



Summer Adult League Rules

The **Casper Soccer Club** is governed by and is subject to the rules and policy of Wyoming Soccer Association, United State Adult Soccer Association and US Soccer. The rules and policies of the CSC Adult program are adjusted for small-sided games and for amateur play.

Individual Player Registration

Players will register individually and are required to complete the waiver of liability statement and complete the acknowledgements requirements. A player must be 18 years or older to participate in the summer adult program. Proof of age may be required. Players will indicate their team of choice.

The team will designate a team captain/manager. The team captain will indicate what division the team would like to compete in. If the team captain/manager is not a player on the team, they must also meet the standards, must be 18 years or older at the time of registration.

Players will be required to submit a current head shot photo with their registration. If a photo is not provided the registration will be deemed incomplete and the player will not be added to the game roster until a photo is provided. Players may be added to a team after the registration deadline only if roster space allows, up to 2 weeks after the deadline. A late fee of \$15 will apply to registrations received after the published deadline. The full registration fee and the late fee will apply to the registration.

The number of teams will be formed based on the registrations received by the advertised deadline for the league.

All Players must be registered, fees paid and listed on the roster prior to the start of the game.

- Late registration will not be processed the night of the games.
- No Walk on players or drop-in players will be allowed due to insurance liability reasons. No exceptions.
- A non-registered player will result in the team forfeiting the game and lose 2 points in the standings.

8v8 Coed League – A minimum of 1 female player must be on the field at all times, otherwise the team plays short a player. The maximum team roster is 14 players, the minimum is 5 players constitutes a legal team.

- Division I (A) – Coed Competitive
- Division II (B) – Coed Casual/Recreational
- Divisions may be combined if there are not at least 4 teams in a division.

5v5 Ladies League – **The maximum roster is 10 players and at least 3 players constitute a legal team.** The Ladies league will accommodate 2 divisions if possible. Divisions will be combined in the open division if 3 or more teams are not available in a division.

The Ladies Recreational division is 24 & older is a recreational division and is ideal for the novice to intermediate female player, but open to any level of player skill. It is purely recreational, non-competitive division.

- All players must be 24 or older.
- A player who has played college soccer in the last 4 years is ineligible to participate in the 24 & older.
- The team cannot consist of more than ¼ experienced players (former college players)

Ladies Open Division is an open division with no requirements or restrictions other than the league age limit of 18 years old at the time of registration.

League Rules of Play

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically adjusted for small-sided games by the following CSC rules.

- 8v8 – two 35-minute halves – offside – size #5 Ball
- 5v5 – two 25-minute halves – no offside – size #5 Ball

Teams must check in with the referee 15 minutes prior to the start of each game. The referee will verify players and jersey numbers against the game roster. Guest players will be verified for the game. The official game card provided to the referee will include the team roster. Guest players will need to provide proof of their eligibility in the league. i.e., Club issued player card.

Team Representative/Captain: Each team must designate a team captain/manager (up to 2). The team captain/manager will indicate what division the team would like to compete in. If the team captain/manager is not a player on the team, they must also meet the standards, must be 18 years or older at the time of registration. The team captain/manager is responsible for verifying that the players on the sideline are eligible to play. If a player is not listed on the roster, his/her eligibility status will need to be verified to play.

Player Equipment

- Soccer Cleats or athletic shoes
- Shin guards – must meet FIFA specifications. Must be worn during the game.
- No Jewelry – no necklaces, bracelets, earrings of any kind will be allowed.

Uniforms – Jerseys- All players on a team must wear similar jerseys of the same color. Each jersey will have a number on the back. Duplicated numbers are not allowed within a team. Players will be associated with that number for the season. Verification of the jersey number will be done by the referees. T-shirts or jerseys with sponsorship logos are allowed. CSC reserves the right to refuse certain logos that CSC deems inappropriate. If a team does not have similar shirts with numbers, number training vests will be available.

Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions by either team may be made with the referee's permission at the following times.

- After a goal has been scored

- Prior to a goal kick
- At the beginning of the second half
- Prior to own team's throw-in.
- If the opposing team is ready and waiting at the halfway line, they may also sub.

Guest Players – On occasion, a team may be short players due to the work schedules, vacation etc. Guest players for a team will be allowed according to the following:

- A guest player must be invited to play for a team.
- The guest must be a current registered adult league player and provide verification of status if required.
- The team captain is responsible for verifying the guest player is a valid registered player.
- The number of **guest players allowed is 2** in league play, semifinals, and finals.
 - An additional guest player (for a total of 3) may be allowed when only 5 rostered players are present for the Coed games. (3 rostered players for the Ladies teams).
 - If a rostered player shows up after the game has started, they will have to default back to **2 guest players**.
- A guest player can only be used if a team has less than 3 subs on the sideline. (11 players max)
- If a rostered player arrives after the start of the game and joins the game, a guest player must leave the game if the number of subs on the sideline exceeds 3 players.
- A guest player who is not currently registered will cause the team to forfeit the game and lose 3 points in the standings.
- Guest player information needs to be added to the game card.
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The number of guest players is limited to have consistency of team roster with the core of the team participating in the games.

The Ladies 24 & Older Division

Goals per player rule – a single player may not score more than 3 goals in a single game. The fourth goal will not count. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot where the goal scoring kick was taken.

If a team is 6 points ahead of the other team, the team ahead in the score must play short a player until the other team scores.

Game Forfeiture Ruling - Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start time shall be granted a 10-minute grace period but it will affect game length. The game may be shortened up to 10 minutes to accommodate the delay. A team only needs to have the minimum number of players to start a game, which may include guest players. Every effort will be made to start the games on time. Any team not ready to play at the grace period's expiration shall be deemed to have forfeited the game, and the opposing team will receive a 1-0 win.

