in accordance with the Objectives of the Club as specified in the Constitution.
- All players shall ensure that they all conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the Constitution of the Club, these Rules and Regulations, the Laws of the Game, and the generally accepted norm of good sportsmanship. Players who fail to demonstrate and promote good conduct by on or off the field risk suspension from the Club.
- The Club reserves the right to remove any Player who does not meet guidelines of the Club's Constitution and these Rules and Regulations or brings the Club into disrepute.
- Teams shall not play nor conceal from officials of the Club any ineligible player.
- Teams do not have authority to alter playing schedules or unilaterally withdraw from league/playoff or tournament games. Doing so will result in automatic forfeiture of the game (with the result posted as 3-0 to the opposing team) and possible disciplinary action against the team.

## III. Players

- All players participating in the Adult Coed league shall be registered and in good standing with the Club. Details regarding registration are posted on the Club's website.
- Adult Coed league player registrations will not be accepted by the Club Office after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season, all registrations are subject to availability. Players must play a minimum of 6 regular season games to be included in league playoffs.
- All requests for refunds must be in writing to the Club Office and are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Refunds are subject to the Club's Refund Policy and are subject to an administration fee as set by the Club. Uniforms must be returned to the Club before a refund can be issued.
- A player who has not completed an imposed suspension from the previous season may register with the Club but must serve the suspension before being allowed to play in any Adult Coed league games.

## IV. Teams

- Each team will have a maximum roster of no more than 16 players (club reserves right to adjust this requirement as needed).



- The number of females and males on each team will be dependent on registration numbers of both genders.

## V. Adult Co-Ed Game Rules

- All games shall be played in accordance with the “Laws of the Game” as issued by FIFA - except as modified by these “Adult Coed Game Rules”.
- The Adult Coed season will start late-May; teams will play regular league games plus playoffs.
- The duration of halves and the size of the ball to be used in games shall be according to the following:

Age Division	Game Duration	Ball
U18 – Adult	2 x 35 minute halves (9v9)	5

- Game format is 9 players (including the goalkeeper) at a time.
- During play, both teams must have at least 2 female players on the field. In the event there are less females, it is at the discretion of the referee and team reps to bypass this rule.
- Play shall begin no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled game time. No games shall be started or continued unless both teams can field at least 5 players. Any team failing to field the required number of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game start time shall forfeit the game to its opponent as a score of 3-0.
- In the event that a team has less than 5 players and the opposing team has more players at the start of a game; the team with the numerical advantage will be required to reduce the number of players on the field to match the total number of opponents, plus one additional player.
  - i. As an example, if Team A has a total of only 5 players at the start of the game, then Team B will be allowed to play no more than 6 players on the field.
- Adult Teams may not use “call-ups” from any other for any Adult Coed team for any Tournament or playoff games.
- If it is discovered that a team uses an ineligible player in any Adult Coed game they will face disciplinary action from the Club.
- Games may be cancelled only by:
  - i. The Club via a posting on its website;
  - ii. The Referee;



- iii. The order of an official of the City of Barrie or a technical/administrative employee of the Club.
- The Referee may cancel or abandon a game if in his/her opinion:
  - i. Conditions of play are unsafe;
  - ii. Damage is likely to occur to facilities;
  - iii. A serious injury has occurred resulting in a player's or spectator's need for medical assistance;
  - iv. Disruptive conduct on the part of players, coaches, managers or spectators has made the continuation of the game unsafe.
- Any game terminated after 2/3 of the scheduled time has been played shall be deemed to be a complete game. The score at the point that the game has been terminated will be considered the final score.
- In the absence of a Referee, the team reps of the respective teams shall agree and appoint a Referee for the game. If no agreement can be reached, then the home team shall appoint the Referee in the first half and the away team shall appoint the Referee in the second half. All such appointed Referees shall have the full power of any Referee appointed by the Club.

## VI. Playoffs

- At the conclusion of the regular season, all teams will play a final game with the 1<sup>st</sup> place team playing 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place vs 4<sup>th</sup> place and 5<sup>th</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup> place (depending on the number of teams registered).
- Final standings for league play will be determined as follows;
  - i. Most points
  - ii. Head to head result in league play
  - iii. Most wins during league play
  - iv. Fewest goals allowed during league play

If the teams are still tied the Club will determine the method used for placement of the teams which may include a coin toss.

***In the spirit of good sportsmanship, there is no benefit to running up a score on a team as goal differential and total goals DO NOT factor in the tiebreaker rules***

- Rules of Playoffs will be identical to regular season Adult Co-Ed, games except as follows: In the semi-final and final game only, if the score is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play 2 x 10 minute halves. If the game is still tied it will be decided by penalties as per FIFA regulations.



