

Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority

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Adult Soccer League Rules

The current FIFA rules will be used for all adult leagues, with exceptions herein listed:

General League Information:

1. Player fees must be paid prior to the participant's first game. A player that plays without paying player fee will be suspended for one game after they pay their player fee. **Subs are not allowed.** If a player plays, they must pay a player fee and sign the team roster.
2. No portion of a player's fee or entry fee will be refunded.
3. Each team **MUST** pay a **Forfeit Deposit of \$76** to the Recreation Department before the start of the season. This deposit is to ensure that the referee expenses are covered by the forfeiting team. If a team forfeits a game by not showing up at game time, then the Forfeit Deposit will be used for referee expense and the forfeiting team must pay another Forfeit Deposit before their next game. If a team notifies the Recreation Department at least 48 hours before their scheduled game to cancel, the Forfeit Deposit will remain current.
4. **Each team is responsible for paying the Head Referee \$38.00 CASH, prior to each game. Checks will not be accepted! The \$38.00 is payment for three (3) referees. If there is only two (2) referees present at the field the payment will be \$30.00 CASH per team.**
5. **Player Fees: The Howell Area Parks and Recreation Department will no longer accept player fees at any field or gym.** All player fees must be paid at The Bennett Center @ 925 W. Grand River Ave. Player fees can also be paid over the phone at (517) 546-0693 or online @ www.howellrecreation.org Rosters may be signed at the field or gym before the first game. **All players must have their player fee paid and roster signed before their first game or any game played with ineligible players with be forfeited. Players MAY not play until they register and sign the roster.**
6. **Each team will be given a blank game report. Managers are required to fill out the game report with each player's name and number that is in attendance for each game. Game reports are to be given to the Head Official prior to each game. If a player is listed on the game report and is not listed on the roster, your team will forfeit each game the non-registered player plays in.**
7. **All children present at the field or gym must be supervised by an adult. Under no circumstance will children be allowed with-in 10 feet of the field or court, be in the hallways of the school during play or use any of the schools equipment. Our use of the schools facilities requires us to follow strict guidelines regarding supervision. This will be enforced; if any child is not being supervised the game will be stopped and only restarted after proper supervision is set. If a child cannot be supervised, the team the child is accompanying will be assessed a forfeit.**
8. **NOTE: RAINDATES WILL BE MADE UP THE FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE CANCELLED GAME.**

League Format:

1. Each team will play a (10) Ten game schedule, 2 forfeits may result in league dismissal. Game times are listed on the schedules. Game time is forfeit time.
2. Games will be played as scheduled unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Games may have to be rescheduled on nights other than your regular playing night.

3. Pre-game postponements due to weather will be made on WHMI FM 93.5, after 4:30pm. You may also call (517) 546-0693 until 5:00pm (Mon-Fri), or our weather hotline (517) 546-0693 ext. 7770 at any time.
4. League standings will not be given over the phone. Standings will be e-mailed and posted at www.howellrecreation.org on a weekly basis.
5. There will be no alcoholic beverages at any facility or parking lot used by the Parks and Recreation Department. Violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of your game and possible league dismissal. Teams are responsible for their spectators. This is your warning.
6. Individual awards will be awarded to teams winning their respective league.
7. Under extenuating circumstances, the Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to amend all rules for the best interest and safety of the entire recreational atmosphere of the league.
8. All members of the team are required to know the rules of the game and abide by them. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Managers must carry a copy of their league rules at all times.

****Eligibility (Revised 3/13/06)**

1. **For all leagues you will not be allowed to have any players that are under the age minimum of the league (30 for Men's and Women's and 18 for Co-Ed).**

Equipment:

1. Team listed first on the schedule is responsible for providing the soccer ball. Street shoes, work boots, or bare feet are not permitted.
2. **Matching team uniforms are required with numbers.** Matching socks and shorts are not required but recommended. No team may have duplicate numbers for their players.
3. If there is a color conflict, the home team will wear an alternate jersey. Numbers are not required for alternate jerseys
4. Shin guards are mandatory for all adult leagues. If the shin guard is hard plastic it must be covered with a sock. If a player wears a brace that is made of hard plastic or metal, it must be covered for other player's safety.
5. Jewelry must be removed and if it is not, it must be taped. This is for your protection as well as protection for all players.

Players and Substitutions:

1. This is an 11-player league. A team may start a game with as few as 5 players, if after 5 minutes of play a team does not still have at least 7 players the game shall be declared a forfeit. Teams may not finish with less than 7 players. **For Co-Ed Leagues you may not have more men than women on the field during a game.**
2. Pregnant women will not be allowed to play goalie under any circumstances. We recommend that pregnant women not play for their own safety, but if a pregnant player does wish to play, a written permission slip for her physician is needed. One copy is to be on file at the Parks and Recreation Office and a copy needs to be with the player at all times to show the referees. This permission slip must be updated once a month.
3. Teams are allowed to substitute on their own possession for; throw-ins, and corner kicks. Both teams may sub on goals scored or goal kicks. There will be no substitutions on direct or indirect kicks; exceptions for injury.
4. **In Co-Ed, if a female is injured or thrown out of the game, and there is no female to replace her, the position must remain unfilled for the rest of the game.**

Game Duration:

1. Games will be 2 equal halves of 30 minutes with a 5-minute intermission between halves.

2. Games that are tied at the end of regulation play will remain a tie. Teams earn points toward the league championship in the following manner;
 - 2 points = every game won
 - 1 point = every game tied
 - 0 points = every game lost
3. The team with the most accumulated points as described above will be the league champion. League ties, will be determined by the head to head competition of teams involved during the regular season.

Fouls and Misconduct:

1. Ejection and reinstatement procedure:
 - (A) A player, manager, or coach ejected from any game will leave the facility immediately or their team forfeits the game. There will be a minimum of a 1 game suspension, no exceptions. This does not include the game that you were just ejected from. All individuals ejected from the game for fighting will be suspended indefinitely from league play, until reinstated by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - (B) Procedure for reinstatement requires a written statement from the ejected player and an appointment with the Recreation Department to discuss possible reinstatement. The responsibility is that of the ejected player(s). Appointments for the reinstatement will only be granted Monday - Friday, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, no exceptions will be made.
 - C the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to impose the necessary disciplinary action based on what it feels is in the best interest and safety of the league.
2. The playing captain is the only player who may address the referee and shall be the spokesperson for the team. The discussion will be allowed with regards to rule interpretation only. Any discussion, comments, or actions made regarding judgment calls by any player(s) will result in automatic ejection. Un-sportsmanlike conduct or rough play will not be tolerated at any time. Ejected player(s) will have to go through the procedure for reinstatement. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Once a player has accumulated 3 yellow cards s/he will have an automatic 1 game suspension effective immediately. This rule is intended to protect all players from rough and dangerous play. Fighting will not be tolerated in any league.

Protests:

1. Protest concerning player eligibility will be handled by having the protested player signing the scorecard when requested. Refusal to sign will mean an automatic game forfeiture. The offended team must file a formal written protest in the Parks and Recreation office within 24 hours of the incident. This protest must be accompanied with a \$15 signature fee; this fee will only be returned if the player is ineligible.

Reminders:

1. Good sportsmanship begins with you and your team.
2. Your league fees do not cover referee abuse.
3. Common sense needs to be applied, all players need to get up and go to work in the morning.
4. Play Hard! Play Fair! Have Fun!