

ADULT SOCCER 8 v 8

- I. MANAGEMENT**
- Sponsored by the Kearney Park & Recreation Dept. (Recreation Division) 1930 University Drive
 - League Coordinators:
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- II. SEASON FORMAT**
- The league will follow a round robin format, with possible interdivisional play. At a minimum, teams will play the number of games as promoted on the registration flier
- III. ELIGIBILITY**
- Teams must have at least 8 players on their roster.
 - Participants may only play on one team per season.
 - This is considered an open league for male and female players. There is no requirement for the number of males or females on a team.
 - All players must sign the team roster/waiver prior to playing. Players may be added to the roster at any time throughout the season.
 - Transferring from one team to another is prohibited once the season has begun.
 - Participants must be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of the season.
 - Full-time or part-time college and high school students are eligible, provided they are not participating in the same sport at the varsity level and in season.
 - In the event of a tie in the standings, the tiebreaker is as follows: 1. Head-to-head result. 2. Goal differential. 3. Goals for.
- IV. PROTESTS**
- Protests may only be made if an ineligible player participates. An ineligible player is someone who doesn't meet the requirements in Section III Eligibility. The protest must be made by halftime.
 - The protest must be brought to the attention of Kearney Park and Recreation staff by the captain of the team submitting the protest.
- V. UNIFORMS**
- Molded cleats, turf shoes, and flats are acceptable footwear. Metal cleats or screw-in studs are prohibited.
 - Shin guards are to be worn by all players on the field and must be covered by socks or pants.
 - Teams are required to provide their own uniforms (same color), ideally with numbers. All teams shall bring a second white shirt to games in case of a conflict with the primary team color between opponents.
 - We highly recommend wearing like-colored socks and shorts.
 - KPR reserves the right not to allow any team name or uniform that is discriminatory, inappropriate, or disrespectful.
 - Jewelry, hard casts or hats with bills shall not be worn by participants.
- VI. OFFICIATING**
- Teams will be scheduled to supply TWO officials before or after their game.
 - There will be two officials for each game.
 - Failure to supply an official when scheduled will result in a 3-point deduction to the team and forfeit of their next scheduled game or previous game if it is the last week of the season.
 - A KPR League Supervisor will be present at all times.
- VII. GENERAL PLAYING RULES**
- A. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**
- Each team shall field 7 players and 1 goalkeeper.
 - Teams must have a minimum of 5 players to begin a game, continue and conclude a match.
 - A double forfeit will be called if neither team has enough players.
- B. SUBSTITUTION RULE**
- Unlimited substitution at any stoppage, at midfield, with the referee's permission.
- C. SCORING & TIME**
- WINS= 3 points
TIES= 1 point
LOSSES= 0 points
 - Two 25 minute halves, without stoppage, and a 3 minute halftime.
 - Goals by a female will count as 2.
 - Mercy Rule: 15 goal differential at half or any time after.

- D. KICKOFF**
- The team listed first on the schedule is the home team and will kick off first. The other team decides which side they want to defend.
 - On the whistle, the ball may be played in any direction on the first touch.
- E. OFFSIDES**
- Off-sides will be enforced.
- F. FIVE SECOND START RULE:**
- A restart must occur within 5 seconds of placing the ball for a free kick, corner kick, or goal kick. Goalkeepers must also release the ball within 5 seconds of gaining possession and return to their feet. Goalkeepers may use unlimited steps to bring the ball to the boundary of the penalty area.
- G. BALL OUT OF PLAY**
- If the ball has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, the restart is a corner kick, goal kick, or throw-in.
- H. SLIDE TACKLING**
- Slide tackling the ball by field players is NOT permitted. If penalized, a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. (All kicking penalties will be direct kicks.)
- I. GOALKEEPER:**
- The goalkeeper is not limited in steps in their penalty area.
 - Goal kicks may not go past mid-field.
 - The goalkeeper may not punt or drop-kick. Throw only.

FIFA rules apply in all other situations aside from rules stated for the league.

- VIII. SPORTSMANSHIP**
- A high level of sportsmanship is the standard for KPR leagues.
 - Yellow Cards:** Players who are issued a caution (yellow card) must sit for two minutes before re-entering the match. Players must have ok from referee before re-entering the field. This player may be replaced by a substitute while exiting the field. A goalkeeper who is issued a yellow card must be replaced by either a field player or substitute but may reenter the field after his/her 2-minute suspension
 - Red Cards:** Players who are issued a sendoff (red card) must leave the field of play immediately and may not return to the field of play for the remainder of that match. If a player is ejected from the game, they will be out from the next scheduled game. The team must play one less player for the remainder of that match. A goalkeeper who is issued a red card is also subject to the same rule. Consistent infringement or a serious incident by a player may result in suspension or being removed from the league.
 - The TEAM CAPTAIN is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and is the team's spokesperson.
 - Physical violence by a player will result in removal from the league and suspension.
 - Alcohol is not allowed on park grounds. Players who break this rule will be suspended for the entire season. Players under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises.
 - The KPR League Supervisor will also have the authority to eject a player from the game for unsportsmanlike actions.
- IX. COURTESY**
- If you bring kids, please make sure they are not in a place where they could get hurt. You are responsible for the behavior of your child. Young children should be supervised.
 - Please keep balls off of the playing field while another game is in progress.
 - Please pick up your trash prior to leaving.
- X. SAFETY**
- To help avoid injury, players are encouraged to adequately warm-up their body and stretch prior to playing.
 - Players may not wear jewelry.
 - First aid is available at the field. Please inform a supervisor or official if you need assistance.

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- In case of bad weather,**
- 1. Follow our Facebook page.**
 - 2. Visit www.cityofkearney.org and click on the KPR Weather Cancellation button on the home page.**
 - 3. Sign up to receive text notifications regarding schedule info, weather delays, and league communication. Text "KPRADULTSOCCER24" to 91896 to sign up.**

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Schedules, standings and league registration information.



League Rules & Regulations

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