



**2009 ADULT ATHLETICS
 SPRING COED SOCCER LEAGUE POLICIES**

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All Spring Soccer games will be played on Sunday afternoons at the Loveland Sports Park. The league will consist of competitive or recreational team play or a combination of the two levels if necessary, with a maximum of 11 players on the field of play. Teams are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. We can accept a total of 7 teams maximum in each league. Game times will be between 12:00pm and 6:30pm.

**** Keep in mind registration is on a first-come first-serve basis!**

<u>Activity #</u>	<u>League Name</u>
27731-1.....	<i>Coed Level 1</i>
27731-2.....	<i>Coed Level 2</i>

Level 1 (Competitive): Majority of players are highly skilled and aggressive in dribbling, passing and heading. Players are able to direct kicks with power, accuracy and distance. Teams use an offensive strategy. Most players have played in higher organized programs such as high school sports, tournaments, college clubs or other city organizational leagues. Age may be a factor at this level. Generally this level is for younger, more aggressive specialized players.

Level 2 (Recreational): Players are moderately skilled. Able to sustain dribbling and passing for a short distance. Able to direct kick with moderate power and accuracy and moderate distance. Majority of players have played some organized soccer but not at the High School or varsity level and have not played on tournament teams. Age may be a factor at this level. Generally this level of players is playing for exercise and fun in a more casual less aggressive atmosphere. Can not have played High School Varsity or College Varsity or club program in the last two years.

- REGISTRATION** – Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning **February 2 through February 16, 2009**. Register your team through TeleTrac (automated phone system) calling 962-2777, or WebTrac (on-line) at www.cityofloveland.org with your credit card. To register through TeleTrac or WebTrac you will need your household ID number, your member ID number, a Visa or MasterCard (full payment is required), and the activity number of the league you’re signing up for (listed above). Call 962-2383 for your household information prior to registration. Completed rosters with name, address/phone number, signatures, and AA participation number must be turned in to the Chilson Recreation Center or faxed to 962-2906 no later than February 16, 2009. Registrations will also be accepted at the Chilson Recreation Center Front Desk beginning **February 2 through February 16, 2009**. Loveland Parks and Recreation reserves the right to transfer a team into the appropriate league based on their players levels of play.
- LEAGUE FEES** - Team fee is **\$425.00 if registered by February 19th and \$445.00 if registered after February 19th for 7 games. *League registration fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.***
- PARTICIPATION FEE** is **\$22.00** per player. This fee is good from the time of purchase through the 2009 spring season. **RENEW** your AA card on-line through WebTrac at www.cityofloveland.org To access WebTrac you will need your household ID number, your member ID number and a Visa or MasterCard (full payment is required). Call 962-2383 for your household information. Fees can also be paid at the Chilson Center (weekdays from 8:30 am - 7:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am- 5:30 pm). It will be the responsibility of the individual player to pay the participation fee before the 1st league game. **We will have rosters at your 1st game and you will not be allowed to play without an active AA card number.** If someone else is paying this fee for an individual, we must have a correct address and phone # of the person that the fee is being paid for.
- BAD CHECKS** - Any participant or participant/team sponsor that has a returned check for any fee assessed by the Adult Athletics will be ineligible to participate in any program area until that check has been made good. If the check is for league fees, all individual participants of the team will be responsible for their portion of the total fee to be eligible to participate. The individual participant’s portion will be determined by dividing the number of eligible ballplayers on the submitted roster by the fee assessed for that program area.

5. **TEAM CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS**

Our cancellation policy is as follows:

- A team will receive a 100% refund (less processing fee), only if a written request is received a minimum of three working days, prior to the scheduled coaches meeting.
- A 50% refund will be given when a refund request is submitted in writing any time following the scheduled coaches meeting and up to the start of that leagues play.
- No refunds will be given once league play has begun.
- Processing fees for adult leagues will be \$25.00
- Full refunds will be given when the Recreation Department cancels a league or program.

6. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT** - Teams are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. It is required that at least 75% of **ALL** league rosters be comprised of members who either reside in the R2-J School District or are full-time employees of a company in the R2-J School District that is a sponsor of that team. The 75% residency requirement will be in effect only if we reach our maximum capacity. **THIS RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT ONLY IF WE REACH CAPACITY DURING EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION.**

7. **SCHEDULE PICKUP** - League schedules will be available for coaches to pick up on **Tuesday, March 3rd** after 4:00pm at the Chilson Center. **We will not mail schedules! Schedules will also be available on the City of Loveland web page <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>! It is possible that schedules MAY NOT be available on the web page for up to a week after they are available to pick up at the Chilson Center!**

8. **DATES OF PLAY** - Games will start **March 8, 2009**.

9. **ROSTER FREEZE DATE** - Roster limit is 20 players. Roster freeze date is **April 6, 2009** at 5:00 pm. Anyone added to a roster after that date must have written approval from the majority of the managers in that league. Player add forms are available at the Chilson Recreation Center or ask the supervisor at the fields.

10. **RAIN-OUT PROCEDURES:**

First Priority-----Post season

Second Priority-----Saturday at same times

This priority list is subject to change depending upon availability of fields.

11. **ROUND ROBIN** - the Adult Athletics utilizes the round robin type play. The number of teams in a league will determine how many rounds the teams play.

12. **RECORDS** - the total win/loss percentage will determine the final standings in ALL leagues. Games may end in a tie, there will be no overtime. A tie game will count as a half win for each team in the standings. As a standard procedure, the Adult Athletics uses the following priority for tie-breaker procedure for first, second and third places:

- Win/Loss Percentage
- Team with most wins
- Head-to-head competition
- Winning margin of involved teams
- Fewest number of goals allowed by teams that are tied
- Most goals scored by teams that are tied

13. **AWARDS** – One (1) team plaque will be given to the 1st place team. A total of 15 t-shirts will be awarded to individuals on the first place team.

LEAGUE RULES - (All leagues will be governed by FIFA rules with the following additions/exceptions.)

A. **EXCESSIVE BLEEDING POLICY/BLOOD BORN PATHOGENS** - Any participant who is bleeding, or has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his or her uniform must leave the game or event. The participant may not return until either the bleeding has stopped, or the wound has been covered and bandaged, or the uniform has been changed.

- B. **STARTING AND FINISHING A GAME** A team may start and/or finish a game with a minimum of two players and a maximum of eleven players. Players may be added up to eleven as they arrive, but may only enter the game during a throw in when their team is in possession. Each team must have an equal or greater number of female players to male players in the game. The goalie position is not included in this count and may be either male or female. Players should arrive early and must check in and show a valid picture ID to the Facility Supervisor prior to entering each game.
- C. **CLEATS** - steel cleats, football cleats or any type of shoe with screw-on type cleats are illegal.
- D. **NO SLIDE TACKLES – RECREATIONAL LEVEL ONLY** - This is a Loveland Parks and Recreation league rule. Tackling the ball or sliding steals will not be allowed. Players must not leave their feet or execute a baseball type slide in an attempt to dispossess the ball from a ball carrier. Exception: Goalkeeper. Penalty for infraction: 1st offense – verbal caution to player plus indirect free kick to opposing team; 2nd and subsequent offenses - yellow card to player plus indirect free kick. The referee has the discretion to issue a red card if warranted. Slide tackles will be allowed in the competitive level.
- E. **SUBSTITUTIONS** – Teams may substitute players prior to a throw-in when the substituting team is in possession of the ball. Either team may substitute prior to a goal kick, or after a goal has been scored. Substitutions must be announced to the referee and follow all other normal procedures.
- F. **UNIFORM** - a minimum uniform should consist of same shade jerseys with at least 4" numbers on front and/or back. There must be no duplicating numbers. Shin guards are required. **Socks must be worn over shin guards.**
- G. **JEWELRY** - Per FIFA rules “A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry)”. *Only exception:* medical alert id bracelet or necklace.
- H. **PLASTER CAST** - individuals wearing plaster casts or other injury healing devices are not allowed to participate in any games sponsored, hosted or operated by the City of Loveland Adult Athletics. **Knee braces may be worn - need to be covered & padded.**
- I. **DURATION OF GAMES** - Games will consist of two 40-minute halves with halftime not exceeding 5 minutes.
- J. **GAME TIMES ARE FORFEIT TIMES**
 Game times will begin at either 12:00pm or 12:30pm and begin thereafter as scheduled.
 1. Forfeits - the only times that a game may be forfeited due to lack of players is when the coach voluntarily forfeits the game by signing the scoresheet or when no players show up.
 2. If a game is forfeited, the officials are not allowed to work the game.
- K. **ILLEGAL PLAYERS** - in accordance with the City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department Adult Athletics league policies and Code of Conduct, illegal players may not be used in any program. Doing so may be protested by the opposing team.

