



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. Goalkeepers cannot use their hands outside of their team's penalty area (*Arc*) and penalties are granted for fouls or illegal handballs inside such area (*Arc*).
- Games have two (2) 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

Scheduling

A balanced schedule draft will be prepared with numerical placeholders (Team 1, Team 2, ...) ensuring teams play similar schedules (wrt. time, fields) in Stage 1.

The schedule draft will be shared with the team captains, providing them up to a week before the draw for feedback or to express any concerns/inability to meet it.

The site Random.org will be used to assign the placeholders to the team colors. The results will be shared immediately with all team captains and no change requests will be accepted beyond this point.

Matchday Cancellations

Two make-up dates will be reserved at the end of the schedule and used as follows:

Stage 1 (S1 Round-Robin) Matchday Cancellations

The first two matchday cancellations will simply shift the schedule by 1 week each, consuming the reserved make-up dates.

The game order will not change. Further cancellations at this stage will eliminate playoffs matchdays as specified in the Stage 2 section.

Stage 2 (S2 Playoffs) Matchday Cancellations

Any cancellation while make-up dates are still available will simply shift the schedule by 1 week. Beyond that, cancellations will use matchdays as follows:

S2 Week 1: If the first week of playoffs is cancelled (with no make-up games left), the seeding will match the places in the round robin and the league will proceed to the second week of playoffs as planned.

S2 Week 2: If the second week of playoffs is cancelled (with no make-up games left), the semi-final and final matches will be combined by playing reduced-time matches on week 3 of the playoffs:

- 40 min matches (two 20-minute halves)
- Early timeslot: Semifinals and consolation matches
- Late timeslot: Final placing matches

S2 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. No other matches will be rescheduled.



APPENDIX 2

Spring 2025 League Format

Venue

La Grange Soccer Park

Two fields: North and South fields located in the middle area of the park.

Participants

Eight (8) teams

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

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

Matches

Ten (10) per team, 40 total

Matchdays: Wednesdays

Four (4) matches per Matchday

Two (2) time slots: 6:45 pm and 8:00 pm

Stages

Stage 1: Regular Season (Round-Robin)

- All teams play each other once in 7 weeks (no repeated matches)
- All teams make the playoffs

Stage 2: Three (3) Weeks of Playoffs

Week 8: Four (4) Quarterfinal Matches: (1 v 8), (2 v 7), (3 v 6), (4 v 5)

Week 9: Two (2) Semifinals: (W QF1 v W QF4), (W QF2 v W QF3)

Two (2) Consolation Matches: (L QF1 v L QF4), (L QF2 v L QF3)

Week 10: Final (Championship Game): Winners Semifinals

3rd Place Match: Losers Semifinals

5th Place: Winners Consolation Matches

7th Place: Losers Consolation Matches



APPENDIX 3

Previous League Formats

Fall 2024

Venue

La Grange Soccer Park

Two fields: North and South fields located in the East area of the park.

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 weeks (no repeated matches)
- 1st and 2nd place clinch semi-finals
- 3rd - 6th place clinch Wild Card Games

Stage 2: Three (3) weeks of Playoffs

Week 6: Two (2) Wild Card Matches: (3 v 6 - Seed 3), (4 v 5 - Seed 4)
One (1) Placement Match (1 v 2 - Seeds 1, 2)

Week 7: Two (2) Semifinals: (Seed 2 v Seed 3), (Seed 1 v Seed 4)
First 5th Place Match: Losers Wild Card Games

Week 8: Final (Championship Match): Winners Semifinals
3rd Place Match: Losers Semifinals
Second 5th Place Match: Losers Wild Card Games

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