



## SUMMARY OF MOST ASKED ABOUT 8v8 LEAGUE RULES

For detailed clarification, please consult the [Comprehensive Rules](#) document

### Team Set Up

- Teams consist of eight (8) players. A minimum of five (5) players is required to start a game.
- Teams cannot play with more than seven (7) male players at any time.
- For the Open league, all players must be 18 years or older
- For the Suboptimal league, girls must be 18 years or older, and guys must be 27 years or older.
- All players must be registered for the current 8v8 league season. If a non-registered player steps on the field the game is forfeited.
- Only CSC registered players are permitted to be guest players.

### Scoring

- Except when noted, goals scored by a female player count double. A goal is counted as being a female goal if the last ATTACKING player to play or touch the ball before it enters the goal is a female.
- Only one (1) goal is awarded for either a female or male penalty kick or own goal.
- For a goal within the penalty area (*Arc*) to count, it must be scored with a body part at or above the knee: e.g. knee, chest, head, thigh.
  - The ball is considered within the penalty area (*Arc*) when it is completely over the *Arc* line.
- If a ball is cleared by a defensive player (male or female) within the penalty area (*Arc*) and rebounds off another player (offensive or defensive) resulting in a goal, it doesn't matter what body part it hits and it is only worth 1 goal.
- Any given player can only score up to three times per game (independent of their gender or the scoring value of the goals).

### Field Rules

- The 10-yard arc in front of the goal acts as the penalty area (*Arc*). Goalkeepers cannot use their hands outside of their team's penalty area (*Arc*) and penalties are granted for fouls or illegal handballs inside the penalty area (*Arc*).



- Games have two 35-minute halves with running time for water breaks.
- Goalkeeper direct throws/kicks must bounce before crossing midfield.
- Goal kicks can cross half field in the air.
- All restarts are indirect, except kickoffs, corner kicks, and goal kicks.
- There are no offsides.
- Whether accidental or not, slide tackling is not allowed, will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team, and may result in a misconduct (yellow or red card, depending upon the degree of danger to or contact with the opponent) for the player who committed the slide tackle.
  - Sliding in an open field space with no other players in the active area of play is allowed.
  - The goalkeeper is the only player allowed to slide tackle near an opponent provided it is performed within the penalty area (*Arc*) and is performed only in a manner that does not pose a danger to the opponent or to him/herself.
- A referee report will be written for all cards (red or yellow). A fine could be applied depending on the incident.
  - Refer to the Modified 8v8 Coed Rules for additional clarification
- Playoff schedule and format will be posted to the captains group chat and a copy will be sent to each player. Playoffs are not guaranteed and the format will be modified from season to season.

#### Makeup Games

- Specific dates are reserved for makeup games
- If the number of games canceled exceeds the number of reserved makeup games, the league director will determine the game days that will be made up after consulting with the team captains.
  - If a decision cannot be made, then the CSC Board President will make the final decision (hopefully it will never come to this).



## APPENDIX 1

### **Fall 2024 League Format**

The format agreed to be used for the 2024 Fall Season was as follows:

#### Venue

La Grange Soccer Park

Two fields: North and South

#### Participants

Six (6) teams

Identified by colors: Black, Blue, Green, Red, White, Yellow

Age limit: 18+ (combination of Wednesday and Sunday leagues)

#### Matches

Eight (8) per team, 24 total

Match Days: Wednesdays

Three (3) games per Match Day

Two (2) time slots: 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm

#### Stages

##### *Stage 1: Regular Season (Round-Robin)*

- All teams play each other once in 5 rounds (no repeated matches)
- 1st and 2nd place clinched semi-finals
- 3rd - 6th place clinched Wild Card Games

##### *Stage 2: Playoffs*

- Three (3) weeks of playoffs

Week 1: Wild Card Game (3 v 6) - Seed 3

Wild Card Game (4 v 5) - Seed 4

Placement game (1 v 2) - Seeds 1, 2

Week 2: Semifinal 1: Seed 2 vs Seed 3

Semifinal 2: Seed 1 vs Seed 4

5th Place Game 1: Losers Wild Card Games



Week 3: Final: Winners in Semifinals  
3rd Place Match: Losers in Semifinals  
5th Place Game 2: Losers Wild Card Games

### Calendar

A balanced schedule will be made with numerical placeholders (Team 1..., Team 6) ensuring teams play similar schedules (time, fields) in Stage 1.

The schedule with the placeholder teams will be shared with the team captains, providing them 24 hours until the draw for feedback or to express any concerns or inability to meet the potential schedule.

The draw, using the site Random.org, will match numerical placeholders to team colors. The results will be immediately shared with all team captains. Teams will no longer be able to request change in schedules after this point.

### Match-Day Cancellations

Two make-up dates will be reserved at the end of the schedule. Match-day cancellations will readjust the schedule as follows:

#### *Stage 1 Cancellations*

The first two cancellations will simply shift the schedule by 1 week each, consuming the reserved make-up games scheduled for the end of the league.

Game order will not change.

Further cancellations at this stage will eliminate playoffs Match Dates as specified in the Stage 2 section.

#### *Stage 2 Cancellations*

Any cancellation while make-up games are still available will simply shift the schedule by one (1) week each.

Cancellations after the make-up games have been consumed will eliminate match days depending on the week of the cancellation:

**Week 1:** If the cancellation occurs in this week (with no make-up games left), the seeding will match the places in the round robin and the league will proceed to schedule the Week 2 semifinals and 5th place Game as planned (Week 1 games eliminated).



**Week 2:** If the cancellation occurs in this week (with no make-up games left), the semi-final and final matches will be combined by playing reduced-time matches on week 3:

- 40 min matches (two 20-minute halves)
- At 6:30 PM: Semifinals 1 and 2
- At 7:45 PM: 5th Place Game and Final
- 3rd Place decided from best losing result in the semifinals

**Week 3:** If the cancellation occurs during this week (with no make-up games left), there will be an attempt to reschedule the Final (Championship Match) on an alternative day of the week by the CSC Board President and the two captains that earned a berth to that game. The 3rd and 5th place games will not be rescheduled.

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