

ESUFC Mens Outdoor League Rules

Team Code of Conduct.

A. TEAMS

A team is a single entity of OASA-registered players. Each team has a specific name and sponsorship.

Any punishment imposed on a team by ESUFC is enforceable against any successor team that is formed with 5 or more players from the fined team. Under no circumstances will players be allowed to avoid sanctions or fines imposed by the ESUFC by resorting to partial disbanding and reorganizing by the said team or players.

1. Rostering of Players

- a. Up until the 4th match of a season, any team may sign any player during the season without a transfer request, if that player is not currently playing in the ESUFC. (If the league consists of 8 or more teams in the current season, all rosters will be frozen after the 5th match.
- b. An illegal player is anyone: (a) that is not registered with OASA; (b) that has transferred to another team without going through the procedure described in the previous rule or (c) that attempts to use another player's card for any reason.
- c. The league will be notified 48 hours prior to the next match whenever a player is added to any team's roster. with name and player ID number.

2. Equipment and Documents

- a. In addition to meeting the basic uniform requirements of the [FIFA Laws of the Game](#), each team shall have the following: two sets of numbered jerseys in contrasting colors, uniform shorts, and matching stocking colors.
- b. All home teams shall have the following two match-quality balls.
- c. All teams shall have a completed roster and players' cards ready for referee inspection 15 minutes prior to scheduled match start time.
- d. Any team that has fewer than seven (7) players present at the field and ready to show their player cards to the referee by scheduled match start time will forfeit the match. There will be no 15-minute grace period. Any team repeatedly violating this rule may be suspended from the league for the rest of the season. Any team without a roster that is ready by match start time will forfeit the game.
- e. Any team that deliberately forfeits a match will be fined \$50 (\$75 for a no show) in addition to forfeiting the match (\$100 every game after).

3. Protests and Appeals

- a. A team may protest the outcome of a match within 48 hours of the day of the match in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, USSF, OASA, or ESUFC regulations and rules of competition. No protest of any judgment call by a referee will be considered.
- b. A team manager/coach may appeal a decision of the league to the OASA in writing with accompanying appeal fee of \$25 within 72 hours.
- c. Protests regarding the field conditions or uniform color conflicts must be made to the referee and opposing manager/coach prior to match start and resolved before starting the match. In case of uniform color conflicts, the home team will change.

4. League Standings and Playoffs

- a. For purposes of determining league standings, the following point values will be used: Win 3 points; Draw 1 point; Loss 0 points.
- b. Any team that accrues (3) three red cards in a season will have one (1) point deducted from their total. Each subsequent red card in that season will result in the deduction of one (1) point for each red card and a \$50 fine.
- c. Any team that accrues 5 yellow cards in a season will have one (1) point deducted from their total. Each subsequent set of two yellow cards in that season will result in the deduction of one (1) point.
- d. At the end of the season the four (4) top teams will play for the ESUFC Championship. If there is not a clear point difference between the top four teams and the fifth or lower-place teams, the four teams with the highest goal differential will advance to the playoffs. If it is still tied, the team with the most goals scored in all matches will advance to the playoffs.
- e. At the end of each season, the team that finishes last in the league standings may be relegated. At the discretion of the ESUFC Board, a team from the GPSD may be invited to replace the relegated team.

5. Team Behavior

- a. Both teams are expected to be on opposite sides of the field as all spectators.
- b. Any team which allows the use of alcohol at a match by any player or spectator will be fined \$75.
- c. Any team which does not comply with reasonable requests for information during the course of any ESUFC or OASA inquiry into a referee assault or abuse, including identifying players or spectators involved in any incidents may be suspended from the league. They may also be fined, bonded, or have other sanctions imposed by the ESUFC and/or OASA.
- d. In the case of uncontrolled team fighting the referee shall terminate the match. He shall also keep all of the player cards and send them with a report to the OASA for review. The OASA will determine the outcome of any terminated match.
- e. All fines or outstanding fees will be paid to the league officer prior to the start of any new

season. Failure to do so will result in the team being suspended from play until the fines/fees are paid.

f. Any team that plays an illegal player in a match will forfeit the game and the player will be suspended for one year (OASA suspension).

B. PLAYERS

1. Participation

a. Any player who arrives after half time is over will not play in the match.

b. All players must wear their respective team uniforms in order to play.

c. Unlimited re-entry of substitutes is allowed any time the ball is out of play with the referee's permission.

d. All fines assessed to a player must be paid before they are released to play. Unpaid fines at the end of the season will carry over to the following season.

