

GAINESVILLE REGIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE SUMMER SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS

All games in each division will be governed by the GRSL SPRING AND FALL SEASON CO-REC RULES AND REGULATIONS. The SUMMER SEASON has the following modifications:

*These rules were updated in **April 2023** for vote in the **2023** Summer Captains Meeting*
Changes from the previous version are highlighted in red.

TEAM REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. The GRSL will support up to 18 teams for the summer season. The GRSL board may elect to add additional teams based on interest and need.
2. All existing GRSL teams in good standing from the preceding spring season will be offered the first opportunity to reserve a spot for the summer season.
3. Each team is required to pay a **\$350** deposit to reserve a spot for the summer season before the Summer Captains' meeting. This specific deadline will be set by the GRSL board.
4. If an existing team does not execute its **\$350** deposit before the Summer deposit deadline, this team may not have a reserved spot for the Summer season.
5. Each captain or his/her designee **must** attend the Summer Captain's meeting.
6. If an existing GRSL team in good standing decides not to play during the Summer season, this team will be permitted to pay a Fall deposit and return for the Fall season.

PLAYERS & EQUIPMENT

1. Each and every player must sign and complete a USSSA/GRSL waiver PRIOR to participating in league play. These waivers must be submitted to the league before a player is eligible to participate in league activities. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit for the team in any game in which an ineligible player participated.
2. **Each and every player must be entered into the GotSports Roster System and have at minimum:**
 - **player first and last name as it appears on their government issued photo ID,**
 - **player date of birth,**
 - **player phone number,**
 - **player email address.**

A player without the above player-specific minimum information entered in the GotSports Roster system is not eligible to participate. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit for the team in any game in which an ineligible player participated.

3. Each team shall consist of 8 players each (including 1 goalkeeper). Each team must have a minimum of 5 players in order to begin a game.

4. At least two female players must be on the field of play for each team. If a team is missing a female player, this team will play down a player.
5. Due to injury, a team may continue with less than the minimum number of required players. An ejection that leaves a team with less than the minimum number of required players will result in a forfeit by that team.
6. One game ball will be provided by **each** team to the referee prior to the start of the game. Game balls shall be FIFA certified or approved for play by the center referee.
7. Goals will be 8 x 24 feet.

GAME FORMAT

1. The field will be approximately 50 yards wide by 80 yards long. The penalty area is 36 x 14 yards. The penalty spot shall be 12 yards away from the goal line and centered on the goal.
2. An arc will exist at the top of the box in a 10 yard radius. The center circle at the midfield line will have a 10 yard radius.
3. Summer season games shall start at 8am on each Sunday in accordance with the league's schedule.
4. Each set of games will be 1 hour and 45 minutes after the preceding set of games.
5. Each game will consist of (2) 35-minute halves with a running clock. The clock will only stop for injuries.
6. One mandatory water break of (5) minutes will occur halfway through each 35 minute period.
7. Halftime break will be 10 minutes.
8. No off-sides penalties.
9. During the regular season and the group stage of the tournament, a tied game will remain tied and count for one point for each team.
10. During the semi-finals or finals matches of 8 v 8 summer, a tie game will lead to (1) 10 minute periods being played, followed by a shootout until a winner is determined.
11. The shoot-out will proceed as follows:
 - The referee shall choose the goal for all penalty kicks by both teams.
 - Each captain will select any five different players on the field, including the goalkeeper, to take the penalty kicks. One of the five players selected must be a female player.
 - If one of these teams does not have any female players, this team will only have 4 penalty kick opportunities. This rule does not apply to the over-40 teams.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. All substitutions are 'on the fly' at the rectangular substitution box at the midfield line.
2. The player being subbed must leave the field in the rectangular substitution area at the midfield line.
3. The player entering the game must wait for the active player to leave the field at the midfield line before crossing over the sideline and entering the field of play.

4. If any infractions occur during a substitution, an indirect kick shall be awarded to the opposing team at the spot where the ball was at the time the referee blew the whistle.
5. An infraction is defined as a player entering the field before the exiting player has entered the substitution zone.
6. No substitutions may be made during a penalty kick or if a throw-in occurs in the substitution zone.
7. The goalkeeper may change positions with a field player during a stoppage of play. The center referee must be notified prior to the change. Each player must be wearing a legal and complete team uniform.

MIDFIELD LINE RULE

1. The ball may not be played from inside the 18-yard line over the midfield line without touching another player. This rule applies to all players.
2. All infractions of the midfield line rule will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team at the spot on the midfield line where the ball crossed over it.

REFEREES

1. All referees must be certified and trained to referee GRSL games
2. One referee will be assigned for each GRSL summer season match

TEAM ROSTER LIMITATIONS

1. The maximum number of eligible USSSA roster players for this season is 30.
2. All players must be at least 18 years of age.