## **VII. Medals**

- The team with the most points at the end of the regular season shall receive Medals from the Club. In addition, the Playoff Championship team and the runner-up team will receive Medals from the Club.

## **VIII. Referees for All Adult Co-Ed League Games**

- The Referee shall be responsible for the conduct of a game from the time he/she enters the playing area until such time as he/she leaves the vicinity of the playing area. His/her authority shall extend to offences committed when the game is in progress or when the game is stopped. His/her decision on points of fact connected with the play of the game shall be final.
- Referees shall ensure that they are present at the field at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to kickoff and be dressed in accordance with OS regulations at all games.
- The Referee will ensure that conditions of both field and weather for games are safe prior to the start of play according to the Club and OS guidelines from the conclusion of the game.
- Yellow and Red Cards issued during a game and any Special Incident Reports must be reported by the Referee to the Club Office within 48 hours from the conclusion of the game.
- The Club shall be responsible for the scheduling of Referees for all games.

## **IX. Use of Fields and Facilities**

- All pitches, grounds and surrounding areas are to be left clean of litter and garbage by teams after games or practices.
- Any damage to a field, net or dressing room must be reported immediately to the Club.
- No Club Member shall have direct contact with the City of Barrie or Springwater Township Recreation and Parks Department to schedule games or practices. Any request for facilities or alteration of arrangements shall be done by the Club.
- The Club reserves the right to stipulate the conditions of use to any organization or team using any field mandated to the Club.
- Any person or persons who use any field mandated to the Club in violation of these regulations and whose use of a field caused damage such that the City of Barrie or any other municipality hold the Club financially responsible for the cost of repair, may in turn be held responsible by the Club for whatever damages it sustains.
- Enforcement of field regulations shall be as follows:
  - i. Referees shall be responsible for examining the condition of fields prior to a game.



- ii. Team Reps shall have responsibility to not use any field for a practice if the use is likely to result in damage to the facility.

## X. Discipline Policy

- The following is the Club's discipline policy for the Adult Coed league play including tournaments and playoffs:

3 Yellow Cards in a Season	1 Game Suspension
2 additional Yellow Cards in a Season	2 Game Suspension
1 Red Card	1 Game Suspension (pending offense)
2 Red Cards in a season	3 Game Suspension (pending offense)
Player Assault	As per Ontario Soccer ("OS") Guidelines
Match Official Assault	As per Ontario Soccer ("OS") Guidelines
Match Official Verbal Abuse	As per Ontario Soccer ("OS") Guidelines
Violent Conduct	As per Ontario Soccer ("OS") Guidelines

- a) If a player is carded and he/she is a referee for the Club, their duties as a referee will be put on hold until they have served their full suspension.
  - b) Suspensions received from red and yellow cards will carry into playoffs and into the following season.
  - c) Any suspension incurred by a player or coach during the tournament will be applied to the regular season or playoffs as applicable.
- The Club will convene a Discipline Committee of three people to review supplementary discipline to players or team reps as warranted. As part of their review the Discipline Committee may request that a player or coach attend a disciplinary hearing. If the player or coach fails to appear before the committee as requested, as per OS regulations they will be suspended from all soccer activity.
  - All findings of the committee will be distributed to all parties directly involved in the hearing within five (5) business days of the completion of the hearing.

## XI. Protests

- Decisions and interpretations of the Laws of the Game and Club Rules and Regulations made by referees are final and not subject to protests.
- If a team wishes to file a protest, the following conditions apply;
  - i. The protest must be filed with the Club within 48 hours of the alleged incident.
  - ii. The protest must be made in writing to the Barrie Soccer Club accompanied by a certified cheque or money order for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) made to the order of the "Barrie Soccer Club".



- iii. The team filing the protest must provide complete details of the protest accompanied by any proof to substantiate their position.
- iv. If after investigation by the Club, the protest is upheld, the funds shall be returned by the Club to the team. If the protest is overruled the funds shall be retained by the Club.
- v. The decision made by the Club on a protest is final and not subject to further appeal.

### **Complaint Resolution**

If there is a concern with the conduct of other players or match officials (i.e. inappropriate language, racial slurs etc.), the parent/player shall put the issue in writing to the Club's Technical Director (bsctd@barriesoccer.com). No complaint can be made against a match official for on-field decisions. Action will only be taken by the Club on written complaints which will be kept confidential by the Club. A response to the complaint will be made in writing from the Soccer Club within seven working days of receipt of the complaint.