2. Misconduct

a. Any player receiving a third yellow card in a season will be suspended from the next league match. *

b. Any player sent off the field of play before, during or after a match, for (a) serious foul play, (b) violent conduct, including spitting on another person (c) insulting, or abusive language, (d) persisting in misconduct after having been previously cautioned, (e) denying an obvious goal by deliberately handling the ball, will be given a red card and suspended for the next two (2) ESUFC matches. However, if the referee's match report shows that the conduct deserves further suspension and the opposing team's coach/manager also corroborates the report, the player will be suspended for a total of two matches.

c. Any player who chooses to appeal a red card suspension must submit the appeal to the league, with an accompanying appeal fee of \$15, within 48 hours of the match. * A hearing shall take place before the next scheduled match.

d. Any player who receives two red cards in a season will receive a letter from the league warning him of the consequences of receiving a third red card.

e. Any player who receives a third red card in a season after receiving a warning from the league for his second red card will be suspended from the league for one (1) year and fined \$150.

f. Any player who assaults or verbally abuses a referee, assistant referee, or reserve official will automatically be suspended by the ESUFC and subject to any mandatory OASA sanctions. A hearing shall take place before the next scheduled match.

g. Any player who illegally uses or attempts to use another player's OASA registration card will forfeit the game and be suspended for one year (OASA suspension).

h. Any suspensions still remaining unserved at the end of a season will carry over to the

following season.

i. Any player receiving an excessive number of red and yellow cards may be required to post a bond for the following season.

j. Any action taken by the OASA or ESUFC will not preclude the right of any referee or player to pursue criminal or other legal action against the offending team or player.

C. Managers/Coaches

1. Conduct

a. All managers/coaches will be responsible for their players and supporters/fans.

b. Managers/coaches will not allow the use of alcohol by their players or supporters/fans during the match or will be fined \$75.

c. Players, managers/coaches and team supporters/fans shall not use any illegal substance before, during or after any ESUFC match. Those who do will be subject to suspension and/or other sanctions.

d. Players, managers/coaches and supporters/fans shall not possess, use, brandish, display or threaten to display any object may be utilized as a weapon at any ESUFC match. Any instance of a manager/coach allowing players or supporters/fans to do so shall result in immediate suspension of that team until an ESUFC committee hearing.

2. Administration

a. All managers or their representatives will attend all league meetings.

b. In the event of a time or venue change or cancellation of a match, the manager/coach of the changing team must inform the referee scheduler by no later than 48 hours prior to the match (call ESUDC at (503) 667-8312). He must then immediately inform the opposing team manager.

D. REFEREES

1. All referees will arrive early enough to inspect the field, check the teams' rosters, cards, each player's equipment, and start the match on time (at least 30 minutes before scheduled match start time).

2. Referees are expected to have and be willing to alternate their uniform shirt colors in case of conflict with the team's shirt colors.

3. Any referee who appears late for a match without a reasonable excuse will be fined the match fee.

4. Referees will submit accurate and timely match reports by FAX (OASA Office FAX# 297-4513) or US mail within 48 hours to the OASA. Failure to promptly file a match report may result in a fine.

5. Match reports must include full accounts of any yellow or red cards. Referees shall retain the player card of any player who is sent off or dismissed and include the card with the match report.
6. Referees will report any observed use of alcohol or illegal substances at the match by players or fans.
7. Field condition protests by teams will be resolved before the match by the referee. The referee is the sole judge of whether a field is playable or not. The referee will note any field condition protests in his match report.
8. If a match is suspended or terminated before full time, the referee will note the reason, score, and time the match was suspended or terminated. The league committee will determine whether the match result will stand or the match will be replayed.
9. In the event of an uncontrolled team fight or other riotous behavior, the referee will retain all player cards from both teams and include them with the match report.

As an affiliate of the **Oregon Adult Soccer Association**, the **ESUFC Mens Soccer League** requires all team coaches and managers to review the current 2007 league rules and regulations. Once they have been read and shared with all players associated with their respective teams, a representative of the team (coach or manager) is required to sign the below statement prior to the start of the season. Contact OASA at 503-292-1814 for questions.

I hereby verify that I have read the rules and regulations for the 2007 **ESUFC Mens Soccer League** season and as a representative of my team (please state team name), _____, all team members have been informed of the rules and regulations and will abide by them.

Managers signature