



# Outdoor Soccer



**“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those that do.”**

## General Procedures

1. Each player **MUST** bring their current TAMUG student ID to each game and present it to the official in order to participate.
2. Player additions may be made at any time during the regular season.
3. Players may play for only **one** Men's/Women's team **AND one** Co-Rec team. Participants are allowed to choose how they wish to identify (male/female), but must play as their declared gender on IMLeagues. Female participants can choose to play in a men's league, but not both a men's and women's league.
4. Players may not switch from one team to another after participating in a game for a team.
5. **Discriminatory and offensive language will not be tolerated and will result in a yellow card.**
6. **Game time is forfeit time.**
7. Teams are expected to notify Student Life if they are going to forfeit a game.
8. Any player that is bleeding must leave the game immediately. The bleeding must be stopped and the wound securely covered with a bandage before the player can continue. If there is blood on any clothing or jersey, it must be changed before the player resumes play.
9. Game officials shall eject from the game any player who commits a flagrant foul or displays any type of poor sports conduct.
10. Sports Conduct Rankings – Teams will be given a sports conduct ranking between 1 – 5 after each contest by the officials based on their sportsmanship before, during, and after the game.
11. Teams need to win 2 games and average a 3.5 or higher sports conduct ranking during league play in order to advance to the playoffs.
12. Tobacco use at intramural contests is **PROHIBITED**.
13. Team captains are responsible for knowing all rules on the rule sheet and in the Captain's Handbook and relaying that information to all players on their team.

## **PLAYERS:**

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- Teams will consist of 9 players, including the goalkeeper. Teams may start with as few as 7 players. If a team is reduced to less than 7 players at any time during the contest, a forfeit will result.
- Below are the allowed male – to – female ratios; however, a team is allowed to play with more than the required number of females in place of male participants.

Outdoor Soccer	Male/Female Ratio	
	Male	Female
Total		
9	5	4
8	5	3
7	4	3

## **EQUIPMENT:**

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- No jewelry, hats, bandanas, or hard plastic hair ties can be worn.
- Closed-toe, athletic shoes must be worn.
- No metal cleats are allowed.

## **THE GAME:**

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- Games will consist of two fifteen-minute halves with a 3-minute halftime. There will be NO timeouts during regulation play or overtime.
- In case of a tie during the regular season, a 1-minute rest period is followed by 5-minute overtime. The first team to score a goal is declared the winner (sudden death). If the score is still tied after the overtime period, the game will end in a tie. In case of a tie during the postseason, a maximum of two 5-minute sudden death overtime periods will be held. In the case of a tie after the 2 overtime periods, a shootout will occur. Four players from each team will kick at the opponent's goal rotating teams (2 males and 2 females must kick). If the game is still tied after this shootout, then the shootout will continue head to head according to gender. This will occur until there is a winner. Any player on the team is eligible to kick once during shootout (may repeat after all members have kicked).
- Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 5 or more goals at halftime or any time thereafter, or by 3 or more goals with 5 minutes or less remaining in the game, the game will be ruled a victory for the team in the lead.

## **BASIC RULES:**

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- Teams are expected to retrieve balls that are kicked beyond the field of play.
- When a team would like to make a substitution the player must first tell the official nearest them they would like to enter the game the next time the ball goes out of bounds. The player must be at the midfield line to report into a contest and the player coming off must exit prior to the new player's entry. The official will signal the new player on and then the substitution can occur.
- The goalkeeper may use his/her hands only within the penalty area. The goalkeeper must play the ball out of the penalty area within 6 seconds after control has been established.
- A goalkeeper may not play a ball with his/her hands if it has been passed back INTENTIONALLY by the defending team. This will result in a penalty kick.
- All balls that go over the touch line will result in a throw-in. Throw-ins must be with two hands on the ball, extending directly behind the head and releasing when the arms are over the head. Both feet must remain on the ground at all times. The back foot can be dragged.
- All free kicks are direct (the ball can go directly into the goal without touching another player first). Any defending player, including a blocking wall, must be at least 10 yards from the ball in

all directions until it is played by the opposing team. A foul occurring within the penalty area will be penalized with a penalty shot, taken from the penalty spot.

- **There is NO sliding or slide tackling.**
- There is OFFSIDES. Offsides is determined when the ball is kicked rather than when the player receives the ball. In order to be offsides, a player must be on their attacking half of the field, be involved in the play, and be closer to the goal line than the ball and any of the opposing team's players. Offsides does not apply on corner kicks, throw-ins, and goal kicks. If an offside is called, the opposing team gets a free kick from wherever the offsides player was when he/she was offsides. If the player is level with his last opponent, he/she is not offsides.