An Illegal Player is:

- a. A player in the game that is not on the official team roster.
- b. A player in the game that has not paid the participation fee.
- c. A player that is playing in the game and is assuming the name of a player who is on the official team roster.
- d. A player playing on two teams in the same program (i.e. – two teams in men’s league, two teams in women’s league, two teams in coed league, two teams in church league, etc.)

The effect of using an illegal player:

If the opposing team announces their intent to protest the illegal player, that **PLAYER MUST PRODUCE A PICTURE ID**. If the player cannot produce a picture ID, the official will continue play with the game under protest. At the conclusion of the game the player has the option to return to the supervisor at the field that night or come in the Parks and Recreation office the next day to verify their identity. If the illegal player is confirmed to be illegal, the game will be forfeited and the illegal player will be suspended for a minimum of two games. If the protest for an illegal player is made known at the conclusion of the game, the final score of the game will stand, however the facility supervisor will make every effort to properly identify the person in question. If the player is found to be illegal, the player will be suspended from further play for a minimum of two games.

In addition, the coach may be suspended from further play in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.

- L. **SUSPENSIONS** - Players and coaches suspended from league play will be assessed a **\$25.00 fine plus a minimum 2-game suspension plus a minimum 1-year probation** in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- M. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Adult Athletics Code of Conduct governs - all play. It is the team's and/or individual player's responsibility to acquire a copy so that they may be aware of the rules. Please stop by the Chilson Center or visit the City's web page at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm> to obtain a copy.
- N. **ELIGIBILITY AGE** - the eligibility age to participate in the Adult Athletic program is *16 years old*. The player must be 16 at time of participation.
- O. **ALCOHOL** - Alcohol is **NOT** allowed to be consumed at any City Park by City ordinance. **-NO EXCEPTION-** Players are not allowed to consume alcohol during the playing of their game. If a player(s) is discovered drinking during the contest the game will be forfeited, the player ejected and suspended for two games in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- P. **PROFANITY & TAUNTING** – are strongly discouraged - Effect: Player may be ejected from the game, and subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.

PROTEST PROCEDURE - Only illegal player protest will be accepted.

RAIN OUT PROCEDURES -

Adult Athletic Lines

- **Cancellations** 962-2388, press 3,1 after 11:00 a.m. Sundays
(If a decision to cancel games has not been made by 11:00 a.m. Sundays then it is up to the officials to determine whether the fields are unsafe due to weather conditions.)
- **Make-up game times**..... 962-2388, press 3,2,1 after 12:00 noon the business day following a cancellation.
(Coaches are responsible for checking this line after cancellations and communicating information to the players)

Look for weekly updates in the Sports Section - Adult Athletic notes in the Saturday Reporter Herald.

Look for weekly score, standings and team schedules on the web at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>. Updated schedules, scores and standings will be posted on-line by the Wednesday morning following the scheduled Sunday game.

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