

Keva Sports Center

2009 7 v 7 Outdoor Rules

Keva Sports Center Officials will use FIFA Laws of the Game, with the exceptions that are listed below. All players and coaches are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of the Keva Sports Center. All referees' decisions are final.

NO OFF-SIDES

Article I. Number of Players and Substitutions

- a. Teams will play with 6 field players and a goalkeeper.
- b. All teams must have at least 4 players and a goalkeeper on the field to begin a match. Teams with fewer than 5 players will forfeit the match.
- c. In coed leagues, no more than 3 of the field players may be male. The goaltender may be either gender.
- d. Substitutions shall be unlimited. A team may substitute prior to their own throw-in, either team's goal kick, after a goal, and at halftime. Injured players shall substitute.

Article II. Players' Equipment

- a. **SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY** for all players. No exceptions. Players without shin-guards will not be allowed to play until the referee has checked that the shin-guards are being worn.
- b. Standard soccer shoes or tennis shoes are allowed. Cleats shall be soft molded.
- c. Team shirts shall be similarly colored jerseys or T-shirts with numbers. In the event of a color conflict, the home team shall wear an alternate color.
- d. Hard casts are not allowed – even if they are padded.
- e. Jewelry, watches, and other dangerous equipment must be removed during games.

Article III. The Referees

- a. The referee(s) have the authority from the moment they enter the playing area until they leave the playing area.
- b. The referee's decision is final. Player or coach dissent may result in a yellow card or red card being issued to the offending person. Red Cards will be a minimum one game suspension.
- c. Play is stopped when the referee's whistle is blown.
- d. **The game clock will start at the scheduled game time.** This will occur whether teams are or are not ready to play.
- e. At no time are players, coaches, team personnel, or supporters allowed to threaten or touch a referee. Players, coaches, and supporters who do commit such an act will be immediately removed from the venue.
- f. If a referee is late but arrives before the first half is over he/she must be paid in full. If the referee arrives at halftime or in the second half he/she must be paid half the contracted fee. The referee fee is \$15 per team per game.

Article IV. Duration of the Game

- a. 25 minute halves with a 3-minute halftime.
- b. There will be no overtime. Tied scores shall stand as such.
- c. The referee may terminate the game at any time due to the conduct or actions of either team or its supporters if the referee deems that such conduct or actions are detrimental to the game.

Article V. **Forfeits**

- a. Any team that does not have at least 5 registered players on the field ready to play, within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match, shall forfeit the match. The opposing team will be declared the winner of the match by a 1-0 score.
- b. If neither team has at least 5 registered players on the field ready to play, by 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match, both teams will forfeit and no winner will be declared.
- c. Teams may request that the referee remain and officiate a “friendly match” with the players on hand who desire to play. The referee will be paid the contracted fee for the match.
- d. If a forfeit is unavoidable, the forfeiting team may notify Keva Sports Center at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled match time. By doing so, both teams are relieved of their responsibility to compensate the scheduled official.
 1. Should the forfeiting team give less than 48-hour notice of impending forfeit, they alone will be responsible for compensating the scheduled official the FULL referee(s) fee.
 2. If a team pays the referee before the game and the opposing team does not show up, the referee is to give the fee back to the paying team.
 3. The opponents of forfeiting teams retain the right to the field for the scheduled date and time for scrimmage or practice but must notify Keva Sports Center if intending to do so. No official will be provided through Keva Sports Center.
- e. Should a team forfeit two games within one season they will be expelled from the league without refund or credit of registration fees. All remaining games will be forfeited to opponents who may utilize the scheduled field times for practice or scrimmage purposes.
- f. No refunds or credits of registration fees will be given to either team for forfeited games.

Article VI. **Complications due to weather**

- a. Lightning in the vicinity of the field is ground for immediate interruption of play. Play may continue if 10 minutes pass without the re-occurrence of lightning.
- b. Any game that is called off prior to the completion of the first half of play due to the weather will be rescheduled and the official will retain the referee’s fee in full. Teams will be responsible for compensating official with half the referee fee at the rescheduled match. Keva Sports Center will be responsible for paying the other half of the contracted referee fee.
- c. Any game that is called off due to the weather at half time or after will result in the score at the stoppage of play standing as the final score.

Article VII. **Player Conduct Rules**

- a. A player who intentionally commits any of the following offenses will be penalized and a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from where the infraction occurred.
 1. Jumps at an opponent
 2. Holds an opponent.
 3. Pushes an opponent.
 4. Intentionally plays the ball with his or her hand or arm.
 5. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
 6. Charges an opponent.
 7. When tackling an opponent, makes contact with the opponent before touching the ball.
 8. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
 9. Trips an opponent.
 10. Spits at an opponent

- b. Any of the following fouls committed by a player will result in an indirect free kick.
 - 1. Dangerous play (high kick, sliding, etc.)
 - 2. Obstruction
 - 3. Handling of pass-back by the goalkeeper
 - 4. Handling the ball by the goalkeeper again after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any player.
 - 5. Fighting will not be tolerated. Violators will be issued a red card, and may be prohibited from any future participation at Keva Sports Center.
- c. Slide Tackling is not allowed in any league.

Article VIII. Miscellaneous

- a. Keva Sports Center management reserved the right to expel a player or coach from league play for gross violations of the Laws of the Game or the Outdoor Rules.
- b. Management reserves the right to change the Outdoor Rules at any time to make summer outdoor league play safer and more enjoyable for all participants and spectators.
- c. All league fees must be paid in full before the start of the first game. A \$25 late fee will be assessed to the team for each game played without the balance being paid. The third game will not begin until all fees are paid.
- d. No refunds will be given instead of re-scheduled games.
- e. If games need to be cancelled because of weather, each team manager will be called at least two hours prior to your game time. After that, the decision will be made at the field depending on conditions.
- f. All players must sign our roster/waiver form to be eligible to participate in Keva Sports Center leagues.