Game Postponed or Cancelled due to Weather – Every effort will be made to provide as much notice as possible if a game is postponed or canceled due to weather. If a game is cancelled after one completed half of play due to weather, it will be considered completed and the score recorded as the final score at the time of cancellation.

Rescheduling – If a game is canceled or postponed before the end of the first half due to weather, the club will make every effort to reschedule the game based on the availability of the regular league dates of play. (i.e., Monday, Tuesday, or a Thursday) If a regular league date is not available and a mutually agreed upon date cannot be decided on, the game will be issued as a tie – 0-0.

On occasion, a request is made to reschedule a game due to scheduling conflicts. The request must be submitted within a reasonable amount of time. Both teams must agree on the rescheduled date otherwise the original scheduled date stands, and the forfeiture rule applies.

If a non-registered player is discovered to be playing, the game will be stopped and the team with the non-registered player will forfeit the game and lose 3 points in the standings. If a non-registered player is discovered after the game, the team will forfeit it and lose 3 points in the standings.

Referee - If there is only one referee present and no assistants or one referee and one assistant for a game, the referee will commence the match using a volunteer linesman from one of the teams or both if 2 assistant referees are needed. Should the assistant referee(s) arrive at the field, he shall enter the match at the appropriate break in play and the volunteer linesman shall return to his team.

The referee is the official timekeeper and the official authority on the field. The referee calls are final.

Women's 5v5 will only require 1 center referee, offside rule will not be applied to the Women's Division of 5v5.

Slide Tackling & General Sliding. Slide tackling (sliding and tackling a ball *and an opponent*) by a field player in the immediate proximity of another player is not permitted at any time and can result in a red card. Only the goalkeeper may go to the ground to play a ball if it is in their penalty area and not feet/cleats-first. The restart is an indirect free kick, or at the referee's discretion, a direct free kick. Sliding for a ball without an opponent in close proximity is permitted.

Foul & abusive language will not be tolerated.

Suspension Guidelines – Red Card violation may include but not limited to:

- Serious Foul Play – As determined by the referee.
- Foul & Abusive language – as determined by the referee.
- Second Cautionable offense.
- Violent Conduct – may also result in suspension for the current season and future seasons.

Sportsmanship – No game is important enough to warrant physical or verbal abuse of officials or participants. Each team is responsible for the actions of its members at all times during the games. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including intimidation, infliction, or threat of bodily harm, will not be tolerated and will result in a suspension for the player and could subject the entire team to disqualification.

Any participant who receives a red card for violent conduct, fighting including verbal fighting, will be suspended for the remainder of the season and is subject to further disciplinary action.

An automatic minimum one game suspension is required for 1 red card, or 2 yellow cards issued in a single game. The player receiving the red card violation must leave the playing field area. The failure of the player to leave within 2 minutes will result in a forfeiture of the game. The team will see a loss of 2 points in their overall standings due to a red card being issued to a rostered player, which includes a rostered guest player for the game.

A one (1) game suspension for 4 yellow card offenses during the season will be enforced. A player who received 2 red cards or 6 yellow cards in a season will serve at least a 3-game suspension (serves 1 game for the 1st red/4 yellow and a 2-game suspension for the 2nd red/6 yellows). A player receiving 3 red cards in a 9-month period will serve at least a 1-year suspension from the date of the last red card. The severity and/or nature of the violation will determine if a longer suspension is required. The suspension will apply to the next game that they are rostered for, not as a guest player, and they will not be able to quest play for a team until the suspension is served.

The adult league committee will meet and review any yellow card or red card deemed to need further review by the referee or by the club staff. The committee will meet and review the cautions and sendoffs and determine if additional suspension or sanctions are required. The Casper Soccer Club reserves the right to impose a harsher suspension of a player depending on the violation and the nature of the violation.

Red card violations are reported to the state association, Wyoming Soccer Association, and the SRA (State Referee Administrator). The player receiving the red card violation is subject to further discipline action based on the rules and policies of WSA, USASA and USSF.

Scoring and Tie Breakers: Scores will be recorded and standing will be calculated after each game played. Standing will be based on a 3-point system. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Teams tied at the end of pool play will advance based on the following tie breakers.

- Head-to-head
- Goals against
- Goals for
- Least amount of red cards
- Penalty shootout

Games played in the regular pool play may end in a tie. Games played in the playoffs & finals will need a winner to advance. If teams are tied at the end of regulation time, two 10-minute halves are played. If teams are still tied at the end of overtime, teams will proceed with shots from the mark.

General

- The Casper Soccer Club is a member of Wyoming Soccer Association, United States Adult Soccer Association and US Soccer and are governed by their rules and policies and supersede the rules and policies of CSC Adult program except for the modifications for small-sided game format.
- The Referee game score card will serve as the official roster for the game and the official game record.
- USSF Certified Referee will be contracted for the games.
- The Casper Soccer Club reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the adult league and its decisions will be final.
- Spectators must be on the opposite side of the field from the team. No spectators in or near the team area. This allows the referees to verify the team members.
- Coaches, players, and spectators will remain at least 2 yards from the touchline.
- Players participating in the Adult League are participating at their own risk.
- The CSC and its board of directors and its members are not responsible for the behavior of the players, coaches and/or spectators, or for damages resulting from such behavior, nor are they responsible for any injuries which may occur to the players, coaches and/or spectators as a result of their participation in the adult league games.
- Any player, coach, or spectator who, while participating in any adult league activity is found to be in possession of illegal drugs or weapons will be banned from the adult league and the appropriate notification shall be given to the local law enforcement authorities.
- There will be individual first place awards for the Adult League Champion team and individual second place awards for the second-place team. First place and second place will be determined by playoff games at the end of the season for all divisions.
- Casper Soccer Club reserves the right to revise these rules without notice.